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"CROSS WORDS"

The little squares have got me,
My brain is like a maze ;
In fact I'm almost cross-eyed,
I've got the cross word craze.

I'm good at noughts and crosses,
Where all the squares are plain ;
Or when I "Snake and Ladder,"
It does not tax my brain.

But when it comes to finding,
Part of a verb "to be,"
I have to ask my nipper,
Such cross words puzzle me.

My poor old dictionary
Is showing signs of wear ;
For hours and hours I'm looking
For words that are not there.

What Nelson said at Brighton,
Was one I tried to find ;
As it is not recorded,
I said "Well, never mind."

Who was it killed Cock Robin,
They never seem to ask ;
Or where flies go in Winter,
Another simple task.

I'll now give you a cross-word.
Of letters there are three ;
It forms the rear part of
A pig's anatomy.

When added to a river,
A city it becomes ;
It also looks delicious,
When dressed with frills and crumbs.

When I tell you the answer,
You'll say "Upon my Sam,"
It makes our rippling river,
"B. R. E. N. T. HAM."

ATOMS.

PLAYERS' PERFORMANCE.

On Saturday, January 10th, the Brentham Players gave their third performance of the tenth season and the play produced was "Our Flat," a farcical comedy in three acts by Mrs. Musgrave. It was surprising at the end of the first act to find everyone in the corridors and at the bar talking of that act as a "poor show, so far," and blaming the players and playwright equally. This sort of talk is the usual thing in Brentham and probably more or less everywhere. People forget that first acts are necessary, and usually, as in this case, only serve the purpose of opening out the general conditions of the action, and showing the general relationships of the characters. Nothing very much happens of course, the players have a somewhat chilly job and the audience, not seeing to what it is all leading up, gets fidgetty, and, with a sigh of relief as the curtain comes down, goes out to swear over the coffee that it has a mind to go home. All this is forgotten, it certainly was in this case, during the later acts and at the close, with the whole picture revealed, there are congratulations for everybody.

The outstanding successes of the evening were Miss Irene Milner as Margery, Mr. Alex Collier as Reginald, and Mr. Macfarlane as Nathaniel Glover, an eccentric (very!) theatrical manager. The surprise of the evening was Miss Milner, who though lacking in power was perfectly at home in her difficult part. The Players have kept her in small parts far too long.

The Bella of Miss Salisbury was excellent, in fact, without her it would have been a simple comedy punctuated by polite smiles. She made us all roar!

Miss Edgar and Mr. Cyril Royce were content to be quite tuneful second fiddles, and Mr. J. H. Ward had one of his heavy father parts, delaying the inevitable "Forgive me, my children," until almost too late.

Mrs. Fairchild deserves a special word of praise; her Madame Volant was a little bit of art standing by itself.

Mr. Hender, Mr. Deed, Mr. Middleton and Mr. Kinsman added considerably to the fun in the small parts, and last, because most difficult to appraise, was the small but important work of Mrs. Daniels as a petulant girl. She was that exactly, and so no new feature for Brentham parents, brothers, aunts, cousins and grandparents who made up the audience.

SENEX.

Those people who have experienced considerable trouble with the charging of their accumulators will be gratified to learn that "The Western Wireless Co." has installed the largest and most efficient charging plant in Ealing, which is under the control of an accumulator expert. We can thoroughly recommend this firm, as, from experience, we find its service very efficient.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Apologies to those who look backward to the B.M. of ten years ago as much as forward to the 'IRE of each month. The January, 1915, B.M. did not appear on the Reading Room table as promised but it is there now with the February, 1915, number. The Scenery Painters of those days will find their efforts immortalised in verse. A well remembered war-time snow storm also suggested just enough rhymes, of a sort, to disturb the recurrent muse. Probably the only effort at public appreciation of the Brentham Library is preserved for future generations in the February, 1915, number. Just as a reward for erudition we offer a prize of nothing whatsoever to the discoverer of the name of the first (and last) man who called us all BRENTONIANS! Those who remember "By the Ganges Banks," and certainly all our now grown-up youngsters who were "in it," will get pleasure in reading the account by "Quiz" in the January, 1915, number.

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Well enough of the past. The present is somewhat dull—unless something is set going at the A.G.M. of the Institute Society. So let us look to the future. What should we really like to see done to make Brentham life really perfection, heaven on earth and all that sort of thing? Here are just a few individual opinions:—

"What we need is a bar licence."

"Chuck all the Institute Committee out and make a new start."

"Let's have a "kid" proof Institute and grounds."

"Keep all old people on the golf course and the new ground and give them a couple of rooms in the tower (no, not THE TOWER) then we should be alright."

"Make everything and everywhere dog proof, say I."

"Raise the fees and make things more exclusive."

"Abolish all membership fees and open everything to all Brenthamites at lowest possible charges."

"Put *me* on some of these committees. I'll show 'em."

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BRENTHAM CLUB AND INSTITUTE, LTD.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, 24th February, at 8 p.m. Formal Notice, with a Statement of Accounts and Voting Paper, will be forwarded to Shareholders in due course.

There are four nominations for the Committee of Management, viz. :—

Mr. STANLEY H. BARKER, of 53, Meadvale Road, Accountant.

Nominated by Mr. E. J. Ephgrave.

Mr. PERCY D. FAIRCHILD, of 48, Meadvale Road, Draughtsman.

Nominated by Mr. P. H. Ottaway.

Mr. JOHN A. MILTON, of 20, Winscombe Crescent, Civil Servant.

Nominated by Mr. T. F. Nicholson.

Mr. J. E. RIDSDALE, of 37, Brentham Way, Manager.

Nominated by Mr. John Allport.

By the Rule of the Society, three Committeemen retire annually and three are elected. At present the Committee consists of eight elected members and a Chairman, nominated by Ealing Tenants, Ltd. There will be a Special Resolution in the name of Mr. T. F. Nicholson to increase the elected members of the Committee to nine.

It will be observed that Mr. A. N. White is retiring from the Committee. He has been of great service to the Institute, both as Committeeman and first Chairman of the Grounds Committee, during a rather trying period.

BOWLS.—The Green will be in use this Season. It will require a certain amount of attention before play commences, and this will be done; so we will “let the dead past bury its dead,” and get the woods on the green at the beginning of the season. The green has never been tried in the one and only way, and we are quite sure that there will be plenty of bowlers who will want to be there when the first jack is rolled up the rink. Some of our bowlers have, like old Statesmen, gone to “another place,” and, perhaps, with the same reluctance; but though we do not expect them to desert the new love, yet they will be sure of a bowler’s welcome, and need not find themselves in the distinguished strangers’ gallery. A nominal fee only will be charged for membership of the Brentham Bowling Club this season. Let’s have a big opening day! Send your name along early, either to Mr. E. J. New or to the Secretary of the Institute. Never mind if you are a stranger to the game and its language. We will teach you both. The writer makes a personal appeal to all old bowlers to rally round the Brentham Bowling Club, and restore the spirit of Brentham, which has been lacking ever since the Bowling Club went west. More next month!

Institute Subscriptions should be paid at once; also Allotment Rents.

J.G.T.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The Committee has satisfactorily dealt with the question of Juniors, and a Sub-Committee will carry on the essential work for the children. They will have the advantage of the services of all who have devoted so much time and attention to the Juniors in the past; and things are running remarkably well. Those who have questioned the wisdom of the abolition of Junior membership will readily admit that there was no intention to deprive children of their enjoyment of the Institute, but the right of entry gives way to an invitation, and the latter is proving just as acceptable to the normal junior.

The Winter programme of general events is continued throughout February.

BILLIARDS every evening.

TABLE TENNIS, Tuesdays and Fridays.

BRIDGE and WHIST DRIVES, Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

DANCES on Saturday evenings, 7th, 14th and 28th.

BRENTHAM PLAYERS, in "The Eternal Spring," on Saturday, the 21st, at 8.

A CONCERT will be given on Thursday, the 5th, at 8. A really good class programme will be enjoyed by all who come along. A collection will be made to defray the hire of the Hall, and the balance given to the funds of the Ex-Service Men's Association.

The Lending Library is free to all members of the Institute, Tuesdays and Fridays, 7—8.

BRENTHAM HARD COURTS

Book your Court in advance at the Institute during the evening or with the Groundsman during the day.

Money returned in full if bad weather prevents play.

ON DIT :

That the denizens of Brunner Road envy the Brunners of Denison
Road their electric light.

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That Pitshanger Lane would like to join in and would like to know
why it mustn't.

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That there are a few rods in pickle for the 17th inst.

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That there should be some good tennis on the Rifle Range this
Summer.

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That there has been less moaning at the bar lately.

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That from the increase in the price of water there ought to be
something in it.

ANON.

BRENTHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Committee of the Brentham Horticultural Society draws attention to the appended list of comparative prices gleaned from the price lists of leading seedsmen at Reading, Southampton, Edinburgh, etc. (these lists are available at the Shed for reference), and confidently look forward to receiving the full support of members who will, no doubt, appreciate the advantages obtained by co-operative buying.

No carriage to pay, no cheques or postage, seeds fully guaranteed by Messrs. King of Coggeshall, the King's Seedsmen, and seed potatoes by the premier firm of Messrs. Alexander Brown of Perth.

SEED POTATOES, 1925

Comparative Prices per 14 Pounds

Varieties	A	B	C	D	B.H.S.
Midlothian Early ...	not listed	5/3	6/6	7/0	3/6
Sharp's Express ...	4/6	5/0	6/0	6/6	2/10
British Queen ...	not listed	4/6	5/3	not listed	2/10
Great Scot ...	4/6	4/6	5/9	5/9	2/10
King Edward VII. ...	4/9	4/6	5/6	5/9	2/10
Kerr's Pink ...	4/6	4/3	5/6	5/9	2/10

THE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION
ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE BRENTHAM CLUB AND INSTITUTE, LTD.

I beg to state that I have been an active member of the Club for many years. I do not believe in rash promises, *but if elected*, I shall do my best to merit the confidence placed in me.

S. H. BARKER.

I am in favour of :

Exploring new interests to popularize the Institute.

Reducing Committees and length of Meetings.

And endeavouring to make the Institute a financial success, as it should be.

P. D. FAIRCHILD.

In again offering myself for nomination to the Central Committee I do so hoping that I have justified the confidence you were good enough to place in me on the occasion of my last election in 1922.

During the six years in which I have had the privilege of serving you on this Committee, it has been my aim to act in accordance with what I have considered to be the best interests of the members, and this will be my earnest endeavour if a continuance of your support is bestowed.

JOHN A. MILTON.

In appealing to you again for your kind support in the coming Election of the Central Committee, of which I have been a member since it originated, and other Committees previous, I wish to say that it will be my endeavour, if elected, to further the interests of all members, to uphold the status of the Institute, and especially as regards the sociability and general welfare of its members, with due economy. This I have tried to uphold in the past.

J. E. RIDSDALE.

SECTION NOTES.**Billiards.**

Special Handicap, 250 up. Handicap as follows :

Rowell, scratch	Roe, rec. 40
Hill, rec. 20	Collier, „ 40
Hammond, „ 28	Golsworthy „ 50
Sebborn, „ 30	Palmer „ 60

First Game : Golsworthy v. Hill. The latter won by 250—192.

Remaining Games : Hammond v. Collier ; Rowell v. Roe ; Sebborn v. Palmer.

Horticultural Society.

To all who are looking for real value for money (and who isn't at the present time) we would direct your attention to the Brentham Horticultural notices. Undoubtedly the apples and oranges at Xmas were a bargain, and a glance at the list on our half page advertisement will reveal a further good thing. Look up the seed list that was circulated recently, compare prices and you will find B.H.S. are out to save you 50 per cent. on your outlay, whilst the quality of seeds have behind them the guarantee of firms of high repute. Arrangements are also well forward for the purchase of Lime, Soot, and "Naphthalim" for Clubroot ; the Trading Committee will be at the Shed on Fridays, 7-30 to 9 p.m., when the order forms recently distributed will receive attention. Lime and Soot cannot be stocked, so firm orders for these artificials are requested.

Juniors.

Rehearsals for the Pageant are now going ahead and enthusiasm is growing. A wider circle of children is coming within the activities of the juniors since the distinction of members and non-members has been wiped out.

The Football Team has been very pleased with its ground, the new ground lying behind the rifle range. This ground has to be given up after February 28th, but the team will carry on with away matches. Before Xmas we suffered a series of heavy defeats but during January we have done better, thanks to the return of a few of our former players. We hope they will keep with the team until the end of the season and remember it is the first duty of a team member on Saturday afternoon to turn out to play as chosen.

RESULTS FOR JANUARY

January 10th.	Acton Congos	...	Draw 1—1
„ 17th.	Hounslow Scouts	...	Won 8—1
„ 24th.	Southfields	...	Won 10—6
„ 31st.	Ealing "Die Hards"		Lost 2—8

FIXTURES FOR FEBRUARY

February 7th.	Y.M.C.A.	February 21st.	Lammas School
„ 14th.	Chiswick	„ 28th.	Hillside

A feature of our games is the sporting spirit in which they are contested. With us the game's the thing.

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Ex-Service Men's Association.

The Second Smoking Concert will be held in the Institute on Thursday, 5th February, 1925. An excellent programme has been arranged and the Committee hope to see all members and their friends present. A cordial invitation is extended to the ladies on this occasion.

The Secretary wishes to remind members that subscriptions are now overdue and the Organising Secretary would be glad to receive these as soon as possible.

S.B.

Football.

RESULTS FOR JANUARY

1ST TEAM		2ND TEAM	
January 10th.	Lost 1—4	January 10th.	Won 2—0
„ 24th.	Lost 0—1	„ 17th.	Won 1—0
„ 31st.	Lost 1—3	„ 24th.	Won 4—0
		„ 31st.	Lost 4—2

The first team have met with so many casualties that it was practically impossible to play some of the matches, but the second team have done very well and if their form continues stand a good chance of finishing at the head of their division.

The three players selected from Brentham to play for the Dauntless League team on January 17th, all played well and justified their inclusion.

Fixtures for February are as fixture card.

Vic H.

Hockey.

RESULTS FOR JANUARY

GENTS.

January 10th.	v. Northwood Park	...	Draw 1—1
„ 17th.	v. G.W.R. II.	...	Lost 3—6
„ 24th.	v. Kensington Argyll	...	Lost 0—5
„ 31st.	v. Kensington Argyll	...	Draw 3—3

LADIES

January 24th.	v. Kensington Argyll	...	Lost 2—7
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The Gentlemen have been unfortunate in not having won any matches recently, although some very good games have been played.

The weather has again considerably interfered with play, the Ladies' team having had to scratch all but one of their fixtures during the month, owing to the bad state of the ground.

H.E.A.

To the Editor, THE BRENTHAMITE, 5, Brunner Road, Ealing, W. 5.
26th January, 1925.

Dear Sir—May I crave space to ventilate a grievance?

Recently a certain resident living not 100 yards from the above address has installed a valve wireless set, and either through ignorance or wilfully (I prefer to think the first suggestion the correct one) has persistently spoiled the Broadcast Programmes from 2LO for practically everyone within a range of two miles. The offender was particularly bad throughout Sunday, 20th January.

As repeated requests in the local papers have failed to stop the nuisance caused by the mishandling of wireless valve sets, I have to-day informed the Post Office officials and given them an indication as to where the offenders can be found.

Yours faithfully, T. F. NICHOLSON.

Rifle Club.

Two fairly good scores were made in the matches against Alperton and Malden in the Middlesex and City of London Leagues respectively. Fortunately, the best score was compiled against Alperton, and as the latter are not quite up to their best form just now it may be good enough to win.

The shooting on the whole was more consistent than brilliant with H. Alford on top with 99 and 98.

The following are the scores :—

v. Alperton : H. Alford, 98 ; Dr. H. A. Fenton, 98 ; J. G. Phillips, 98 ; C. W. E. Tovey, 98 ; W. J. Godwin, 97 ; J. G. Kemp, 97 ; Total, 586. Counted out : E. G. Crake, 96 ; W. Hyam, 91.

v. Malden : H. Alford, 99 ; J. G. Phillips, 98 ; J. E. Kemp, 98 ; A. W. E. Tovey, 97 ; E. G. Crake, 96 ; Dr. H. A. Fenton, 96 ; Total, 584. Counted out : W. J. Godwin, 94 , W. Hyam, 94.

The Club has enjoyed a little luck lately in getting through some of the matches, the margin in their favour being very small. In the Middlesex League, Uxbridge Saw Mills were beaten by only two points, while in the City of London League, Walthamstow Ensign and Becton were beaten by one and three points respectively.

The score of 589 was made last week against Alexandra Palace, the Middlesex League, and 582 against Invicta in the City of London League. In neither case is the score likely to be good enough to win.

Members are requested to note that February 19th has been fixed for the Allmann Memorial and Duff Cup Competition, and also that the range will not be opened on Wednesday evening.

Brentham Players.

"The Eternal Spring," by Peter Garland, will be given on Saturday, 21st February, at 8 p.m. Ticket arrangements as usual and please apply early.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Literary and Section Matter should be sent to the **Editor, 54, Woodfield Crescent, Ealing W. 5**, by the 24th of each month.

Other Communications to be sent to the Secretary, 211, Pitshanger Lane, Ealing, W. 5.

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