



(Christian Science Monitor.) The three days' match is, of course, he three days' country cricket match, as it was played in England in the days before the war; as it was played before the final authority on English cricket, deciding as it did a short time ago, that the time had come to "speed up" cricket like most other things, limited the country match to two days. Doubtless the decision was reached only after the fullest discussion and after most careful weighing of all the pros and cons. Doubtless, too, the effect will be to make the game more ively, more full of incident, for, at the same time that the all-highest deided to limit the length of the match two days, it decided also to issue the decree that in future only wins should count, and that the system of leducting losses from wins, in the inal reckoning for the country chamionship, should be abolished Thus was defeat shorn of half its penalty, and, to that extent, is the game relieved of caution. Nevertheess, there are many, it may indeed be ventured very many, who will regret the disappearance of the threedays' match. Because in country cricket, although the game, is first and ast the thing, the game, under the old leisurely style, had so many welome surroundings. To the cricketover who followed the scores, and tudied the averages who could tell con offhand, who had won what and where he had won it, what bowler had one the hat-trick and what batsmen made the most centuries, to such one the days of a country match in s own town were a special joy. Even he could not get away to attend the match, and this indeed was only pen to the man of leisure, the special ditions of the "evening" papers kept im informed as to the progress of the game, which side had "won the oss." who was batting and who was bowling, how the light was, and whetner the pitch was fast of slow. Then would surely come the afternoon on he second or third day, maybe, when ne could manage to get away early, and find his way to the ground. Who shall speak of the "great satisfaction" of that first survey of the field and that eisurely summer crowd that surrounded it, the choosing of a seat, the identification of the players, for all,

