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Editorial.

The object of the Editor of the "Bookhams Bulletin" is a very definite one. It is desired above all things that, in a humble way, this Journal shall be the ambassador of good-will and understanding between all sections of our community, the past world of Thought must be replaced by the new one of Action. In this endeavour, and in our own sphere, we are followers of some high example in our village. A deeper knowledge of the work of the Social Service Bureau, it is hoped, may lead to a revival of that true spirit of Charity, which neither despises nor fears the objects of another organisation.

This issue of the Bulletin marks the beginning of the third year, and with a new Editor and Business Managers, it is hoped that the present standard will be maintained, or better still, surpassed.

Just a few words to the Tradesmen—advertising is the key-note of publicity, and publicity means better trading facilities. Use the Journal for this purpose, and help the work of the Bureau at the same time.

The advent of Winter is slowly approaching, and as is usual for that period there is the necessity for extra warmth, not only in clothing, but the type of food that contains heat-giving properties. The chief difficulty is concerned with the clothing problem, and in this direction Miss Gillam, the Social Service Bureau Visitor, would be truly grateful for any parcels. Anything from a baby's shawl to a suit, would be more than appreciated.

It has been the slogan of the Milk Marketing Board to "Drink more Milk," which of course, is very sound advice, but if one has not the means, this cannot be applied, and as a result it is the children that are deprived of this. There are unquestionably many cases that are in need of milk, and whenever you pass through the High Street, Great Bookham, stop at Jackson's Granaries where there is a collecting box, drop in your contribution no matter how large or small, and be assured that a needy child will benefit.

Jubilee Celebrations Fund.

The Committee elected to organise the Jubilee Celebrations in Bookham wish to report to Subscribers and others, that they find themselves with a balance of £17 in hand.

Since the proposal for the extension of the Leatherhead Cottage Hospital is in abeyance, the Committee has been considering how best this surplus may be expended in commemoration of their Majesties' Silver Jubilee.

It has now been unanimously agreed that the electrification and lighting of the Church Clock would be a suitable and useful form of commemoration.

The Parochial Church Council has accepted the offer, and the Committee now appeal for subscriptions to bring the balance in hand up to the estimated cost of about f.80.

All contributions should be sent to:

Chairman—Mr. H. Bostock, "Fife Lodge," Church Road.

Hon. Sec. -- Mr. R. Andrews, "Five Beeches," Dorking Road.

Hon Treas.—Mr. A. E. Murrells, "Torbay," Eastwick Drive.

Jubilee Celebrations Committee.

A list of Subscribers will be published in the columns of the "Bookhams Bulletin."

Bookhams Bowling Club.

"Goodbye, old man, see you next May."
"What a glorious season we've had!" These and other similar remarks were heard as darkness closed down on the Bookhams Bowling Green on Saturday evening the 28th September, which day closed the play for the 1935 season. The players were feeling jubilant however that evening, as they had succeeded in pulling off a "Double" that afternoon by beating two visiting teams, and thus bringing about a glorious finish.

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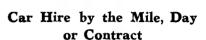
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This is their second season and they are proud of their accomplishments generally as they have won nearly sixty per cent. of the matches played, and as visitors, have beaten teams that were regarded as unbeatable on their own ground. Beyond the matches, they have had the usual Spoon Competitions, and two Silver Cups have been competed for. They, both men and women, have not only appreciated the games they have played, but others at times have enjoyed watching as well the attitudes and peculiarities of the players when delivering their "woods."

Possibly some of the players have since the close of the season dreamt of hearing again the cries of "Ditcher," "They lay two," and "What about a bit of chalk," or "You can just draw in here," and have fancied they were still "Skips" winning the game for their side by the last

"wood" sent down,

The great question that concerns them now, is what will the Leatherhead Urban Council do with regarding to preparing the ground for next season?

This year the drought played havoc with bowling greens generally, and in August it was remarkable to observe how few had escaped

becoming "patchy."
For a "pally" game there is nothing like Bowls, and as Members of the Club have expressed a strong desire for Social Meetings during the Winter months, the Club Committee is giving the matter their serious consideration, and if anything can be done in this direction, it will be.

Although next May seems a long way off, time will soon pass and our bowlers whilst trying to fill in the "gap," are looking forward to the time when they will be able to join again in the good old game, and secure from their skip a "kiss," on the wood of course, for sending down continually, "touchers."

R. A.

You should see this!

The Local Churches are taking great interest in the Missionary Film "Beginning at Jerusalem," which will be shown at the Bookham Baptist Church Hall on Wednesday, 13th November.

The film opens with a survey of the Holy Land, and depicting, in particular, those sites and scenes associated with the giving of the great command from the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The second part drawn from selected material taken from the Mission Fields, shows how the Command is being carried out, and suggests something of the needs still to be met, It is a kind of magic carpet, passing in rapid succession to China, India and Africa, and who will not feel the thrill as we see this plan for the Kingdom being carried out in those other lands.

The showing of this film will be at 5.30 p.m. for Children, admission 3d. For Adults, at 8 p.m., admission 1/6 reserved seats. reserved seats 1s. Children under 14 half price.

Mr. T. H. Baxter, F.R.G.S., the Producer, will describe the pictures throughout.

Tickets can be obtained from: Miss Edkins, "Small House," Sole Farm Road. Mr. Cohen, "Wyncot," Downsway. Mr Payne, "Glandore," Keswick Road.

No tickets will be sold at the doors of the Hall.

Poppies.

In the Petersham Road, Richmond, stands an unusual type of Factory where nearly 400 badly disabled ex-service men are continously employed in making "Poppies of Remembrance." Herein a three-fold purpose is achieved—the making and distribution, the sale for the Day of Remembrance and the accumulation of funds for the assistance of distressed ex-service men and their families.

In Stamboul, once the capital city of the Turks, our second greatest adversary in the World War, the scarlet poppies will be on sale at the same time as in your own village. This will be organised by the Stamboul Branch of the British Legion. Even in the Cocos Islands they will have a Poppy Day. There the little British community numbering only nine, will once again make their collection, and no fewer than 51 foreign countries in addition to the British Empire will hold their Poppy Days.

It can be said without any hesitation, that the need of the ex-service community is growing year by year, and because of this need you are earnestly invited to buy your Poppies on the 11th of November next. In past years the Bookhams have bought their Poppies liberally. Please make this a record year.

From the sale of Poppies in this district, the whole of the collection is devoted to the assistance of those in distress, either through sickness, unemployment or any other handicap which prevents these men from employment.

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Beyond the assistance accorded by the Local Benevolent Committee of the Effingham & The Bookhams Branch in cases of unemployment and sickness, undoubtedly the most important feature of the work of this Committee, is the subject of Pensions arising through war disablement.

Nearly sixteen years have passed since the cessation of hostilities, and claims continue to be made in respect of injury due to war service, but in view of the space required, no effort can be made here to give a comprehensive survey of all the problems concerned with this important question. Recognising the fact that as we recede further from the war period, it becomes increasingly difficult to prove a case, the utmost attention is paid to the preparation of claims, involving many months of enquiries. As the onus of proof is on the claimant, it is necessary to produce evidence to the effect that the disablement for which pension is claimed, is due to the effects of Great War Service. Medical history plays an important part, and where there is continuous medical history from the date of discharge to the date the claim is submitted, the prospects of obtaining pension is greatly enhanced.

The Committee must know the date when the claimant first attended the Doctor, and his condition at that time; the subsequent dates on which the Doctor attended him, with the history of the disability as observed by him, together with the origin and progress of the illness, the Doctor's opinion as to whether the man's illness was or was not affected by war service, grounds, history, and all possible evidence to support claim.

Although there is a social side in the activities in the British Legion, one must not lose signt of the real objects for which the Legion was founded by the late Earl Haig, that of assisting ex-service men and their dependents, not only in alleviating distress, but to uphold Justice in a cause of Pensions.

Regarding the seven years time limit, by virtue of Section 5 of the 1921 War Pensions Act, pensions can only be granted to disabled officers and men who submit a claim within seven years of the date of their discharge from the forces, or from the date of the official termination of the War. Notwithstanding this statutory bar, the Government has agreed to consider genuine claims submitted at any date.

Advice and assistance in these claims can always be obtained from the Hon.Secretary,Local Benevolent Committee, Legion Hall, Lower Road, Effingham.

W. A. M.

An Annual Event.

Without doubt, the most looked forward to event is that of the Annual Flower Show. The local Press has given a great deal of publicity regarding the flowers, fruit and vegetables, but little is known of the wild flower section which is confined to the children. In the hope that it may be of educational interest to readers young and old, a series of articles upon wild flowers found in the district, may be of use for our younger competitors.

The aromatic odour of the Common Calamint at once connects it with the mint family, and the name of the genus, derived from the Greek, "good mint." A herb tea is very signifies ' frequently made from it in villages, for although the use of Chinese tea has generally superseded that of these older infusions, yet there are many persons who consider the tea made from our wild plants as peculiarly conducive to health. Nor are they it seems, mistaken in their conclusions, for we have the testimony of a physician in their favour. "Many robust men and women," says Dr. George Moore, "from notions of their own, use infusions of Balm, Sage, or even a little Rue and Wild Thyme, as a common drink, with satisfaction to their stomachs and advantage to their health." The author knew a person residing in the district who could never be persuaded to drink any tea save that made of his native herbs, and who ascribed his good health to this habit.

The Calamint is very well known, for it grows on wayside and fields, especially where the soil is gravel. Its stem is erect and bushy, half a foot or more in height, and its pinkish lilac blossoms flower in July and August.

Another species, called the Lesser Calamint, is very common on chalky soil. It has the same kind of odour, resembling that of Penny Royal. It is very similar to the Common Calamint, though the serrations on its leaves are more strongly marked, and it has some prominent white hairs at the mouth of the flower cup. Many botanists consider that it is but a variety of the common species, and that the marks, mentioned as characteristics of the lesser kind, are not permanent, or to be found in all species.

A. P.

In these articles on wild flowers only those in bloom during June, July and August will be mentioned.

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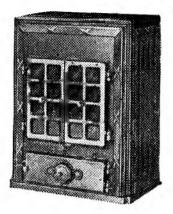
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Brotherhood, 3 p.m. (Congregational Hall).

Mondays-

Women's Thrift Club.
Coal and Clothing Club, 12 p.m. (School).
Women's Fellowship, 2.30 p.m. (Church House)
Women's Meeting, 3 p.m. (Congregational
Church Parlour).

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

Girls' Life Brigade Cadets, 5.30 p.m. (Baptist Hall).

Junior Club, 7 p.m. (Church House).

Boys' Brigade, 7.15 p.m. (Baptist Hall). Girls' Friendly Society & Girls' Club, 7.30 p.

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Bookham Choral Society, 8 p.m. (Congregational Church).

Rovers, 8.15 p.m. (Scout Hut).

Tuesdays-

Life Boys, 6 p.m. (Baptist Hall).
Blue Birds, 6.30 p.m. (Congregational Hall).
Camp Fire Girls, 7.30 p.m. (Congregational Hall).

Young Men's Club, 7.30 p.m. (Church House)

Thursdays—

Cubs, 5.30 p.m. (Scout Hut). Girls' Life Brigade, 6 p.m. (Baptist Hall). Scouts, 8 p.m. (Scout Hut). Young Men's Club, 7.30 p.m. (Church House)

Fridays-

Brownies, 4.30 p.m. (Barn Hall). Girl Guides, 6.30 p.m. (Scout Hut). Rangers, 7.45 p.m. (Barn Hall). Good Companions Club, 8 p.m. (Barn Hall)

OTHER EVENTS.

Armistice Sunday, 10th November. Parade Service in Great Bookham Parish Church at 11 a.m. This will be preceded by a short united service at the War Memorial at 10.40 a.m., in which the Congregational and the Baptist Churches will take part, and the "Last Post" and "Reveille" will be sounded by the Buglers of the Boys' Life Brigade.

8th November. Social Evening (Church House) for all members of the Parochial Electoral Roll.

20th November. Gala Bazaar at the Church House in aid of Parish Church Fabric Fund, and the Cathedral and New Churches Fund.

Literary Society -

13th November. Lantern Lecture, "Travel."
Mr. Morrish.

27th November. The Woodcote Players. A Programme of Short Plays.

11th Dec. Lantern Lecture 'Oberammergau' Rev. L. Mylrea.

15th January. Mock Parliament.

29th January. The Tabard Players. "Oliver Twist."

Little Bookham Parish Church-

10th Nov. Armistice Service in the Evening.

Bookham Ratepayers' Association-

19th November. Whist Drive. 20th December. Christmas Whist Drive. 4th January. Children's Party. 28th January. Whist Drive.

British Legion, Effingham & The Bookhams Branch. 9th November. Annual Armistice Dinner, open to all ex-service mer. Tickets from Committee and Legion Hall. A Children's Party will be held in January.

Ex-Service Men's Association-

11th November. Annual Armistice Dinner. See Posters.

11th November. "Remembrance Day."

Do not forget your Poppy.

BookhamWomen's Constitutional Assocn.

Monthly Meetings at the Barn Hall. First Thursdays in the month at 3 p.m. (Nov. & Jan.) December Meeting at 7.45 p.m.

7th November. "Bring & Buy" Meeting with an Address.

2nd January. Christmas Social.

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