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"To be or not to be?"

Publication of the "Bulletin" was started last year as an experiment. It was felt that it might fill a gap in Bookham's social life, and perhaps be of some assistance in bringing residents more into touch with the various local activities.

This issue completes the experimental period, and it is necessary to consider whether the results justify its continuance. Perhaps, therefore, a little stock-taking would not be out of place.

Financially the paper is sound: indeed, the first year's working has made it possible for the Board of Directors to declare a dividend, the profit of approximately £5 having been expended in local relief work. It is probable that most of our more widely-read contemporaries, including the big London dailies, would have been glad to have completed their first year's existence in as satisfactory a financial position as this.

But has the journal filled a want? The answer is problematical. Most of the comment one has heard seems to fall into the category which has been described as "praising with faint damns." The "Bulletin" advent was not greeted with the enthusiasm that some of its sponsors had hoped—but the English are a phlegmatic race. On the other hand, there is evidence that the issue of the "Bulletin" did not pass entirely unnoticed. An unfortunate failure in distribution of the last issue brought forth a dramatic *cri de cœur* from a resident whose copy had gone astray. "Don't stop my 'Bulletin'," he said, in effect; "Increase my rates, double my Income Tax, but don't stop my 'Bulletin.'" This letter put new life into the Editorial staff.

"To be or not to be?" That is a question the answer to which depends, not on the Social Service Bureau, not on the Editor, not on the public of the Bookhams generally, but on the advertisers. If they are prepared to renew their advertisements the "Bulletin" will go on. There are those who think it would be a pity for such a promising young life to be nipped in the bud. In a whimsical mood, one could imagine the spirit of the "Bulletin" sighing

and repeating the words of the well-known (if somewhat ungrammatical) couplet:—

"If I am so soon to be done for,
What on earth was I begun for?"

Well, advertisers, it's up to you!

C.H.

"Say it with Flowers—and Veg.!"

The Committee of the Great and Little Bookham, Effingham and Fetcham Garden Society would be glad if exhibitors at the coming Show (on 1st August) would leave in the tent at the conclusion of the Show, as a gift to the Leatherhead Hospital, any exhibits they do not specially desire to take home.

It is hoped that members will respond to this appeal. The exhibits of flowers are generally too faded to be of much use on arrival home, and the vegetables are usually surplus to immediate requirements; while the exhibits of fruit, though small individually, combined will make an acceptable gift to the Hospital.

This appeal should stir the hearts of the amateurs. Last year only 22 members exhibited in the amateur classes, and although they produced between them the excellent total of 139 entries, surely this is not good enough for a Society boasting 883 members. So gird up your loins, and pull up your socks! and don't leave it all to the wife to exhibit your prize baby and her jams.

Please note that if you cannot bring the articles themselves they can be collected and delivered to the Show tent in our plain vans. Send your entries in by the appointed day (entries for Gardens and Allotments not later than 23rd June, and for other classes not later than 28th July). If you cannot possibly bring the exhibits yourself, the Secretaries will both book'em and fetch'em for you.

Another attraction at the Show this year will be the refreshment tent, where dainty delicacies will be dispensed by delightful dames and damsels who have established a reputation in the art of catering at local functions. There will be no "stop me and buy one" quality about the ices, for, like the cakes, they will be home-made.

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Some More Local History.

Battle of Leodride ; The Pagan Army's Last Stand.

In the midsummer of A.D. 851, the hamlet of Bookhame received warning that an army of Danes had landed on the Kentish coast.

The horn was sounded over hill and dell, calling the hunters from the chase, and the labourers from the fields. Outside their little church (now *our* little church) men were gathering in answer to the call to arms.

The Danish army, marching west by south, reached Ockley Green. The West Saxons, led by Ethelwulf, King of Wessex, were marching up the Roman road to meet them. On the eve of the battle, Ethelwulf's right flank rested on Ockley, his left slowly advancing towards the heights of Coldharbour. Fighting commenced in the early dawn, and history has recorded how, long before noon, the woods were piled with the dead and wounded of both sides.

When all hope was lost, a great company of Danes fled from the stricken field. This force, marching in a northerly direction, hoped to cut through the Saxon settlements and reach the Thames. Horsemen were sent racing ahead to warn the hamlets. Urgent tidings were sent to Ebbisham (Epsom), and a force of more than two thousand spearmen, led by "that Great Christian Noble, Ebba of Ebbisham," was soon on the way to Leodride (Leatherhead) to meet the pagan forces.

The Danes, fatigued as they were by their exertions of the morning, came on but slowly, until they reached the place we now know as Hawks Hill. The Saxons, fording river and marsh, surrounded the position, their pressure growing ever greater, until, as the sun was sinking on that long summer's day, those merciless encircling waves of stabbing Saxons swept the hill, their fury unspent until the last Dane fell.

Some forty-five years ago, when repairs were being carried out on the Leatherhead Road, over the crest of Hawks Hill, and when building operations also had commenced on the south-east side, great quantities of bones and skeletons of men who fell in the battle were uncovered. Amongst them was the skeleton of a man of great stature, presumed to have been a leader of the Danes, or a person of note in their ranks. By its side was found a small earthenware bowl, which had contained bread and wine, to comfort his spirit on its last

journey, also a farthing to pay the Ferryman's toll over that dark river "The Styx," which all had to cross before reaching the warriors' haven, "Valhalla." These bones were re-interred in a position overlooking the line of the Danes last march. A weeping cedar was planted above them, to mark the spot.

To those that guide the destinies of Local Government in "Leodride" and its Wards, I pray you, preserve its old character and charm all you can. Treat it with deep respect, for this is hallowed ground, rich in its history of the past.

And to those that own their land in "Old Bookhame," look on it with pride, for you are the proud possessors of an ancient heritage, handed down from those Saxon forefathers who fought for "Christian Freedom" on that Hill of Leodride.

The Saxon portion of our Church stands now, as it stood in the Saxon days, and so through the centuries, a haven of rest to the weary, and a golden heritage of quiet beauty, reminding us of that "Great Day" to come, when there will be no more wars, or strife. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, or crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away." "*Ad Majorem Deus Gloriam.*"

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The need for additional shelves has long been felt, but unfortunately there are no funds to cover the expense. The Librarian accordingly approached the Ratepayers' Association, who ascertained that the Leatherhead Council would raise no objection to a collection being taken among members. A collecting box is now available at the Library, and many have already subscribed. It is hoped that members who have not yet done so will, if at all possible, give a small donation. Extra shelves are much needed, and will be a benefit to all.

L.G.R.

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YOUTH Movements in Bookham.

2. THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

The Boys' Brigade Movement was commenced in 1883 by Wm. A. Smith, who was later knighted for his splendid work amongst the youth of the nation. Sir Wm. A. Smith, who resided in the City of Glasgow, was appalled at the lawlessness and general depravity of the poorer boys of that great city. Those who know Glasgow intimately are conscious of the slum areas which exist even to-day.

The necessity for providing an outlet for the abounding energy of these boys first gave the germ of the idea to Sir William, and the growth of the movement surpassed his most sanguine expectations. From those thirty boys who met together in 1883 have sprung a vast army of over 120,000. In passing, it is interesting to note that Lord Baden Powell has acknowledged his indebtedness to the Boys' Brigade, for giving him, in the first instance, the idea of his great Scout movement.

The Boys' Brigade is definitely a religious movement, and every Company in the Boys' Brigade must be officially connected with a Church or other Christian organisation. It is also an essential that boys be members of some Sunday School. As it is of vital importance that all the officers should be men of Christian character, who will set a high example to the boys of the Company, the appointment of officers requires the official sanction of the organisation with which the Company is connected.

The Boys' Brigade is sometimes accused of being a military organisation. This is certainly not the case; the Boys' Brigade is definitely non-military in every respect. No Government grant is received, and whilst military titles are used, and a certain amount of drill is also compulsory, yet this is only done to inculcate a spirit of discipline, and make the mobility of the boys a simple matter. However, it must not be inferred that the Brigade is not a patriotic movement. During the Great War no less than eleven V.C.'s were won by ex-members of the Boys' Brigade. The Brigade is honoured by the patronage of H.M. The King, who can count its members as his loyal subjects. The movement does its best to promote international friendship by interchange of visits, and is officially connected to the League of Nations Union.

As far as the 1st Bookham Company is concerned, a brief outline of its work may be of interest. The Company, which was started in

1924, is self-supporting, this being made possible mainly by a weekly subscription from officers and boys. A few minutes squad drill is given weekly to make the boys responsive to discipline and also to facilitate their movement in an orderly manner. First Aid work forms an important part in Brigade training, and the boys who show a real desire for this branch of work are formed into a special class presided over by a qualified officer. Certificates are awarded at the end of the session following an examination, which is conducted by a qualified medical man.

Signalling is taught, and though perhaps it has no real practical use, it is a means of interesting the boys and at the same time of making them quick and alert in their intellect. Gymnastics are ever popular, and prove a very necessary medium of "letting off steam," without which the average healthy boy presents rather a problem.

Recruits are dealt with by specialised officers, who instil into them something of the traditions of the Brigade and teach them love of their country. Hints on general courtesy are also given which one hopes have a good effect on the boys' behaviour both in and outside the Company.

The band forms a very important feature of Company work, and is a most useful adjunct for Church Parades.

During the summer, swimming and outdoor games of all kinds form an important part of the work. The culminating event of the whole year, however, is the summer camp. Boys commence making payments for this sometimes as early as January, and every member of the Company makes a special effort to enjoy the unparalleled comradeship which life under canvas affords. Here is an unequalled opportunity for the officers to get to know the boys.

The Boys' Brigade deals with boys from 12 to 18 years of age. It has a junior branch known as The Life Boys, whose members are boys from 9 to 12 years of age. This forms, as it were, a "jumping off ground" to the great organisation, and is run on more or less informal lines, the object being that when the Life Boy eventually graduates to a Brigade boy he will have an entirely different programme to attract him.

The Boys' Brigade does not aim simply to make the boy a good citizen, because it affirms, without fear of contradiction, that if the boy is turned out a good Christian, he cannot help but to be a good and useful citizen.

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Brotherhood, 3 p.m. (Congregational Hall),
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Mondays—

Women's Thrift Club.

Coal and Clothing Club, 12 p.m. (School).

Women's Fellowship, 2.45 p.m. (Church
House).

Women's Meeting, 3 p.m. (Congregational
Church Parlour), except August.

Women's Own, 3 p.m. (Baptist Hall).

Girls' Life Brigade Cadets, 5.30 p.m. (Bap-
tist Hall).

Boys' Brigade, 7 p.m. (Baptist Hall).

Girls' Friendly Society and Girls' Club,
7.30 p.m. (Church House).

Rovers, 8.15 p.m. (Scouts' Hut).

Tuesdays—

Life Boys, 6 p.m. (Baptist Hall).

Camp Fire Girls, 7 p.m. (Congregational
Hall).

Wednesdays—

Children's Guild, 7 p.m. (Congregational
Church Parlour).

Choir Practice, 7 p.m. for Juniors, and 7.30
p.m. for Seniors (Congregational Church
Hall).

Orchestra Practice, 8.30 p.m. (Baptist Hall).

Thursdays—

Cubs, 5.30 p.m. (Barn Hall).

Girls' Life Brigade, 6 p.m. (Baptist Hall).

Scouts, 8 p.m. (Barn Hall).

Fridays—

Brownies, 4.30 p.m. (Barn Hall).

Girl Guides, 6.30 p.m. (Barn Hall).

Christian Endeavour, 7 p.m. (Baptist Hall).

Rangers, 7.45 p.m. (Barn Hall).

**Will Secretaries please notify any additions or
alterations for inclusion in the next issue.**

OTHER EVENTS.**July.**

Thursday, 5th, at 3 p.m. Epsom Division Con-
stitutional Association, Women's Branch
(Barn Hall).

Thursday, 5th. Baptist Church and Sunday
School Outing to Worthing.

Saturday, 7th. Garden Fête in Rectory Gar-
den, opened at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 18th, at 3 p.m. Sale of Work in
aid of Boys' Brigade and Girls' Life Brigade
(Sole Farm House).

Thursday, 19th. Women's Institute Outing to
Market Fair, Albury Park.

July (continued).

Saturday, 21st, at 3 p.m. Baptist Sunday
School Sports (Baptist Sports Ground,
Lower Road).

Thursday, 26th. Women's Institute.

Saturday, 28th, at 3 p.m. White Ribbon Band
of Hope.

Saturday, 28th. **Last Day for Entries** for
Garden Society's Annual Show.

August.

Thursday, 2nd, at 3 p.m. Epsom Division Con-
stitutional Association, Women's Branch
(Barn Hall).

Saturday, 4th. Boys' Brigade Camp (at
Swalecliffe, Kent) commences.

Sunday, 5th, at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Visit
of Captain Spencer, of the Church Army
(St. Nicolas Church).

Saturday, 25th, at 3 p.m. White Ribbon Band
of Hope.

September.

Thursday, 6th, at 3 p.m. Epsom Division Con-
stitutional Association, Women's Branch
(Barn Hall).

Thursday, 27th. Women's Institute (Church
House).

Saturday, 29th, at 3 p.m. White Ribbon Band
of Hope.

Sunday, 30th. Congregational Church Harvest
Thanksgiving and Gift Day.

**The Secretary of the Bureau, whose address
is "Two Oaks," The Park, will be pleased to
furnish information regarding any of the
Organisations mentioned in this Calendar.**

Young People's Club.

As one who has had a considerable amount
of experience in Club work in various parts of
the country, I must say "Bravo" to the young
people of the Bookhams for the success which
they have made of the Club which was opened
for them last winter.

We have, I feel, achieved more even than we
set out to do, for beyond becoming a strong
community in which true fellowship reigns, we
have also paid our way with the help of the
sale of the handicrafts which have been done
week by week by the industrious members.

Our activities are not ceasing during the
summer months, for those of us who are keen
musicians still meet on Friday nights, and,

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Young People's Club

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under the directorship of Mr. Griffiths, are producing a first-class Jazz Band; while others meet on Thursday evenings, either for more handicrafts, or to accept the many kind invitations we have had to the beautiful gardens which surround us.

Many thanks are due to all those kind friends who gave up their time to come to us on Sunday nights for lectures and discussions, and first and foremost in this connection are we indebted to the Rev. W. L. T. Merson, who not only gave us the free use of his Church Hall, but also his own personal friendship, which has meant a great deal to many of us.

We still look for great things to come, and will welcome any further members who wish to join our number.

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