

Appeal No. IV.

To the Young Men and Boys of Kingston

"Dear Sports":—

Did you ever read "Baxter's Second Innings" by Drummond?

It is the story of a new batter who appeared on the diamond with a highly varnished bat, a new canvas suit, and other evidence of a freshman in athletics. I shall try to cram the book into a nutshell and adapt it to Canadian boys.

It was his first great match and this was why he did not recognize the pitcher. Had the first ball been a hairs breadth closer it would have been all over with the batter. The second ball was a hundred times swifter than the first but what exactly happened no one quite understood but the boy missed when he struck at it and it caught him sideways on the head and the next moment he lay motionless.

"It was a narrow shave," he heard the doctor say as he regained consciousness, "whatever made him get knocked out like that?"

"He did not know the tricks of the pitcher," said the Captain, who was holding up his head.

When the Captain called later to see Baxter who was the newest man to catch the team he said:

"Yes, my boy, you made a fool of yourself but you did not know. Some one should have put you up to it. I'll tell you something about that fellow's pitching.

"Shall I begin by telling you his name? It is temptation."

"Tim who?" said the boy.

"Tim Tation," repeated the Captain.

"Oh!" said the boy, "I hope you are not going to talk religion. I thought we were talking games."

"So we are," repeated the Captain. "We are talking of the game of life. You know you asked me last night if you were going to live. Since you are going to live I had better tell you something about the game. Life is simply a

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