

THE Newark Club has engaged William Browster, late of the Manhattan, and last season with the Albany Club, for the season of 1882.—*American Cricketer*.

BARLOW's average time at the wickets in Shaw's Australian tour is 2 hours 53 minutes. Against New South Wales he was in 5 hours 40 minutes for 75 runs, and against Orange twenty-two he was the same time at the wickets for 60.—*American Cricketer*.

WE expect shortly to have the pleasure of receiving the first number of *The Canadian Cricket Field*, a new undertaking by some of the brethren on the far side of the border, which is intended to fill the same place for the game of cricket in Canada that this journal aims to take in the United States. The venture is in the hands of experienced journalists, who are well-known, competent, enthusiastic cricketers, and we sincerely hope that it may be thoroughly successful, and be an efficient aid to the development and perpetuity of our noble game in the Dominion.—*American Cricketer*.

DR. W. G. GRACE, who has been carefully training and practising for the coming cricket season during the past month, took part in his first match this year at Thornbury, Gloucestershire, on Easter Monday. The champion was playing for the Thornbury Club, against a Messrs. Baker, Baker & Co.'s Eleven, and going in with one wicket down, he scored no fewer than 144 before he was bowled. Though of course the bowling opposed to him could not have been first class, such a performance in the beginning of April is almost without precedent, and the public will gladly hear that our premier batsman is in such fine form. Mr. W. R. Gilbert made 73, Mr. J. Cranson 36, and Dr. E. M. Grace 24, also for the Thornbury team, whose total reached 300, against 114 scored by their opponents. A nephew of Dr. W. G. Grace (Mr. G. H. Grace, a Marlborough School boy) played on the same side; he only scored two, but took six wickets.—*London Standard*.

CRICKETING CURIOSITIES.

A great many curious scores were made last season in England, which will live in the memory of cricketers for many years to come.

The largest number of runs ever put together by an eleven in one innings, was, until last year, 742. This total was obtained by an eleven of "The Friars," in a match against the gentlemen of Notts., played in July, 1880. In the corresponding month of 1881, however, a larger score proportionately was compiled by the Emmanuel College, Long Vacation Club, when playing against Caius College, L. V. C., at Cambridge. The Emmanuel men, after disposing of their opponents for 100 runs, devoted the rest of the time to building up the magnificent score of 708 runs, with the loss of only 4 wickets. Of this W. N. Roe got 415, without losing his wicket. Previous to this, the largest individual score ever made was E. F. S. Tylecote's 404, in a college match at Clifton, 1868. The next largest was W. G. Grace's splendid 400, not out, against 22 of Grimsby, and this bears off the palm still, considering the odds against the batsman. W. N. Roe, as seen above, has surpassed these performances as far as numbers go, and is now the hero of the largest score on record. The innings was made up of 67 singles, 52 twos, 48 threes, 16 fours, 6 fives, and 1 six. Thus in 1881 the largest score ever made by an eleven or a man in one innings was put on record. But already in 1882 we have to record a still higher total, which now ranks at the head of those made by a single eleven. A match between New South Wales and Victoria was played on the 10th of February. New South Wales went first to the bat and made 775 runs, of which Murdoch secured 321. His performance took nine hours' play, and is described as a most perfect piece of work, and "a wonderfully good scientific display." He was almost as fresh at the finish as at the start, and never lost his coolness, patience, nor his impregnable defence. Batsmen, as a rule,

are apt to hit somewhat recklessly when they are fortunate enough to reach the century, but it can be said of Murdoch that his first, second and third hundred were each obtained by masterly cricket. He gave two chances—one at 117 and one at 240. So pleased were the New South Welshmen with Murdoch's great achievement, that in very quick time after his departure from the wicket, about one hundred and fifty sovereigns were subscribed with which to purchase a suitable testimonial. Victoria made 315 the first, and 322 runs the second innings. The following is the extraordinary score :

NEW SOUTH WALES.

A. Bannerman c. Palmer, b. Turner.....	30
H. Massie b. Palmer.....	17
W. Murdoch c. Blackham, b. Horan.....	321
C. Bannerman, l. b. w., b. Baker.....	3
S. Jones c. Boyle, b. Baker.....	109
C. Davis c. Boyle, b. Baker.....	4
T. Garrett b. M'Shane.....	163
D. Gregory c. M'Donnell, b. Palmer.....	28
K. Hiddlestone st. Blackham, b. Cooper.....	27
E. Evans, not out.....	2
F. Spofforth b. M'Shane.....	8
Byes, 34; leg-byes, 26; no-balls, 3.....	63
Total.....	775

A Huntingdonshire team played a friendly game with Mr. Fellowes' eleven in July last. For the scratch team, W. F. Forbes and Lord Throwley secured, before they were separated, 404, being the largest number of runs ever recorded for the fall of one wicket. The rest of the team extended the total to 667.

Probably the most closely contested match ever played was the now celebrated one between the Gentlemen and Players of 1881. After a tie on the first innings, the Players came off victorious by a single run.

Canadians are rather celebrated for small scores than large ones, but we are safe in saying that never has a Canadian eleven been put out without scoring a run off the bat. This, however, happened in West Hallam, England, in 1881, when the only run scored by Basford Institute (against whom the match was) was an extra.

SHORT SLIPS.

- The Bradford club is dead.
- Forest is also clubless this year.
- THE Montreal Club had 160 members in 1881.
- THE Staten Island Club has a membership of 431.
- THE London Club has secured a portion of the Exhibition ground on which to play matches.
- MR. H. BOLSTER, of Winnipeg, will present a bat to the man obtaining the highest average for Uxbridge this season.
- The Western eleven, composed of cricketers living in the Western States, will make an eastern tour during July. Horace Phillips is Secretary, and Rev. T. D. Phillips, E. R. Ogden and T. Dale, will probably be included in the team.
- PERSONALS. Mr. G. W. Reynolds, of Whitby, has removed to Manitoba.
- Mr. J. N. Kirchoffer, of Millbrook, is on a visit to the North-West.
- Mr. J. S. Gillian has been made conductor on the Sarnia Branch of the G. W. R.