

of the early heroes could ever have pitched against person.

The first entry of averages made in the minute book was on occasion of the competition for Lord Dufferin's medal in 1879. The award of this medal is made as early as 1873, when Lord Dufferin, at the annual Hodge Podge, announced his intention of awarding it to the club. The first competition, apparently, took place in 1877, but the result is not recorded. The winners on record are:

1879—J. T. Wylde.....	Average.....	12.04
1880—Cummings	Average.....	9.54
1881—J. T. Wylde.....	Average.....	11.00
1882—J. T. Wylde.....	Average.....	9.88
1883—J. T. Wylde.....	Average.....	11.2
1884—J. Gorham.....	Average.....	12.87
1885—J. Gorham.....	Average.....	7.58
1886—J. Gorham.....	Average.....	8.12
1887—J. R. Henderson..	Average.....	6.22
1888—C. H. Potts	Average.....	8.08
1889—J. R. Henderson.....	Average.....	7.08
1890—L. R. Kaye.....	Average.....	7.85
1891—J. R. Henderson.....	Average.....	6.50

More recently another valuable prize—the "Cummings Cup"—came the object of annual competitions, which have, for some time unexplained, resulted in far better averages than those in the medal competitions. The vote of thanks recorded in minutes at the general meeting of 1883 is characteristic of the club:

'Resolved, That the grateful thanks of the club be tendered to Mr. Cummings for his generous contribution to its funds, and that the club purchase a silver cup, to be called the 'Cummings Prize,' which shall be played for annually, and on all those occasions shall occupy a prominent position at our grounds, filled to

the brim with our ever-flowing brew. The cup to be held as a challenge cup, in perpetual memorial of his munificence as well as of his enthusiastic interest in the welfare of the club.'

As we said above, the top averages in cup competitions have been extremely good. The following are the only ones on record:

1885—J. T. Wylde.....	Average ..	8.77
1886—J. T. Wylde.....	Average.....	6.64
1887—J. R. Henderson	Average.....	6.64
1888—J. R. Henderson.....	Average.....	6.70
1889—J. R. Henderson.....	Average.....	5.77
1891—J. R. Henderson.....	Average.....	5.26

It is with sincere regret that we find that no written record has been kept of the winners of the "Wooden Spoon." As no mention is made of any grant from the club funds for the purchase of a spoon, it is to be presumed that use is made year after year of the only wooden spoon that happens to be among the club's properties, viz., the one that has for a quarter of a century kept the sugar from settling in the bottom of the rum punch.

This important question could easily be settled by reference to the Attorney-General, who has striven bravely for the possession of the spoon for many years past, and who only resigned it last year after a severe struggle.

At many a merry meeting the interest has centred in the speech with which Mr. Longley received or presented this trophy, and it was a severe strain on even his oratorical powers to express his feelings when it was at length taken from him, carried off by a mere novice, too.

To return to our narrative, the only innovation to speak of during the last three years—apart from the gate—has been the introduction of an annual handicap, which has been won in succession by Capt. Clarkson, Hon. J. W. Longley, and——

It is said that there is also a little more lemon in the punch of late years, but we doubt it:—Studley is not fond of innovations. She does not like them, and does not need them either

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