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FAREWELL—NOT QUITE.

Who now shall write the moving lay
That envious mortals so disparage ?
Who now shall give his pen full play
To mark each Brentham festal day,
Each jubilee or marriage ?

For I, the Pierrot, now must fly,
And bid all Brenthamites good-bye.

The Editor, poor patient man,
For nearly sixty months has striven
To keep his temper and to scan
My monthly rhymes, till he began
To wish that he had given

The task to someone else that might
Put badly-written nonsense right.

Just then he heard with mild surprise
That Pierrot contemplated going.
And so before his trembling eyes
A wondrous vision did arise

(What caused it there's no knowing.)

Of serious literary work,
Wherein some golden thoughts might lurk.

He had a wash (Hush ! Ed.), and went to sleep,
Awaking sober some time later.

Then after cogitation deep,
He said, "Old son, I'd better keep
Some nonsense in the paper.

Good natured chaff drives care away,
So send some up from Maidstone way."

THE PIERROT.

Note.

I desire to thank most sincerely and heartily the members of Brentham Club and Institute for the courteous treatment and consideration they have always shown me during my term of office as Secretary. It has rendered my work not only easier, but enjoyable, and will always remain among my pleasantest recollections.—H. W. BRYCESON.

OUT AND ABOUT.

In our mention of Mr. Crutchfield's patent last month we allowed "wire-gauze" to appear as "wire-guage." Our apologies !

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The new "curfew" order is duly observed at the Institute, and although no trouble was expected from stay-out-late members the Committee was in force near the front door from 10.15 p.m. on the first few nights of the application of the new order. With a sense of added responsibility the Secretary, with his Steward, made a tour of the building between the "wink" and the final lights out, and not until the O.K. was reported to the waiting Committee-men did they depart in the gloom. Then someone remembered that he had left his hat within the building, and with a "Half-a-minute, gents," he dashed into the building. But it was already 10.30, so the search was a blind man's hunt, and the hatless one found more with his shins than he was seeking. When the Committee-men said "Good-night" under the street lamp there was one missing—the Secretary.

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Mr. H. W. Bryceson is leaving Brentham on his promotion to the Headmastership of St. Luke's Boys' School, Maidstone. Brentham's congratulations go with him to his new sphere. The *Brenthamite* loses its Chairman, and a valued contributor, who, above the pen-name "The Pierrot," has hit off the varying phases of Brentham life monthly since the first number of the *B.M.*, July, 1912. The Institute Society loses its Secretary, whose work through two periods of transition has marked him as an organiser of more than ordinary ability. And we all lose a good neighbour, who possesses all the social instincts that make neighbourliness something more than a name in Brentham. For many years to come the social fabric of Brentham will bear the impress of H.W.B.

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At the Ealing Town Council's meeting on Thursday, May 9, Mr. William Hutchings (Chairman of Ealing Tenants, Ltd.), was unanimously co-opted to fill a vacancy in the representation of the Mount Park Ward. Our congratulations to Councillor W. Hutchings and to Brentham, that has a resident on the Council—at last !

Councillor Morgan, in moving the co-optation, said that he had not the slightest doubt Brentham would have a ward of its own, but until that came about Mr. Hutchings would be referred to as the member for Brentham.

Councillor Newson, in supporting, said that Mr. Hutchings would prove an invaluable member of the Housing Committee.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Hutchings, and felt sure that he would be an extremely useful member, and his

election would be very gratifying to the people of Brentham, who had long been desirous of a voice in municipal matters.

Councillor Hutchings is on the Electricity, Housing and Health Committees.

The *Middlesex County Times* commented :—" He is specially welcome as a representative of a hitherto unrepresented part of the Borough."

The *Ealing Gazette* :—" His election on the Housing Committee will perhaps lead to some definite decision being reached at an early date."

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For the next Parliamentary Election, the first for the ladies, the Brentham Institute will be used as a polling station for residents in the Mount Park Ward. The North Ealing Council School will be used for residents in the Castle-bar Ward. Now, if only we had our North Ealing Ward we could all go to the Institute. The "split extremity" persists from anomaly to anomaly.

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3rd A.M. P. D. Fairchild, R.A.F., writes that he is "somewhere in France," and not in Italy as recently stated in these pages. "I have been transferred from the M.G. Corps after being crocked in the Cambrai affair. It is good to know that some of the Players at home think of us. I often think of the good old days at the Institute. I have done a bit of scene painting even out here (rather different conditions from the Pavilion). Please remember me to all members of the old 'Stute."

WE TAKE OFF OUR HATS TO :

The young lady marker of the billiard-room.

The man who had a "rest" on a billiard table.

The lady suffragist who knew just how to apply for a vote, thank you !

The lady form deliverer who could have told her.

The scare crow that makes the crows concentrate on other people's peas.

The owner of the latest thing in rabbit hutches.

The man who counts his carrot seeds.

The writer of the "*Enquiries*" notice.

The pioneer who arranged the stepping stones over the stream near the railway bridge.

The appreciative man who was tripped up by them on the same night.

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The Society.

The Hon. Secretary has taken up an appointment at Maidstone, and has, as a consequence, most reluctantly been compelled to resign his position. The Committee at its last meeting appointed Mr. J. E. Ridsdale as his successor. Mr. Ridsdale has already done yeoman service for the Society and for the residents on the estate by his whole-hearted work with the Children's Section, and as Secretary of the Social Sub-Committee he has had an opportunity of coming into intimate touch with the largest part of the Society's organisation. The Committee feel sure that the members will give him the same whole-hearted confidence, consideration and support that they accorded to his predecessor.

The Institute.

The poor weather experience during April has made the continued facilities of the Institute a great boon to members, and all its activities have been consistently well patronised throughout the month. The Saturday night dances have fallen off in attendance, as was to be expected, and will not be continued during May. The Whist Drives, however, will be continued for so long as the present demand, as shown by the excellent attendances, continues.

The Grounds.

The bad weather has greatly retarded the work of getting the grounds in order, but it is proceeding apace, and it is hoped that they may be ready for such summer activities as are able to be carried on.

The Allotments.

Very few Allotments remain unoccupied, and anyone wishing for information, or desiring to obtain one, or part of one, should communicate at once with Mr. F. W. Green, at the Institute, either by letter, or by personal application between 7.30 and 8.30 on Saturday evenings.

Programme for Saturdays in May :—

MAY 4 and 18.—Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.

„ 25.—Concert and Exhibition of Dancing by Pupils of Miss Molly Duncan, 6.30 p.m.

Admission : Whist Drives, 8d. ; Members, 6d. Books of six tickets, available for any function organised by the Institute Authorities, may be purchased by members for 2/6.

Miss Molly Duncan's Exhibition, 1/10 and 1/- (including tax) ; Members' tickets are not available.

H.W.B.

ON DIT:—

That the ladies tried it again.

That the gentlemen acted on the principle of equal treatment for the sexes.

That J.E.R. is finding everything left in order for him.

That each evening he gets something fresh explained.

That it isn't finished yet.

That rumour says that Pierrot's piffle may possibly continue awhile.

That a friend of his said some time ago "The evil that men do lives after them."

That the question of jam looms so large among certain B.H.S. circles that the conversation has become positively "fuity."

That a large part of it is "gas."

That the Board of Trade were written to last March.

That an answer is expected in time for the 1920 crop.

That the boys started the summer season well.

That "New Beer" is going strong at the bar.

ANON:

Billiards. A Snooker Pool Handicap (foursome) has just been concluded, with the result that Mr. Boxall and Mr. Whitmore are the winners, and Mr. Golsworthy and Mr. Jennings the runners-up. Much interest has been manifested in this event, and the play of many of those who took part in the games has distinctly improved.

The season closes with a Snooker Team Match between sides captained by Mr. Boxall and Mr. Golsworthy respectively. It is fitting that the closing match should be stoutly contested, and there is little doubt that it will be keen.

J.H.

Bowls. The season will start quietly early in May. It has not been possible to prepare a fixture list, but no doubt a series of handicaps will be arranged, and the interest formerly taken in the game thereby retained.

The fee is one of 2/-, and entitles members to play at any time the Committee decide the Green is in a fit state. Woods are provided free of charge.

New members are heartily invited to join, and may be confidently assured that the fascination of this noble game will afford them the maximum means of pleasurable relaxation.

Junior Section. The Senior Girls brought their very successful winter season to a close on Wednesday, April 24th. We have done our best for our young ladies, and it has been very gratifying to myself and the members of my Committee that the numbers have kept up so well.

A very happy ceremony took place before the close of the evening, Miss Irene Weber and Miss Mary Wigley being presented by Mrs. Hender, on behalf of the Committee, with sets of inlaid hat pins and studs, as a token of our esteem and appreciation of their taking charge of the music for dancing. After a few words, cheers were given for the Committee, and the evening closed with "God Save the King."

I am pleased to announce that the Tennis Committee have arranged for the Senior Girls to join their section at the ordinary fee of 2/6, and hope to start playing at once.

The younger members finished up their season on the 30th April, when we had a pleasant time in the form of a musical evening each member being invited either to recite, dance, or give a musical turn of some kind. I shall miss our young members very much, but hope to come across them on the swings or in the recreation ground very frequently. Great thanks are due to the two lady members of the Committee for their untiring and splendid work during the season.

The Senior Boys hope to commence their Cricket season on Saturday next (ground permissible). A good team has been formed, with Bert Palmer as Captain, and Norman Hender as Hon. Secretary. I understand a number of fixtures are already booked, and we are looking forward to a busy season.

The Junior Boys, better known as the 2nd Team (Captain, D. Pope), opened their season on Saturday, with a match against a team from the County School, and a few vacant dates are open for further matches. We wish them all the best of luck for the season.

J.E.R.

Rifle Club. The financial position of the Club is quite good, for as reported to the General Meeting we had, on 31st March, £4 7s. 5d. cash in hand, and stock in hand to the value of £12 10s. 8d. The latter included 5,000 rounds of ammunition. The rifles will need re-barrelling and thoroughly overhauling. During the year the range has been extensively used. To Mr. E. Roe, who has been on the range every Saturday, all members are grateful. Certain repairs are about to be effected on the range. The usual medals and certificates are to be won during the coming season, and an effort will be made to organise Competitions, Pool Shoots, &c. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Bartlett, 39, Ludlow Road, hopes for a great influx of new members this season.

Tennis and Croquet.

Mr. Ridsdale was in the chair at our Annual General Meeting. For the coming season the officers and committee elected were:—Mr. W. J. Brown (Captain), Mr. A. E. Jennings (Vice-Captain), Messrs. H. Blomeley and J. McClellan (Hon. Secretaries); Mrs. Foord, Mrs. Harris, and Messrs. H. S. Allport, J. Milton, and J. E. Ridsdale (Committee). The two ladies on the Committee are empowered to act as Secretaries, so that at all times of playing intending members may join up. Membership is restricted to those who comply with the Institute Society's bye-laws, a copy of which may be seen on the notice board in the corridor; the paragraph "Outdoor Activities," page 13 in the *Brenthamite* for April, gave the particular bye-laws. Applicants under 16 years of age will be admitted at the Tennis Committee's discretion. We are indebted to the Ground Committee for their efforts on our behalf.

A Committee meeting of the Tennis Club was held on Wednesday, April 3rd, Mr. Brown in the chair. A challenge (the first of the season) was accepted from the Great Western Railway, and an advertisement is being inserted in the local paper for further fixtures. This rather looks as though the Club means to commence in earnest. It is intended to open the season on Saturday, May 18th. Subscription, 2/6.

J. MCCLELLAN, *Hon. Assist. Sec.*

Ladies' Section.

During the month of April all the functions held in the Ladies' Room have been exceedingly well attended.

On April 3rd the ladies met the gentlemen at Bridge, as a result of a challenge issued by the ladies. The play was very keen throughout the evening, the gentlemen ultimately winning by 15 to 11. It is hoped that another match will be arranged at an early date.

A Whist Drive will be held in the Ladies' Room on Monday, May 13th, and Bridge Drives on Mondays, May 6th and 27th.

The Drives commence at 8 o'clock p.m. Admission, members only, 3d. S.

WANTED, someone to TAKE CHARGE of and provide dinner and tea for two school children, whose mother (a soldier's widow) has to go out to business.—Reply, stating terms, to Mrs. S., 46, Curzon Road.

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