

With 1882 has been born the third year of the Association's existence. It is to be hoped that the attention of its active workers can now be taken from the lesser details of organization and concentrated more in some scheme for better success in the international contest. It seems to us that while the Ontario Cricket Association embraces in its scope the larger part of the cricketing community of Canada, yet, that its right of directive should be properly nothing more than local, and that the arrangements for an international contest should be only within the province of a Dominion Association.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

OUR thanks are due to the different club secretaries for the assistance we have received from them in launching the first number.

WE are pleased to see that the Winnipeg Club has decided upon sending an eleven on an eastern tour this season. Money is plentiful up there, and a more pleasant means of spending it could not be found than the way they have decided upon. We hope the idea will receive every encouragement from the clubs of the sister provinces.

THROUGH the generosity of the American Association, the international match heretofore is an assured event. This year it will take place in Philadelphia, and as the expenses are to be defrayed by the American and Ontario Associations, imppecuniosity cannot stand in the way of obtaining the best possible eleven. It now remains for every man to try and fit himself for a place in the eleven, and for every club to bring such men into prominence.

MR. PERCIVAL KING, of Edinburgh, publishes a very good annual of Scottish cricket. The work contains the averages and records of the different clubs, and an article entitled "Clubs and Players of Former Days," being a free criticism of men and manners, written in the pawky Scotch style. From the latter category we clip the following, which gives the writer's opinion of Canadian bowling:

"What club, I should like to know, has not its 'Poet Laureate'? The Strathclyde, of course, formed no exception to the rule. There were two Richmonds in the field at one time, however, for the honour, and the choice fell upon Jamie Silver, who was a horn wag. The second candidate for the honour had spoiled his chance by wilfully discarding the common rules of heroic verse-making, and in a weak moment commemorated a glorious victory with such a trifle as

'Wha wadna bowl for Strathclyde?
Wha wadna bowl the ball?'

Jamie came back from Canada with a great reputation, not only as a batsman, but as a crack bowler. He was heard to say shortly after his appearance at Larkwood, one evening, that 'He was not a great bowler, but was a deil to bat!' It was all very well to be a crack batsman in Canada, where the leather trundling is not of the first water, as was illustrated in the recent visit of the Canadian cricketers to Scotland and some parts of England."

The idea of making the last number of this journal a substitute for an "annual," can only be successfully carried out with the assistance of the Secretaries of the various clubs. The comparative successes of such clubs only, with the averages of its members, can be put on record, as send us systematically their scores for publication. It is particularly asked that these reach us by the first mail on Monday.

THE "Scorer's" work has not as yet really began, although several scratch matches have been played. These scratch games he does not record, as they do not form a part of the final average for the year. He hopes, however, in our next issue to have the pleasure of entering several scores.

OUR "Umpire" too has, metaphorically speaking, been eating his head off for want of some appeals to his official judgment.

THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM.

On the 16th March, the Australians sailed for England, where they are expected to arrive every day. The team consists of W. L. Murdoch, F. R. Spofforth, J. M. Blackham, H. F. Boyle, A. Bannerman, T. Horan, T. W. Garrett, G. J. Bonnor, G. E. Palmer, P. S. McDonnell, G. Giffin, H. H. Massie, and S. Jones. Of these the first five accompanied both the '76 and '80 teams; the next two were only with that of '76; Bonnor, Palmer and McDonnell were on the 1880 alone; while the three last are strangers to England.

Blackham is the wicket-keeper of the team and a good bat; Boyle, Spofforth, Evans, Palmer, Jones and Garret compose its bowling strength; while Murdoch (the Captain) and the rest confine themselves to batting and fielding. H. Beale accompanies the team as Secretary.

The following programme has been arranged for them in England:

MAY.

- 18—At Brighton, v. Sussex.
- 25—At Oval, v. Surrey.
- 29—At Cambridge, v. Cambridge University.

JUNE.

- 1—At Manchester, v. Lancashire.
- 5—At Bradford, v. Yorkshire.
- 8—At Nottingham, v. Notts.
- 12—At Derby, v. Derbyshire.
- 19—At Sheffield, v. Yorkshire.
- 22—At Oval, v. Gentlemen of England.
- 26—At Chichester, v. United (late United South of England) Eleven.
- 29—At Leicester, v. Leicestershire.

JULY.

- 3—At Northampton, v. Northamptonshire.
- 10—At Lord's, v. Middlesex.
- 13—At Dewsbury, v. Yorkshire (or United North).
- 17—At Bradford, v. Yorkshire.
- 20—At Middlesbrough, v. United North.
- 24—At Gosforth Park, v. Northumberland.
- 27—At Edinburgh, v. Eleven Gentlemen of Scotland.
- 31—At Liverpool, v. Liverpool Club.

AUGUST.

- 3—At Clifton, v. Gloucestershire.
- 7—At Canterbury, v. Kent.
- 10—At Oval, v. Players of England.
- 14—At Derby, v. Derbyshire (return).
- 17—At Portsmouth, v. United Eleven.
- 21—At Taunton, v. Somersetshire.
- 24—At Clifton, v. Gloucestershire (return).
- 28—At Oval, v. England.
- 31—At Tunbridge Wells, v. United Eleven (return).

SEPTEMBER.

- 4—At Nottingham, v. Notts (return).
- 7—At Scarborough, v. Scarborough (Scarborough Week).
- 11—At Leeds, Leeds v. Clarence.
- 14—At Glasgow, v. West of Scotland.
- 18—At Harrogate, v. Harrogate and District.

STOLEN RUNS.

THE Staten Island Cricket Club has secured the services of Capt. T. L. White, formerly with the Manhattan Club, for the coming season.—*American Cricketer.*