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No DOUBT many of you have seen "the Doctor's" book on *Cricket*, issued by that enterprising Bristol publisher, Mr. Arrow-smith. If by any chance any of you, who love our national game, have not seen it, you should get it at once. An orator was once defined as "a man who has something to say and knows how to say it." This is Dr. W. G. Grace's position in regard to cricket, and so his book is interesting, alike from a personal and a practical point of view. Illustrated by capital portraits of past and present cricketers, and some valuable reproductions of old pictures and engravings, and replete with historical and statistical information regarding the game most dear to Englishmen, the book is all that such a book should be.

We do not think that W. G.'s article on cricket, written for one of this week's *Monthlies*, has reached Halifax, so, as it is short and to the point, we take the liberty of publishing it this week, feeling sure that it will be of great interest to all who take even a passing interest in the game.

AMONG those who won distinctions for Canada by their exhibits at the Jamaica exhibition we notice a few of our regular advertizers; for instance, Messrs. J. A. Leaman & Co., took a Silver Medal for Canned Beef; and Messrs. Brown & Webb took Bronze Medals for Fruit Syrups and Emulsions of Cod Liver Oil, and had Honourable Mention for their Orange Quinine Wine.

JULY 1st will be another fete day in Windsor. The annual sports of the A. A. A. in that town will be one of the largest meetings ever held in the Maritime Provinces. All the chief towns are sending up their best men. Halifax will be represented by Henry, McIntosh, Grierson, and probably some others. The list of prizes offered is phenomenal, and is itself enough to excite something like enthusiasm in athletic circles all over the Province. The arrangements, under the superintendence of the president, Mr. William Curry, all point to a successful day both for competitors and for visitors.

THE young people of the Starr St. Free Baptist Church intend giving a musical and literary entertainment on Tuesday evening next, the proceeds to go towards defraying expenses of repairs, etc. The entertainment will be held in the church, commencing at 8 o'clock. Stipendiary Motton will preside, and several popular amateurs will take part in the performance.

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DARTMOUTH. The society of the King's Daughters gave an entertainment, consisting chiefly of tableaux in Reform Club Hall, Dartmouth, on Friday evening last. Although the Hall was not filled there was an unusually large audience for Dartmouth, and it might be said with not very much reservation that "everybody was there." Tableaux seem to be popular in Dartmouth judging both from these exhibited by the King's Daughters and those, more than two months ago, by the committee for the Christ Church Organ Fund, in Christ Church School room. There was perhaps on Friday evening no tableaux so good as "The conservation of Pulaski's banner," in the school room, but taking it altogether the tableaux were more effective in the larger Reform Club Hall with the loftier stage and good footlights. There was a severity about the decoration of the proscenium the other night which might have been improved.

The programme was divided into two parts each containing six tableaux. The first, entitled a "Gala day in the sunny South," represented by quite a number of young ladies in fancy costumes, was very bright and pleasing. The second tableau, "A dangerous game" was rightly called so, for the two young people, when the old lady was so likely to see them. "The marriage of Henry sixth and Margaret of Anjou" was a burlesque, intended to show the absurdity of the marriage of the small, young, weak-minded Henry with the tall, masculine, overbearing Margaret. In the "Pastoral without words," we could distinguish Miss Nellie Dustan as the fair country lass who accepted the attention of the handsome squire, rather than those of the warm hearted rural chap. Sixth on the list came "Market day in Halifax," which for originality and realism was deserving of first mention. There were women from Preston with the inevitable clay pipe, and from Chezzetcook and Lawrencetown. Behind the dark skin we could recognize familiar faces. And there were fair purchasers as well.

Part second opened with a variation of the programme representing seven marble groups of statuary. The effect of the apparent white marble against the crimson curtains behind was excellent. The Fates, Ceres, Nun, Nell and her grandfather, and The Princess in the Tower. There were too many groups for the stage, however, and it was impossible to understand them all during the short time the curtains were drawn aside. "Walls have ears" resembled "a dangerous game" only the threatened danger was realized. The ninth entitled "Hope" was a very pretty tableau. Miss McNab represented Hope, surrounded with flowers and clothed in white. Why Hope rather than Faith or Charity for instance was not clear. The tenth tableau, a burlesque like the third, was entitled "Edward's arm in the hands of his medical advisers." Dr. Milson as the king certainly had a terrible wound. His advisers were bad looking men. The "Three little maids from school," Miss Howe, Miss McNab and Miss McKie reminded me of Pitty Sing and her two sweet companions. The last tableau was entitled "Good Night." Mr. Arthur Williams introduced the different numbers of the programme rather briefly but clearly and gracefully.

Between the different tableaux there were musical selections. Mr. "beiki" sang "Of thee I am thinking" and was encored. Later on he favoured the audience with three selections entitled "Celeste," "Two Maidens" and "Boston Cats" and lastly his whistling of Rubenstein's Melody in F, was very excellently done. Mr. Cameron and Mr. Ward furnished two duetts the former playing the flute and the latter the autoharp.

The credit of the undertaking is chiefly due first to Mrs. Henry Creighton the president, and to her husband, and Miss Sterns, the Misses McNab, Mr. McRoberts and Dr. Milson; but all the members of the society assisted. The total receipts for benevolent purposes will amount to over seventy dollars. QUILL.

Mr. Rufus Somerby's entertainment has been crowded all the week; there seems no end to the people who flock to see Prince Tynymite and the other wonders on show. The latest novelty is the Paper King, whose ingenuity is really remarkable. He alone is very well worth going to see.