

shown by personal playing. A general want of cohesion, may be used, that in several near costing Victoria the loss. Play throughout was fast with no roughness that could be and nothing worth speaking of. This was a good thing among the thousands who lined and thronged the grand stand (in Victoria) were scores had never seen a lacrosse, and who went away as admirers of Canada's national game. That mass of people were confirmed cricketers and batsmen, in their innocence of cricket, thought there was no game more exhilarating as cricket or baseball. It is to be hoped that Saturday. It is to be hoped that will continue to put up such so cement the good opinion form from first impressions as foster the proper spirit in the youngsters who are into the field and uphold in itself is representative of the manliness, the energy of Canada, and the cheerful and honorable spirit that reverses and obstacles are overcome.

to one was a good victory. The boys, all of whom worked the common object. Two were cleverly taken by Frank, a crashing machine, and the ably carried the home team to success on many a field. Ross Eckardt scored, which gave the boys a defeat they were about to expect. Tommy Cusack, J. Sprinkling and Paterson, friends with some good. Ditchburn, Pete Bligh, Cullin, Bill Clarke and admirably sustained the team. The team was won by the dismissal of the second game for fouling. The impression was that of a well laid scheme, off, which was only the Vancouver boys. The favorites and friends. Quigley, "Bony" Thers, who made it more the local team, and who tried men. Their game was a marvel of quick judgment, throwing, and the game was got from him with hard and clever fighting.

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Victoria team which will cross sticks with Westminster to-day will be a first class one, and that its members, collectively and individually, will give a good account of themselves. Practice has been faithful and steady during the past week, there being a firmly rooted desire on the part of the boys to bring home the broom attached to the Islander's masthead to-night.

As many as possible should attend the Intermediate match between Nanaimo and the Stars, of Victoria, this afternoon. Both clubs are said to be in perfect condition, and a good game may be expected.

LINERS AND DAISY CUTTERS.

The ball game between the James Bay and Seattle Athletic Club teams was not so one-sided as the score would seem to indicate. The numerous bases on balls given by the local twirler handicapped the home nine, but otherwise the fielding, batting and base running of the James Bay boys were on a par with their opponents' excellent play. The visiting nine were a splendid crowd of fellows, and many favorable comments were made by spectators on the irreproachable conduct of the players. There was no noisy cheering, and nothing else to mar the harmonious feeling prevailing between the two teams. Borthwick, Franklin and Schultz showed up well, the latter pitching the last four innings with something of his old-time speed and deceptive curve. The Seattle battery was composed of Thornton, a Yale College man, and Cobb, hailing from old Harvard.

The James Bay Club have opened up correspondence with the Stanford University nine, amateur champions of California, now on their northwest tour, playing at Portland, Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle, Port Blakely and Port Townsend, after which the team will probably sail for Honolulu. The college boys play great ball, being especially noted for heavy hitting, having nipped many a promising pitcher's record this spring. If a date is secured with these college champions the game will be played at the Caledonia grounds. The James Bay Club will put their strongest nine in the field and endeavor to make the visitors struggle for victory.

SPLASHES FROM PADDLE AND OAR.

It was an appreciated win, and Sullivan's masterly long stroke was a great factor in securing the three lengths of open water between Victoria and the Burrard Inlet crew. From the style displayed we may hopefully anticipate a great showing from the senior representatives of the James Bay Club when the Pacific Association regatta materializes in August.

Scott, the senior champion should also finish well, and if he is boated properly, Johnson and the Portland sculler will

have to get a rapid move-on to be within hailing distance of the finish. Aden, who won the junior singles, is a wonder. Although light in weight, his quick stroke propels his outrigger at a speedy gait, and he has great staying powers.

Henry Macaulay is making a great record with the paddle. His easy style was much admired.

Now that the ladies are vying with the other "hated" sex in intellectual and physical culture performances, will the regatta committee explain why they neglected to provide for canoeing and sculling events among the fair ones?

THE WHEEL.

It is unfortunate that amongst all the bicyclists in Victoria there is not one who can even aspire to moderate racing form. In the roadsters 2-mile race at Beacon Hill, but three local wheelmen put in an appearance, and how bad the others were may be guessed from the fact that the winner, Moody, assured the writer that he had indulged in but one practice spin for two weeks previous to the race. With a little training, Moody might develop into a fair man, but that enthusiastic wheelman, C. H. Gibbons, ought to try and find a dark horse to worthily represent Victoria during the summer. I am aware that Wolfe beat Moody in the postponed race Wednesday, but as his previous conqueror was too poorly mounted to ride in safety, much less to race, the first form must be taken as correct.

WHAT, ANOTHER M. D.!

To the Editor of THE HOME JOURNAL:

SIR—Even a cursory examination of the nuts given me to crack shows most of them to be so unsound as to need but little exertion on my part. Moreover they are presented to me by a gentleman, presumably of the medical profession, who has so little confidence in his case that he does not sign his name, and but that my silence might be misconstrued I should take no notice of his letter on that score alone. However, I waive the objection and proceed to business.

Taking the statistical nuts first, I crack them by boldly denying the accuracy of the figures, and for this reason amongst others, that they prove a great deal too much. To begin with, the death rate in the last century, before vaccination was dreamt of, was 18 per cent (Jurin). Further, returns of their experiences furnished by 156 medical men in 1852, before vaccination was made compulsory, and when there was but little of it, established a death rate of 19 per cent of attacks (Seaton). Now not even the most violent partisan will contend that non-vaccination makes smallpox more virulent. Hence when we read, as in M. D's extracts, of unvaccinated death rates ranging up to 63 per cent, while under even last century conditions only 18 per cent would die, we are driven to the conclusion that the excess mortality must be due to the doctors. This is of course not to be thought of for a moment, so the figures must be wrong. The medical method of classification

by marks only is most misleading and unscientific, for it is well known that the best marks are often completely obscured by the eruption. Should the patient recover and the marks again become visible all may be well, but should he die, he is calmly returned as unvaccinated, "the mere assertions of patients and their friends counting for nothing" (Vacher). To be quite frank, the returns, being based on a fallacy, can scarcely be correct in any event; but in many instances inconvenient facts are suppressed in order to make out a case for vaccination at all hazards, and necessary information is refused by the officials.

Birmingham is the first of M. D's nuts. I submit that if that city be taken as a test case, and if doubt can be thrown upon its official figures, the others need not be argued. The following is extracted from a recent letter from Birmingham: "In 1891 there was only one fatal case, George Weake, in Kings Norton Union, and he was recorded as dying unvaccinated, but the sceptical anti-vaccinators secured documentary evidence of the victim's successful vaccination of so convincing a character as to cause the Local Government Board to send special instructions, dated May 23, 1892, ordering the local authorities to transfer the case from the 'unvaccinated' to the 'vaccinated' register. In the same year there were a total of four adult smallpox deaths in Birmingham. Conclusive evidence of successful vaccination was secured in each case, but this important fact had been omitted from all four death certificates, and the omission has never been rectified." The above needs no comment, but it may be added that the authorities flatly refuse to give names, initials or addresses of the cases during the late epidemic, thus effectually preventing their "statistics" being checked. This alone is sufficient to cast suspicion upon the figures.

M. D. no doubt inadvertently, misquotes my remarks on cleanliness and on the law of England. I do not believe that the former is the only effectual method of dealing with smallpox. As to the latter, I repeat that there is no law in England to compel man, woman or child to be vaccinated. There is a law to punish non-vaccination by fine or imprisonment; a very different thing, for when the fine is paid or imprisonment undergone, offenders may snap their fingers at the law. Further, it is notorious that punishment does not result in the desired vaccination, but only excites sympathy and induces riots.

As to the report of the Royal Commission here, I will merely say that the statement of my case was made by the Commissioners, not by me, and that it was not warranted by the evidence, as any man might see for himself if it were published. M. D. is welcome to discredit me if he can, but let him do so by duly authenticated counter statements, not by quoting a report published without evidence attached. My chief fault, according to the Commissioners, was that my case was one-sided, and that it pointed to a foregone conclusion. I admit the soft impeachment. It is unusual for an advocate to present both sides, and if my evidence led to the conclusion that vaccination is both useless and dangerous, that was scarcely the fault of

Yours faithfully,
WM. GREIG.