

## CRICKET.

Not long ago, I chanced to hear the conversation of some boys about the Fourth Form standing. One of them was holding forth upon himself and his liberality, stating for example how he had on the day before, at one sitting disposed of 60 cents upon coffee and something for it to wash down at Coleman's. The others, not to be beaten, declared that to be a trifle to what they could swallow in a single afternoon, and thereupon, on the spot, they one and all gave astonishing statistics of the amount of their internal revenue on a Saturday afternoon. At the time I only felt a passing inclination to covet my neighbours' odd cents, but since then, when the Cricket subscription list was given out, I rejoiced for the sake of cricket, to think what a ready support might be expected from the long purses of my liberal schoolfellows. How could I believe my eyes when I saw my generous friends, with one exception, in the front ranks of those who cried out against the subscription fee. Wondering how they could call 75 cents a large subscription to any game of a season's duration, when they thought nothing of squandering the same sum, in one afternoon, upon a brief appetite. I asked one or two if that was all their objection to cricket. No! there were other objections behid, but thrown in the shade by the almighty dollar.

They complained that they could not play, and could never practice as the first eleven monopolized the ground. This may have been an objection while there was a first eleven, but it ought not to have been so; the lesser lights should not have expected always to play with the first eleven, and be a drag on their game—they should have formed a game for themselves, as was done once upon a time. But last year as long as a sufficient number could be mustered there was a game every afternoon, and the system of half ends was never resorted to, nor will it this year if the injured ones can get over their Boottian inertness, enough to play in a regular game. Without entering at present upon the respective merits of cricket and base-ball, it may be well to consider which has the better right to our patronage.

The base ball supporters say that as there are so many Yankees here, we ought to play their game. Now the Yankees may be very nice fellows, but I should like to know what right they have to dictate to us. Are a set of foreigners to come in and make us throw aside the game our fathers played because their game is simpler? That is the true reason why so many would like to make base-ball the game of the College.

We all played a milder form of base-ball before we left off playing with our sisters. Should we not now aim at something higher—something more difficult?

But cricket is not so hard to learn as it appears. After a little practice of eye and hand it seems not impossible to learn the game, and from that moment the skill required to play it, only adds a zest to the game—a peculiarity which I fancy not a few of those who object to the subscription fee, have discovered in a certain game called billiards, which, in addition to its other bad qualities, make much larger and more frequent demands than cricket upon the almighty dollar.

## CRICKETER.

(If the base-ball supporters have anything to say for their side of the question our columns are open for their contributions.—Ed.)

**HICAR OF POLITENESS.**—A servant of an old maiden lady, who was ill, had orders to go every morning to the doctor's to report how her mistress was, and was strictly charged to add always "with her compliments." One morning she brought the following startling message: "Miss Smith's compliments, and she died last night at eight o'clock."

## U. C. COLLEGE LITERARY SOCIETY.

## FIFTEENTH MEETING.

The Society met in the Prayer-room, March 23rd, the President in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were then read and adopted. The only business was the passing of a motion, ordering the Committee of the *College Times* to pay over certain funds of the paper to the Treasurer of the Society, for the printing of the Laws of the Society. This produced much discussion and was resisted by the Committee.

R. D. Richardson then took the chair for the readings and debate. H. Ridout read a selection from Goldsmith's "Deserted Village," and H. E. Morphy a poem of J. G. Saxe.

The subject "Was the execution of Charles I. justifiable?" was next proceeded with. The debate was an open one, and the Affirmative was sustained by P. Bryce and W. A. Langton, and the negative by J. A. Patterson and C. C. Robinson. After a long debate the chairman decided in favour of the Affirmative.

The Secretary read a notice from the Committee and the Society then adjourned.

## SIXTEENTH MEETING.

The Society met Friday, April 12th, in the Prayer-room, the President in the chair.

After the roll was called, the minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. E. B. Brown gave notice that next meeting he would propose G. Smith for membership.

The President then read a communication from the members of the *College Times* Committee, regretting that they could not concur in the sentiment embodied in Paterson's motion, passed last meeting, that the funds of that institution of the Society (the paper) were not to be applied for its benefit. This reply was accepted by the Society.

No debate having been prepared, the following announcement was made for next Friday:

Readers—R. D. Carey, J. C. Harstone.

Subject for debate—Is the Nine Hours' Movement, if adopted, likely to prove disadvantageous? Affirmative: E. B. Brown (leader), Wright and Blackstock. Negative: A. W. McTaggart (leader), McKenzie and Mowat.

The Society then adjourned.

## SEVENTEENTH MEETING.

The Society met, Friday, April 19th, in the Prayer-room, the President in the chair.

After the roll was called, the minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. G. Smith was then elected a member of the Society.

A communication was also read from E. B. Brown, pleading that illness the day previous had prevented him from preparing the debate. The Society did not receive his excuse as sufficient, probably thinking that the debate ought to have more attention paid to it than is shown by deferring its preparation till the day preceding.

This being the last meeting in the term the nomination of officers was the next order. J. G. McKeown was nominated for President, and elected by acclamation. P. Bryce and E. B. Brown were proposed for Vice-President. R. D. Richardson, P. Bryce and W. B. Northrup were nominated for Treasurer. R. Atkinson was proposed for Secretary, and as there were no other nominations, was declared elected. The following Committee was also similarly elected: W. A. Langton, E. B. Brown, and J. A. Paterson.

On account of the absence of the debaters, the debate and readings were postponed a week.

The Society then adjourned.

## U. C. COLLEGE CRICKET CLUB.

At a meeting of the boys on April 16th, for the purpose of organizing the Cricket Club for the ensuing season, the following officers were appointed *pro tem*: W. H. Biggar, Chairman; J. G. McKeown, Secretary.

A motion being carried that there should be a Committee of seven. The following were appointed: W. H. Biggar, J. G. McKeown, W. A. Langton, R. D. Richardson, J. L. C. Cronyn, A. W. Spragge and E. B. Brown.

J. Martland, B.A., was then unanimously elected President, and W. H. Biggar, Vice-President.

The following rates of subscription were then decided upon for the various forms.

For the VI., V., IV., and Up. Modern ..... 75 cents.  
 " Low. Modern and III. .... 50 "  
 " II. and ..... 25 "

Immediately after the Committee met for the purpose of electing its officers, when W. H. Biggar was appointed Chairman; J. G. McKeown, Secretary; A. W. Spragge, Treasurer.

After the appointment of collectors for the various forms, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE — — RAILROAD.

Our holidays are over now,  
 To work we must repair,  
 The pleasures we enjoyed at home  
 Are with the joys that were.

We have to thank the railroad men  
 For tickets at half fare,  
 We must except the "Narrow Gauge,"  
 They have not done their share.

The other roads might well refuse,  
 They have a just excuse;  
 The people built the "Nipissing,"  
 "Toronto, Grey, and Bruce."

We neither beg nor pander,  
 We think we have a claim;  
 We'll try their liberality,  
 When we go home again.

England's aristocracy,  
 With gold and silver mines,  
 Could not sustain the conflict  
 Against the "London Times."

The lover that upsets the world,  
 Is founded in the press,  
 If we are wrong, like honest boys,  
 We're willing to confess.

Now all who read the *College Times*,  
 Give us your sound opinion;  
 We'll circulate it far and near,  
 Throughout this vast Dominion.

The President may see our views,  
 Expressed in these few lines,  
 The course that he may yet adopt,  
 Will rule the *College Times*.

And if he grant us our request,  
 Each boy will ever pray;  
 The controversy's ended—  
 We have nothing more to say.

J. O. A.

Admiral Duncan's address to his officers previous to the engagement with Admiral De Winter was both laconic and humorous: "Gentlemen," he said, "You see a severe Winter approaching; I have only to advise you to keep up a good fire."