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RIVER CHARM.

I was feeling rather lonely,
And I'd nothing much to do,
So I thought I'd try the river,
Just to see an hour through.
It looked so quiet and charming,
Quite the coolest place about,
When I strolled down to the boathouse
Where I hired a sculler out.

I've spooned up gallons of the Thames,
And in my youthful days
Have tried the ornamental lakes
Each public park displays.
But never till the Medway
Caught me with its placid gaze,
Have I met so many people
In so many different ways.

I went ten yards and then it turned,
I thought 'twas going back,
But when I'd caught a crab or so,
It took another tack.
I apologised for bumping
A canoe there, on the right,
Then found two punts and three large boats
Between them held me tight.

At last I quite decided that
I'd seek the shady bank,
And write the Periotic rhymes
Before my mind went blank.
But though I missed the people
There were flies, mosquitoes too,
So I finished at the chemist's shop,
A mass of red and blue.

THE PIERROT.

Congratulations to Mr. F. W. Chambers, O.B.E.

Entertainments by pupils of Miss Molly Duncan were given in the Hall on Saturday evenings, 11th and 25th May. On each occasion all the seating and much of the standing accommodation was occupied, and the audience felt amply rewarded for packing itself indoors on these warm evenings. Throughout the programme the various items were followed with a keenness that was a recompense to Miss Duncan and her pupils for the hard work of training and evident endeavour.

The prominent items were of an ambitious nature: "The Dancing Fairy," in which Irene Milner took the name part with ability, and Audrey Mace and Dorothy Duncan did excellently. "A Fairy Play," that was a delight throughout, with Kathleen Lawrence as the Queen, and "The Flower Fairies Garden," which included a delightful ballet. Miss Molly Duncan gave her recitations, "Red Shoes" and "Pancrazia's Hair" in a style that demanded encores. Miss Dorothy Oldis made a much appreciated appearance here in songs and violin solos well executed. Mrs Lionel Fielder accompanied at the piano in first rate style, and did much to make these events memorable.

ON DIT:—

That "men may come, &c.," but "On Dit" goes on for ever.

That on air-raid nights cream stockings are much like none at all.

That there were some unfinished games in the billiard-room on Saturday, the 25th ult.

That ladies wishing to store their furs for the summer may now apply politely to the Committee of the Institute.

That jam-jars have first claim on available space.

That the B.H.S. garden roller is not allowed to sleep out.

That it does not bounce.

That it is Pinches' Field, not *Pinchers'*!

That the horses made the same mistake.

That the Girls' Needlework Exhibition has been postponed.

That the goods to be exhibited are having a brief period of seclusion in various "bottom drawers."

That it is nice to have a searchlight of your own.

Note to Subscribers.

The Board's thanks are tendered to the subscribers for support given during a very difficult period.

Paper restrictions and other prospective difficulties have forced the Board of the *Brenthamite* to suspend publication from this issue. Since July, 1913, for five years Brentham has had its own Magazine, and our reluctance in deciding to suspend is accompanied by the hope and intention that when the ebb of Brentham's social life turns to the flow again the little '*Ite*' will be launched again.

OUT AND ABOUT.

The Ealing Borough Silver Band will give Concerts in Pitshanger Park on the evenings of June 12 and 26 and July 24.

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Sergt.-Major Charles Ephgrave, K.R.R., reported missing, is now known to be a prisoner of war. He has our sympathy. We now see a reason for the exaggerated number of prisoners given in enemy returns, for Charlie is a host in himself.

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The outdoor life in Brentham manifests itself in various ways, and reaches its climax in tea or lunch in the open-air. War-time has raised meals-on-the-Allotment, once a humble and plebian proceeding, into a social function. Cups and saucers, white flannels, and garden party frocks that were dedicated to tennis-teas and boating picnics are now used as "camouflage" for desperately hungry workers, who must appear genteel if only at feeding time. The site is a difficulty, for runner-bean oarbours are not yet efficient, and the grass pathways do not admit of the circle arrangement, and lead to distressing scenes when the "Pass the cake, please," request is heard. A few fortunates have a prairie corner to their Allotments, and by judicious extensions others have found suitable spots on the banks of grassy ditches. May all these little functions flourish—until the wasps arrive. Even these we hope will find plenty of counter attraction at the Institute Jam Factory.

WE TAKE OFF OUR HATS TO:

- The man who studied his neighbours and the wind before lighting a bonfire.
- The "owner" of the Allotment pond.
- The lady who rounded up the horses.
- The "deep" worker who did not stop to help her.
- The remover of all outward and visible signs of Pierrot's period of residence in Neville Road.
- The lady who waited at the wrong corner for the National Kitchen to open.

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The Institute.

The activities during the summer months constitute a Whist Drive on Saturday evenings. Last Saturday, as an experiment, the first half of the Drive was held on the balcony of the Institute, and this was much appreciated by the players, and we hope to carry this on during the hot weather.

The Ladies' Committee are to be congratulated on the success of their Whist and Bridge Drives on the Monday evenings.

I keenly appreciate the assistance and kindness shown to me by our late Hon. Secretary, Mr. Bryceson, the Chairman and Committee, in my new work.

Our Caretaker, Mr. Williams, left us on the 1st inst., and has our best wishes for his future.

We have been successful in securing a new Caretaker and Steward in Mr. R. A. W. Browne, a discharged Naval man, who has had good experience, and has come to us with the best of references, and no doubt will settle down to his new duties in a very short time.

Our Refreshment Committee are now serving light teas from 4 to 5.30 on Saturdays. The Bar is also open on Saturday afternoons for mineral waters, &c.

Allotments.

The rents for the following Estate Allotments have not been paid up to the time of writing:—Nos. 20, 22, 24, 29a, 33, 35, 37a, 45, 46, 48a, 52, 56, 57, 59, 68, 69, 70b, 71, 75, 77, 84, 89, 91, 96, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, 118, 125 and 129; also some of the Fowler's Walk and "Farm" Allotments.

Will holders please pay to Mr. Green, 26, Meadvale Road, as soon as possible.

J.E.R.

CRICKET.

SENIORS :

Brentham	...	64	Acton & Chiswick Polytechnic	17
"	...	39	Ealing County School...	101

JUNIORS :

Brentham	...	77	Ealing County School, Form Ia.	18
"	...	60	" " " IIIb.	67
"	...	60	Southfield Std. 5	16
"	...	47	S. Stephens	37
"	...	55	Ealing County School ...	57

BRENTHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Jam Scheme has not had a very smooth journey up to now, but it is hoped that having negotiated one or two nasty stiles those that remain will also be surmountable. When we got the licence for the sugar it was thought that the principal obstacle was overcome, but we are wiser now — that only commenced our troubles. However, the sugar is now actually in our possession, and permission granted to use the necessary gas for the purpose, and, with the co-operation of the Institute Committee, we hope to go ahead. Some ladies have been added to the Jam Committee.

Help is required in several directions : In the loan of two or three large stew-pans, in the provision of sufficient jam-jars, and in some dozen or twenty ladies offering their services for making and bottling the jam. Some ladies have already been good enough to give in their names, but more are wanted. The Jam Committee will also be glad to have the offer of any surplus fruit suitable for jam-making. The sugar already obtained should make up some two tons of jam, and the further quantity for which the Society hold a license should produce three tons of jam. It is the wish of the Society to distribute this as equally, and between as many families, as possible on the Estate, by fixing a maximum ration, but it is not possible to say yet how much this will be. Those who give their services to make the scheme a success in any of the ways indicated should have first claim to the produce, up to their ration, but there should be enough made to supply several hundred families with an appreciable share.

Besides the Jam business, considerable attention has been given, in conjunction with the other Allotment Societies in Ealing, to the question of Pigs. Several joint Committee meetings have been held, at which members of our Committee have assisted, and there seems every prospect that the outcome will be a Pig Club, composed mainly of members of Allotment Societies of Ealing. An offer of suitable ground has been obtained and the Town Council interested in the matter. Given the necessary capital, there is no reason why this should not be a great success. It is proposed to register a small Society with shares of 5s. each. The Secretary or the Allotment Secretary of the Brentham Horticultural Society will be pleased to hear as soon as possible from those who are willing to take up shares.

Potato Spraying has been another matter that has been engaging our attention. Last year's experience entailed too much work on one or two individuals, so the Society has decided to loan the Knapsack Sprayer to those who wish to spray and to sell them the spraying materials put up in suitable quantities and accompanied with instructions for use. The Ealing Town Council have been approached by the Joint Allotments Association to undertake to spray all Council Allotments at a fixed price per rod or per plot. The first spraying of potatoes should be done as early as possible in July.

The sale or distribution of surplus produce from Allotments has also been under close consideration, and has been discussed by our Committee and its representatives in conjunction with the other Ealing Societies, the County Agricultural Committee, and the Food Production Department. It is doubtful if there will be much surplus on our Allotments which cannot be disposed of by the holders themselves locally, but the Society have thought it well to keep in close touch with what is going on in this direction.

M.

Rifle Club. The Committee have arranged a Pool Shoot to run from June 1st until the 30th, and I fully expect a large number of cards will be returned full of "All ins," or very near ones. The Bell, Roberts, and *Express* Medals, and the *Daily Telegraph* and *Daily Mail* Certificates are open for competition from June 1st until September 30th.

Particulars of all the above are posted at the Range. R.B.

Billiards. A Snooker Pool Match was played on May 6th by sides captained by Mr. Boxall and Mr. Golsworthy. Mr. Boxall's team won by 21 points. Score:—

Mr. Galsworthy	...	27	Mr. Boxall	...	...	55
„ Bennett	...	50	„ Whitmore	...	...	41
„ Back	...	41	„ Gifford	...	...	53
„ Brown	...	52	„ Turner	...	...	49
„ McClellan	...	55	„ Allport	...	...	30
„ McCormack	...	26	„ Squire	...	...	44

Half a dozen new cues and a new set of billiard balls are now in use in the Billiard Room, and members have expressed their satisfaction with regard to the quality of the same.

The Billiard Room is naturally going rather slower than during the winter months, but there is still quite a good attendance, especially on Saturday evenings.

Our Juniors, both boys and girls, have settled down to their outdoor activities, and to see the grounds on a fine afternoon anyone can realise the numbers and the responsibility of our Children's Committee. The Senior Boys are well booked up for their Cricket Matches, as also are the Junior Eleven, and a most enjoyable afternoon can be spent in watching their matches. I am very pleased to see the parents are taking a keen interest in the games. The girls are playing Tennis, and looking forward to more Courts being available for them.

The Children's Library is still open on Wednesdays from 6.30 to 7 p.m. Several kind friends have added to the number of volumes. J.E.R.

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Golf. The following were elected the Committee at the Annual General Meeting:—Mrs. Boxall, Miss Suggett, Messrs. De Lacy Lewis, S. A. C. Smith, A. Jennings, and E. L. Squire, with Mr. Ridsdale, Hon. Secretary.

Owing to the subsequent appointment of Mr. Ridsdale as General Secretary to the Club, Mr. Squire will take over the duties of Hon. Secretary of the Golf Section, and Mr. Ridsdale remains on the Committee.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Course has not been suitable for play this year, but with the additional labour recently obtained it is hoped that a start can be made during the first week in June.

Intending members are asked to communicate with the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible, so that a series of competitions may be arranged.

One round (18 holes) must be played, and a card marked by a member of the Committee, for Handicap purposes.

Subscription—Single ticket, 2s. ; double ticket (available for two members of same family), 3s. "BOGIE."

Ladies' Section. The Committee has re-drawn partners in the Bridge Tournament, and a list of the partners and their opponents is posted up in the Ladies' Room. The players are asked to play their games as early as possible.

During the summer months the Monday evening Drives will be suspended, but those members desiring a game of cards will usually be able to arrange a game in the Ladies' Room, especially when the weather will not permit outdoor activities.

In the return match at Bridge between the Ladies and Gents, held early in May, the Gents, again won.

Members of this Section are reminded that a list is hung up in the Ladies' Room inviting names to be subscribed. Full particulars are attached to the list, which members can read for themselves. S.

Bowls. A match between Captain *v.* Vice-Captain was played on Saturday evening, May 18th, and ended in a win by the Vice Captain's Team by one point. A return match was played the following Saturday evening, and resulted in a win for the Captain's Team by one point.

This will give an idea of the interest taken in these games.

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