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"OUR MOTTO."

Another year has vanished,
As years have done before ;
And friends exchange good wishes
For nineteen twenty four.

Our village does not alter
To any great extent ;
We're still allowed to grumble
And to our views give vent.

Our bowlers are professors
In grumbling at their green,
They grumble at each worm cast
As soon as it is seen.

Our tennis players have grumbled
At those they say have barred
The progress of their new courts ;
They really are too "hard."

Our cricketers are martyrs,
Their case is really sad ;
Unless we buy the Oval
I'm sure they will go mad.

Our hockey lads are frantic
About their playing patch ;
Perhaps this is the reason
They've only won one match.

You'll hear the golfists grumble,
Our football players too
When they a match are losing,
Are not a happy crew.

We are a lot of grumblers,
Of that there is no doubt.
Let's make a resolution
To try and cut it out.

If in our recreation
We cannot happy be,
'Twere better we had faded
With nineteen twenty three.

Just make a resolution,
Don't grumble any more ;
Let this be Brentham's motto
Through nineteen twenty four.

ATOMS.

Try Gordge for Underwear.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Congratulations to Mr. S. F. Perry on his election as Parliamentary representative of the Kettering Division.

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Mr. F. J. Gould of "Armored," Woodfield Avenue, has taken over the editorship of *Humanity*, the Positivist Review. Professor E. S. Beesly and S. H. Swinny are former editors. Mr. Gould's article on "The Unemployed" in the current issue is in his most thoughtful and convincing style.

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The Concerts Committee at its first Concert of the season, on December 8th, attained success except in one particular: it did not sell sufficient tickets to fill the Hall. The programme was an attractive one, the Hall was quite pleasantly warmed and lighted, and the Committee members were displaying their best smiles. The mistake was on the tickets, some of which were priced at fourpence more than the others. We hope that this was a printer's error, and that the Committee did not really mean to encourage that spirit of snobbery that has but recently intruded itself upon Brentham's social life. There are not two prices for a dance, nor are there "stalls and gallery" distinctions at lectures. Cricket, tennis, bowls, whist, hockey, and football proceed very comfortably without any "distinctions." Even the centre billiards table has resisted the temptation to rear itself on its hind legs and proclaim itself reserved at a higher price for "the swells." Then why was this particular mistake made? We do not believe that anyone really wished to pay fourpence more than some other people for a seat at a Brentham Concert, and we are quite sure that the fourpence less kept people away. The case of the Dramatic performances is a totally different matter; the front seats are reserved for those who deserve them, the Players' members, and the "price" of these is really only a nominal one. There is a demand for an occasional Saturday Concert at the Institute, sufficient demand to fill the Hall and ensure financial success, but not while two prices are charged. We shall look for "one price only and sit where you like" in the next Concert announcement.

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Boxing Day was one of the best days at the Institute, for it reproduced just the idea for which the building was erected. Parents and children in one large happy party occupied the Hall, and at one billiard table at least an inter-family billiard tournament was in progress. If we could get back to that spirit of things in the social life here we might miss one or two faces, but the end of our troubles, financial and social, would be in sight, complaints against juniors would be just matters for family discipline, and all the threatened cures for the unfortunate age clashings would be unnecessary.

Try Gordge for Collars.

The Western Avenue approaches Brentham, and before next autumn the whole of our particular part of the Brent Valley will be hopelessly spoilt. Of course it can't be helped, and although the beginning of the end is upon us the end of the end is not yet. For a time at least allotments will still be worked along the slope although a strip will disappear, two golf courses will be slightly rearranged and a rifle range may become a drain pipe. But it needs no prophet to envisage the conditions under which Brentham's main frontage will be facing Wembley, and the Brentham-London line of communication will be by way of Harlesden.

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A series of verses entitled "IF" has been received from a contributor. The title only is borrowed from Mr. Rudyard Kipling. As our readers would probably jib at having all this strong stuff at once, just three verses are given. The entire work is being preserved in a bottle labelled "To be taken three spoonfuls per month."

If only hockey balls were made of wadding,
I'd make a team that's second unto none,
And at least a thousand brave spectators,
Would every time turn up to see the fun.

If all the cash that's being spent on courts, sir,
Were put into a fund, arranged by me,
I'd purchase lots of scent, and daily throw it,
Along the Brent, that's humming like a bee.

If only Critics Corner did the batting,
A wonderful performance we should see.
The fielding, sir, would be just simply rattling,
And some applause, instead of "*Mum, how goes the tea.*"

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We intended saying something about local carollers this month, but as everything we think (and more) is expressed by a correspondent in the letter which appears below, we feel sure that our readers will prefer it thus.—EDITOR.

DEAR EDITOR,

Will you kindly inform the remaining two Brentham children who forgot to remind us that Good King Wenceslas looked out, etc., that our address is 1, Neville Road. Next year the knocker will be conveniently low, there will be no fastener on the gate, and ample accommodation will be provided at the back door also, to save waiting. We shall not have a dog, and being slightly deaf, would appreciate the kindly considerations of the children knocking a little louder, and during the first verse if possible. The money in future will be all ready, and refreshments may be provided. We now await with joyful anticipation, the dustmen, postmen, Town Band, etc. In the meantime, the rates can go to ——— (Now-ell).

Yours truly,

J. A. FREEMAN.

Try Gordge for Children's Wear.

Avez-vous visité Paris ? Non ? Alors je vous conseille de le faire le plus tôt possible. Cette ville est sans doute la plus belle du monde entier. Elle a une atmosphère de gaieté qu'on ne trouve pas à Ealing.

Prepare for your visit and join the French Class ! See page 68.

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It is, of course, appropriate that our amateur wireless "howler" detective should be a journalist. More power to your aerial, Veteran. May all oscillators cease from troubling !

EVENTS.

The last two lectures of the winter season were very enjoyable to the rather small number of people who made up the audiences.

On December 11th Mr. P. Braybrooke gave a very exhaustive survey of newspaper activity. His many personal and humorous touches were much appreciated.

On December 18th we had the gem of the season's lectures. Our very good friend Mr. Wilfred Mark Webb gave us the history of Punch and Judy, illustrated by lantern slide and puppets.

Many of us regard the end of the lecture course as an untimely one. Before another winter comes we hope to get together and ensure a restart of what was and must remain an essential part of social life in Brentham.

ON DIT :

That the hard courts are very soft at present.

That leap year should provide a busy time for sitting out couples on the staircase.

That *billets doux* left on the roll top desk make very interesting reading.

That some unexpected visitors have been seen in the Juniors' billiard room.

That unexpected meetings have taken place there.

That junior football meetings are not really as frequent as some parents think.

That some people find looking over the bar a neck stretching job.

That cream buns and Banburys make an excellent barricade.

That the "open night" was a somewhat close affair.

ANON.

Educational.

The French Classes (advanced and elementary) re-assemble at the Institute on Friday, 25th January, at 8 o'clock. New students will be welcome.

Fee for the Spring Term—Members of the Institute 4/-, non-members 5/-. Instructress : Miss M. Graham Wallace.

Mr. B. Sanson will be in charge of the wood-working class at the Pavilion during the second half of the season.

Try Gordge for Ties.

Juniors.

The "Mikado" will be produced on February 14th, 15th and 16th. Particulars will be announced in next month's BRENTHAMITE, and tickets will be available then. It is anticipated that all Brentham will wish to see the production, which promises to be highly successful. Miss Macmorran, Mr. Cyril Royce and the children are working very hard, and parents of the performers are asked to help by ensuring that the young people are regular and prompt in attending rehearsals.

The younger members were entertained by the Institute Committee at a Tea Party on Friday, January 4th, and the older children's party takes place on Wednesday evening, January 9th.

The Children's Committee is glad to note that a few of the parents take an active interest in the doings of their children at the Institute, and it is hoped that all the parents will show that they are anxious to do their part in ensuring that the Committee has their backing in all that is done for the Juniors.

We have to thank Mr. Cowley for a pair of dumbells and Mr. Hocking for magazines presented to the boys club.

Hockey.

FIXTURES FOR JANUARY.

GENTS.

Jan. 5th v. Ivanhoe	(A)	v. Lyons	... (H)
Jan. 12th v. Myrdle	... (H)	v. G.W.R.	... (A)
Jan. 19th v. Neasden	(A)	v. Northwood	(H)
Jan. 26th v. Liv. Vic.	(H)	v. Marble Hill	(A)

LADIES.

MIXED MATCHES (SUNDAYS).

Jan. 6th v. W.E.S.A.C.	... (A)
Jan. 13th v. Oxford House	... (A)
Jan. 27th v. Bentinck	... ..

Did You Forget

to join the
Brentham Share and Loan Club
which started on Monday last

Open to all residents on the Estate. Shares 6d. each up to 12. Loans granted to Members up to £1 per share. The Secretary attends at the Brentham Institute every Monday evening from 8 to 9 p.m. to receive subscriptions and enrol new members.

The Club is run and managed by the Brentham Ex-Service Men's Association.

F. J. TURNER, *Secretary*,
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Horticultural Society.

At the meeting held on December 7th it was decided to curtail the activities of the Society for the year 1924. No Shows will be held. What small trading facilities will be available will be the subject of a future announcement.

The new road known as the Western Avenue is expected to be commenced with the new year, and allotment holders who rent the plots bearing the following numbers will be displaced : 215 to 223, 202 to 208A, 172D to 178, 175A, and 172 A, B, C. Also 171 and 170. All numbers are inclusive. Holders of plots in the near vicinity are advised that the works in connection with the new road will probably cause them some disturbance, and arrangements have been made that these ploholders shall have the opportunity of transferring to vacant plots at the S.W. end of the field as far as vacancies permit.

We have been requested by the Town Council to remind those Allotment holders who have not paid the rent of their plots for the current year, and have not given notice in the terms of the agreement in writing of their intention to vacate their plots, that they are still liable for the payment of same.

Share and Loan Club.

The Committee have much pleasure in submitting their third annual report. The number of members for the year 1923 was 83, which was 14 more than in 1922. It will be seen; therefore, that the membership is still on the small side, and the Committee hope that there will be a much larger influx of members for the coming year otherwise the desirability of continuing the Club will have to be seriously considered by the Committee. There ought to be at the very least a membership of 200.

The number of shares entitled to dividend this year are 410, as against 350 in 1922. The turnover has also considerably increased, and it will be seen from the balance sheet that nearly £800 has passed through the hands of the Secretary this year. Under these circumstances it was hoped that a larger dividend would be available for distribution, but owing to the fact that the Club was only allowed 5 per cent. interest from Ealing Tenants, Ltd., as against 6 per cent. last year, and that there are more members among whom to divide the profits, the amount only works out to 11d. per share, as against 1/- last year. There have been over 60 loans to members, but in a good many cases the same member borrowed twice, which means that those who did not have a loan benefited from those members who did. This is a sound argument in favour of the Committee's recommendation last year altering the rules, so that members who do not have a loan are fined one shilling, but which was defeated at the Annual General Meeting.

The Club commenced again on Monday, December 31st, at 8 p.m., at the usual meeting place, and members are invited to use their best endeavours to advertise the Club in order to bring about a substantial increase in the membership.

Billiards.

The second round of Billiards and Snooker Handicaps are drawn and all games must be played by January 14th.

Several members have been enquiring when the "Flyers" start. The committee will run them when the present handicaps are more advanced. They hope to begin the first on January 25th, a list will be posted in the Billiard Room.

There will also be a list posted during the end of this month for a four handed Snooker Competition. It is not decided as yet if the names are to be drawn together, or members choose their partners and run on Handicap lines. Further particulars will be posted on notice board.

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Try Gordge for Hosiery.

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CENTRAL AND SOCIAL COMMITTEES.

WE take this opportunity of wishing everybody a Happy New Year, and tender our thanks to all who have placed their services at the disposal of their fellow members of the Institute during the past year. We would ask all Brenthamites to co-operate with us in our endeavour to make the present year a record success, and to bring many more residents within the social sphere of the Estate. It is up to each one of us to carry on the traditions nurtured here by well remembered old friends in the early days of Brentham, when a house in Woodfield Crescent sufficed for an Institute. Some of these pioneers are still our staunchest friends, upon whom we rely to see that the tradition is unbroken, whatever changes in administration or detail are made. We are bound to have our difficulties, but these can be surmounted if we foster a wide unselfish interest in the whole social life of the Estate, an interest which embraces more than the "Section" in which one is more particularly interested, and which gives generous hearted advice and aid in critical times instead of indulgence in criticism of the flippant variety. Our difficulties are still with us, but there is a splendid prospect of success in 1924.

A small Committee appointed at a recent meeting are recommending a scheme, devised by Mr. F. W. Chambers, whereby the Social Committee as at present constituted shall be succeeded by a House Committee and a Grounds Committee, and invests these new Committees with larger powers and responsibilities than are held by the Social Committee. There is every reason to believe that the enlargement of the sphere of usefulness definitely stated in the terms of the scheme, will give all members an enhanced interest in the administration of the work, and a keener sense of responsibility. We start the new year with many more advantages than in 1923, the ground work is well in hand, the new bowling green will be playable, and three of the best type of hard tennis court will soon be ready.

Congratulations to the Ladies Section on the splendid result of the Sale of Work. We understand that the Ladies Committee will now meet to consider what furnishings are most necessary at the moment.

The Concerts Committee have decided to make a big effort to restore the musical side, and have co-opted two further members. It has been decided to give a Concert on Saturday, February 2nd, when the price of admission will be One Shilling. Juniors, accompanied by adults, will be admitted at Sixpence, inclusive of tax in each case.

Full particulars will be announced later.

The Committee will welcome suggestions on musical matters, which should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, at the Institute.

Those entering the French Class are reminded that it assembles for the Spring Term on January 25th.

Children's Parties. These will be given to Junior Members of the Institute only. (1923 membership.)

The Institute Notice Boards should be watched for all announcements. Bridge Drives will be held each Monday and Thursday, and Whist Drives on Saturday evenings. Other principal events of the month are :—

- JAN. 4. **Children's Party** (Juniors who were Members of the Institute in 1923, and are under nine years of age).
- „ 5. **Dance**, Casino Orchestra, admission 1/-.
- „ 7. **Social Committee**, at 9.
- „ 9. **Children's Party** (Members for 1923 only, nine years and upwards).
- „ 12. Brentham Players production, "**Are you a Mason ?**"
- „ 18. British Legion, North Ealing Branch, **Annual General Meeting**, Small Hall, 8.30.
- „ 19. **Dance**. Full Orchestra. 1/-.
- „ 25. **League of Nations Lecture**, Large Hall, 8 o'clock.
French Class re-opens.
- „ 26. **Dance**. (If you are a dancer, come to a Saturday Night Dance. A good orchestra, a good floor. 1/-).
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Full particulars of membership fees, &c., will be published at an early date.

Football.**RESULTS FOR DECEMBER.**

1st Team—Dec. 1st	Won 2—1	2nd Team—Dec. 1st	Won 3—1
Dec. 15th	Won 2—0	Dec. 8th	Won 3—1
Dec. 22nd	Won 4—0	Dec. 15th	Won 2—0
Boxing Day	Won 5—3	Dec. 22nd	Won 2—0
Dec. 29th	Lost 1—2	Xmas Day	Lost 1—2
		Dec. 29th	Won 4—1

Both our teams are still showing fine form, as can be seen from the above results.

The match on Boxing Day versus The Dauntless League representative team proved a great attraction, and also produced some very fine football.

The collection taken at this match amounts to £3 6 4½, which the Secretary is passing on to the Ealing Hospital. We thank our followers for their support, especially those who follow the teams every Saturday whether at home or away. We are still in need of a few more honorary members to swell the club's funds.

FIXTURES FOR JANUARY.

1st Team — Jan. 12th v. Ealing St. Pauls	(H)
(Ealing Hospital Cup, 3rd Round)	
Jan. 26th v. Brentford Brotherhood	(A)
2nd Team—Jan. 5th v. Spartans	... (H)
Jan. 19th v. St. Mary's Institute	... (H)
Jan. 26th v. Acton St. Dunstan	... (H)

VIC. H.

Dancing.

If the demand for tickets for our New Year's Eve Fancy Dress Dance is any criterion, the popularity of our institute dances is firmly established, and my colleagues of the dance committee are anticipating the loyal support of members and friends during the next few months.

Our dances have always been recognised as one of the special indoor features of our club, and it would recall the old proverb should the support not justify their continuance, viz., "You never miss the water until the well runs dry." May I therefore appeal in this New Year's issue of this our own book to all those who still feel young enough to dance, also those who may not but would like to, to show appreciation of the dance committee's efforts and make the demand for our ordinary Saturday dances as great as for our special periodical dances. We shall be holding dances on most Saturday evenings from 7-30 to 11 p.m.; we provide good music by a full orchestra, we only charge one shilling to members and sixpence extra for visitors, you are almost indoors when you leave the dance hall and your welcome is assured.

A.J.T.

Net-Ball.**Results :—****1st Team :—**

Dec. 1st	Ealing Road	...	Home	Won 14—11
Dec. 8th	Ealing Road	...	Away	Lost 13—15
Dec. 15th	Southfield Rovers	...	Home	Lost 6—10
Dec. 22nd	Selfridges	...	...	Scratched
Dec. 29th	Southfield Rovers	...	...	Scratched

2nd Team :—

Dec. 1st	...	...	...	No Match
Dec. 8th	16th Ealing Girl Guides	...	Away	Won 8—4
Dec. 15th	Southfield Rovers	...	Home	Lost 8—19
Dec. 22nd	Ealing Road	Scratched
Dec. 29th	Southfield Rovers	Scratched

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