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It was very unwillingly that the Editorial Committee decided to postpone the publication of the Midsummer number till September, but it was almost impossible to get anything done in June, owing to the pressure of examination work. According to promise, however, the Summer number now appears.

It may be objected that there is too much cricket in it, but it must be remembered that the ACTA particularly desires to serve as a recorder of College events, especially athletic, and the cricket season of 1897 is surely worthy of a number to itself.

In no spirit of rivalry to other schools we take the most genuine pleasure in our success in games. In the early years of the school, the matches with the other schools, especially in cricket, were played with little hope of victory or even of making a decent show; but now, when in all games the three schools meet on fairly even terms, there is a decidedly better feeling prevailing. Long may it last. With Upper Canada College, Trinity College School and ourselves all working in generous emulation, the country should not lack a body of true and fairminded sportsmen who should do much to raise the standard of manly sports in their day and generation.

If in our schools boys learn that nothing could be more dishonorable than to take a mean advantage of an opponent in a game, it will not take them long to extend this grand principle of fair play to the greater matters of life.

More especially is this fair play necessary in football, where a vindictive and mean-spirited player has so many opportunities of getting in his foul work without detection.

Our school games have thus far been absolutely free from the sharp practices which often mar the games between senior clubs of the highest standing, and we trust that this year may be no exception to the rule.

Joe Greenhill was home from England for the holidays. He is doing very well on the training ship "Conway." He has played on the Football XV, the Cricket XI, rowed in the boat against the crew of the "Worcester," was an invited guest on the "Teutonic" to see the naval manœuvres, got the prize in nautical astronomy, and came second in navigation.

It may not be generally known that Mackenzie was given a place on the Canadian Eleven visiting Chicago, in July. He had a batting average of over 10 for the tour, and was at the top of the bowling averages, though W. R. Wadsworth and G. S. Lyon did the greater part of the bowling.

"Willy" Green visited the College the first week in September. He is working hard.

C. S. Selden, of Memphis, Tenn., spent part of the summer in St. Catharines.

Harry Nicholls spent the summer in British Columbia among the mines.

A Chapter of Lamentations.

(By an Old Boy.)

Oh, how I long to see you
Once again, dear Ridley.
I used to say I'd flee you—
That was *then*, dear Ridley.
Now I know that I'm a fool,
Which I never knew at school;
But nine times it's the rule
Out of ten, dear Ridley.

In those days care and worry
Kept away, dear Ridley.
I didn't have to hurry
All the day, dear Ridley.
Now, early I get down,
Bolt my meal and rush to town;
If I'm late, Oh, what a frown!
Comes my way, dear Ridley.

I used to say the value
Placed on me, dear Ridley,
Was by no means of the size
It should be, dear Ridley.
Now, the day's work they commence
With remarks at my expense,
But I cannot take offense,
Don't you see, dear Ridley

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Out of ten, dear Ridley.