

Notes.

Cooke wants to know why Erle's whiskers are coming on so fast. He thinks it must be because they are good Walker's.

We intend to open up a Correspondence Column in our next issue, and queries may be addressed to "Editor of Correspondence Column."

Owing to an error in the calendar there may be some misapprehension as to when the College reopens. All boys are expected back on Tuesday, April 16th.

We hear that there are likely to be some considerable changes in the order of things after Easter. The good work that has been accomplished by the P. F. C. is not going to be allowed to drop, and loafers are still going to have a hard time of it.

The reason why the College has no cricket professional as yet is not as been reported, that we can find no man good enough in England. Attewell is not coming out again this year, and the East Toronto club can't afford a coach at all. We may have a man yet.

Is it not time that the General Association began to talk about the Annual Sports? Most of the likely ones have been training for some time back, and, judging from the general popularity of exercise for health's sake during the winter, there ought to be no lack of competitors or of keen competition.

On Wednesday evening, March 27th, at St. Thomas' Church, the Bishop of Niagara received the following Ridley boys in confirmation: W. L. Matthews, H. G. Nicholls, R. D. Gurd, H. L. Hoyles, A. S. P. Williams, G. M. Mair, G. E. Gooderham, W. C. J. Doolittle, W. Carpmal, A. K. Miller, J. G. Reid, J. L. Street.

A very pleasing feature of this issue of the ACTA is the number of contributions that have come from the younger boys in the school, several coming from the Second Form. The First Form sent in more than one manuscript, but they unfortunately had to be rejected, a thing that Tommy can't yet understand.

It is early yet to talk about the Old Boys' Cricket Match, but we do hope that this year nothing is going to stand in the way of what should be the most certain of our annual fixtures. Any day will suit the College that is not occupied by another match, and the Secretary, Mr. Williams, would like to have the date fixed so that it can appear in the list of matches.

The *Sunbeam*, of the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, thinks that A. J. H. writes good "poetry," and that the boys here don't seem to do much else but play football. They do, however. Some play the banjo!! Others play the (April) fool. One young man received on the first of the month, from a fair friend, a most delicious looking cake covered with pink icing. He

gathered a few select ones to help masticate it. At the first cut of the knife he discovered that he was the victim of a cruel joke. His lovely cake was a pasteboard construction covered with pink sugar.

The editors are anxious to find the complete words of a cricket song, published some years ago in the *Boys' Own Paper*, probably in one of the first six volumes. Will any boys who have early volumes of the *Boys' Own* look up this? The first verse runs somewhat like this:—

There was a little boy,
(Well bowled!)

He stepped up to the wicket,
And thought he'd play some cricket,
But he didn't, for he was
Well bowled.

It should be quite possible for one of our Ridley boys or masters—Mr. Hodgins, for instance—to give a good musical setting for these verses, which would make them a good college cricket song.

Interesting Discovery.

For a long time everyone has been wondering why "Suse" is going up to the Royal Military College. All sorts of reasons have been advanced for this, such as that his blood-thirstiness will allow him to pursue no other course in life, or that he wanted to "jolly" his unlucky subordinates in the ranks who, under his strict discipline, could make no resistance. Until lately, however, no one suspected that he was doing it from a motive inspired by a short verse that he heard some time ago. The following lines show his incentive:—

"The damsel laid her blushing cheek
Upon the soldier's breast.
The cheek just pressed the button,
And THE SOLDIER DID THE REST."

This is the reason "Suse" is going to be a bold soldier boy. He wants to "DO THE REST."

Tick and Run.

This game is rapidly coming into prominence, and although it is not a regular college sport, the enthusiasm shown at present bids fair to make it a favorite pastime.

The game is played on the baseball principle. A short bat, generally a piece of broomstick, and a tennis ball, are used. There are three basemen and the battery, but no fielders.

Several teams have started in the school, among whom are the "Riptail Roarers" and the "Bowery Five." We expect that other teams will form, and that there will be some exciting games this season.

The Masters vs. Boys match, which is on for the first pleasant day, is expected to be a great success.

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