

Galt, for so small a town, puts a very good eleven in the field. Simpson is bowling fast and straight, and has a very good batting average; McConkey bowls a wide and then gets a wicket, and for this reason is said to be destructive; he also makes runs. McCulloch is a very promising colt. We were nearly forgetting the Rev. Mr. Hill, who has not played for nine years, and consequently acts very much like the scriptural war-horse when his turn comes to bat. He is active on the field and bowls very well left hand round. We shall doubtless hear before long of some great feats to be credited to the worthy divine.

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Regarding the remark of a correspondent in another column concerning Guelph, Toronto and Hamilton, we consider Guelph the strongest batting team in Ontario as her eleven stands at present; but the extreme weakness of her bowling will always heavily handicap her chances of success against an average batting and good bowling team such as Hamilton. In Lockwood they have a useful, steady bat: in young Hanson a sure un-getter and wicket-keeper, in Hall an exceptionally good bat and field; in ~unders they have the most painstaking batsman in Canada, and last, but not least, Lemmon, whose good qualities are too well known to repeat.

SHORT SLIPS.

Mr. J. Gillean is now associated with the Windsor Club, and will in future play in its matches.

The management of the Canadian I Zingari have been compelled to leave out Chicago, Detroit and Guelph from their tour. The rest of their engagements will be kept, however, and in addition a match played at Ottawa on the 12th proximo.

The Parkdale Cricket Club took a trip to Galt on Wednesday 5th, and brought back with them the scalps of the Local Team, winning easily a 12 side match, with ten wickets to spare. For Galt: Parkin. McCulloch and Simpson were the principal contributors to the score (while Simpson's bowling was of the greatest value); for Parkdale, in batting, Morrison 43

On Saturday last Parkdale gained a one-innings victory over Seaton village, with a score of 59 against 23 and 26. The ground of the Northern Railway Club was kindly lent for the occasion. Of the batsmen, Joe Featherstonhaugh and Campbell obtained 11 and 9 respectively in good form, and the former made two splendid catches at cover. Irving headed the account of the losers with 8 and 6. Shaw and John Featherstonhaugh bowled most destructively for Parkdale, the former having 8 wickets for 35 runs, the latter 11 for 12. The fielding on both sides was good, the winners having but 6 "extras" in their score, while the losers got nothing but a wide in each innings. Curiously enough, half the runs made from the bat in the first innings of Seaton village were from Shaw's first over—the ground being too small for the arrangement of his field. W. Shipman's 6 wickets for the losers cost 37 runs.

COMMUNICATION.

THE ONTARIO ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the Canadian Cricket Field.

SIR,—What is the reason that we hear of so few association matches? By this time there ought to have been at least thrice the number played of which any mention has appeared. Considering the importance of the institution, and the energy which it has aroused among the smaller clubs, the present apathy is much to be deplored. Of course there are some clubs and some individuals who grumble at the management,

and some who altogether deny the usefulness of the association. Now, as to the latter point, there ought to be no doubt that one of the main objects has been gained—the good players in clubs too small to contend for the championship centring about larger clubs in their neighbourhood, and thus bringing stronger elevens into the field, the best substitute we can get for county matches. Regarding the other main object of the association, the international match, success has not been attained, nor will it be more than problematical until we have more men of wealth and leisure. The eleven cannot be got together for sufficient practice before the match, and consequently cannot work well together, nor can the captain have sufficient knowledge of the capabilities of each of his followers. Here I would remark (though I have no hope that my humble opinion will carry weight with those who have grown gray in error) that men are selected for their *individual* strength rather than for their likelihood to play well together. I would rather than not see half the team taken out of one club, unless they can have at least a week's play in company before the match. Also, what earthly necessity is there for putting on more than one bowler who cannot bat? But my purpose is not to criticise, though I have drifted in that direction, but rather to urge upon cricketers the desirability of giving the association a full, hearty and energetic support.

When you disapprove any action of the executive write and tell them so, and recommend the course you prefer, but don't go about growling when you do nothing to better the situation. By the way, why do Hamilton and Toronto look down upon the association games with such lordly indifference. Are they so *very* much superior to other clubs? Hamilton on Saturday scored 29 against 83 of the T. C. S. Rovers, and Toronto came out with exactly the same figures against Parkdale. Of course, we shall be told the city clubs did not play their full strength, but then neither did their opponents on either occasion.

Yours, etc.,

SHORT LEG.

ENGLAND

Lord Harris is to be presented by the Kentish Cricketer with a candelabra, valued at 400 guineas.

The fixtures for the Canterbury week are: Kent v. Australians, Kent v. Middlesex.

In a match, Lancashire v. North, Barton for the former went in first, and carried his bat out for 5 runs. He was in two hours and a-half. North won by 37 runs.

The following shows Dr. Grace's performances in matches against the players:

	LORD'S MATCHES.		OVAL MATCHES.	
1865	3	34	23	12*
1866	25	11	7	34
1867	18	37*	(did not play)	
1868	134*	—	19	—
1869	2	30	43	83
1870	109	11	6	215
1871	50	37	16	43
1872	77	112	117	—
1873	163	—	158	—
1874	48	12	22	14
1875	7	152	32	17
1876	169	—	0	90
1877	18	41	29	—
1878	90	2	40	63
1879	3	—	26	—
1880	49	12	6	3
1881	29	2	100	9
1882	4	7	21	1

*not out.

Runs at Lord's	1498	Runs at Oval	1249
Total runs	2747		
Average each innings	49 14.15	Average each innings	44 17.18
		Average each innings	47 21.58.