PREFACE.

Canada East: in the case of many Clubs in the Western Province, too, we should prefer having more to say. In justice to ourselves, we must state that we do not consider that we are responsible for the apparent omission, for any communication received has been used to the best of our judgment. It may be taken as an axiom that, select a score wherever and whenever you will, it always happens that three of the eleven obtain more runs conjointly than the remaining eight: acting on this principle, we have invariably given the best three scores on each side of every game whose particulars are at hand. Our axiom, of course, holds only of each innings, regarded *per se;* hence, in the aggregate of the two innings, more than three scores are sometimes given—seldom, however, less.

And here our acknowledgments are due for the kind assistance rendered by the Secretaries, or other members, of the following Ciubs, viz., Bowmanville, Brantford, Cobourg, Goderich, Grantham, Hamilton, Kingston, Lawrenceville, London, Milton, Montreal, Niagara, Paris, Prescott, Preston, Rond Eau, Sherbrooke, St. Catharines, Toronto, Trinity College, U. C. College, and Whitby.

In conclusion, we have only to express the hope that those of our friends in arms who may feel disposed to be critical, will bear in mind that a first effort of this kind inevitably involves much labor; in the first place, in procuring information, which is often given unwillingly, and then in digesting it when elicited, and evolving symmetry from chaos. If, therefore, they will overlook our faults (whether they be sins of omission or commission) in consideration of the good our little work may contain, the patrons of it will aid materially in extending the benign influence of Cricket, and thus seconding the views they must hold in common with

Their Humble Servants,

THE COMPILERS.

ST. CATHARINES, May, 1858.

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