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DUAL MEMBERSHIP.

The letter from the secretary of the Pickwick Cricket Club to the *London Advertiser*, copied below, brings early to our notice a case of very common occurrence—a cause of constant discord.

"Sir,—In your issue of to-day there appears a statement, over the score of the match between the Asylum and the Pickwick Clubs, that the former club had 'their principal bowler' pitted against them.

"Now I wish to state on behalf of the management committee of the P. C. C. that Mr. John Gillean is a member of the Pickwick Cricket Club, and as such played against the Asylum Club on Friday, 2nd inst.

"I might also add that the Pickwick team was mainly composed of the second eleven, and that it was understood with the Asylum Club that it was simply to be a practice match, and, furthermore, it was mutually agreed not to publish the scores."

Waiving for the present the injustice of numbering Mr GILLEAN among the second eleven, let us inspect rather the motives that induce a man to play with more than one club, and investigate how far he is justified in adopting these. We are seldom in this country in a position to offer a continuous play with one team to any one, and a good man naturally craves for cricket. He will avail himself of every legitimate opportunity for a game, and rightly enough. It seems reasonable that there should be in every good player a desire to have all the cricket he can, and there is just as reasonable a desire in every approximate club to have that player on their eleven, while the number of askers will multiply with the ability of the person asked. It is then possible for this man to serve two masters without either clinging too tenaciously to the one or absolutely abandoning the other. But this does not hold in the case of men imported for the day to play important matches. Nothing has such a cooling effect on the ardour of the tail that is removed to make way for the imported goods. Such procedure should be discouraged as savouring too much of the professional, and lacking honest intention.

Returning to the other view of the case, it is apparent that the rule comes, as in the case in point, when a man's two elevens come to be pitted against each other, then let him cast his lot with that club which has the strongest claims upon him. And the greater the length

of time with which a man has been identified with any club, the greater, it may be inferred, are the claims of that club on his services. Not necessarily so. That club has the best right to a man's services which holds out the greatest number of honest inducements. Cricket is cricket, and there will be no harm done if the element of sentiment be entirely eliminated. Secure a successful series of matches for the season, let a tendency in the members of your club to constantly practise between times manifest itself; and if you offer a place in your eleven to any one, you have equally strong, if not stronger, claims on his services than another haphazard club, though this man may not have been so long upon your membership list. Make it honestly worth a man's while to play for you, and it will require no further coaxing to wean his interests from other localities and centre them in your own.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. D. W. Saunders has opened his record for 1882 in grand style, by playing one of the best innings ever made by a Canadian. To make a century on a lively wicket is a great feat, and one of no common occurrence, but when the three figures are reached without a chance being given, on a dead wicket with a miserable out-field, the performance is indeed great.

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"Outing" is the name of a new journal of recreation, published monthly by Mr. W. B. Howland, in Albany, N. Y. It has 24 pages, which contain a variety of interesting articles relating to recreations of all sorts. A small portion only is devoted to out-door sports. The business office is at 251 Broadway, New York, where the subscription price, one dollar, should be sent.

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Rumour has had it up to date that Mr. C. J. Logan, of Port Hope, being booked for the matrimonial match, had substituted that for cricket. We are now glad to be able to contradict the busy dame, and to assure cricketers in general that he will not be entirely lost to cricket.

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It seems that we must always be taught by example. We can hardly point to one instance in which cricketers on this side of the line have set it. No attention has as yet been paid to the approaching international match, no definite plan of action whereby to secure likely candidates for the eleven mapped out, no suggestion offered for bringing the men together for united play before the contest. On the other side our neighbours were long ago busy, and on the fourth and fifth of July next will be played Old Countrymen v. Americans, a match gotten up with a view to test the relative abilities of the men of the different clubs.