

In Reality.

I don't think I remember
The house where I was born,
Nor the little window, where the sun
Came peeping in at morn;
But always I'll remember,
I can't forget it quite,
The window in the Prayer Hall,
Where we "hooked out" at night.

I remember, I remember,
No roses, red and white,
No violets, no lilycups,
No flowers made of light;
But I will never quite forget
How, round the door we'd hover,
Then rush into the dining-room
And say we were "first over"

I don't think I remember
Where I was used to swing,
And thought the air might rush as fresh
To swallows on the wing;
But I can just remember
How mad I used to be,
When I got a detention
And already had had three.

I remember, I remember
No fir trees dark and high,
Whose slender tops I used to think
Were close against the sky;
But one scrape I will not forget,
For which I was to blame,
How my room mate was caught when he
Yelled "adsam" to my name.

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The Cricket Season

The present season, 1896, will go down on record as the best, thus far, in the history of the College. The success of this season is not seen so much in the number of victories won, as the record this year is no better than last in this respect, but with two exceptions the matches have either been won, or have resulted in close finishes.

With two games still to play, five have been won and six lost. Last year six games were won, four lost, one drawn. This year for the first time Ridley meets the Toronto Club, and the boys are quite ready to stay over a day or two after school closes in order to have the honor of playing against what is undoubtedly the first club in Canada.

For the first time, Rosedale brought over an XI, and though the defeat we received was rather a heavy one, yet we saw some good cricket, and hope to profit by it.

Against Trinity College School we did better than ever before, and in spite of the innings defeat we were not much cast down. Remarks were heard on all sides on the improved form shown by our XI, and our opponents most generously recognized this. The time is coming soon when T.C.S. and Ridley will play a well contested game. The cricket reputation of T. C. S. has hitherto

prevented our fellows from even showing their best form, but now that their confidence is growing, the two elevens will meet on more even terms.

The other feature of the season is the first meeting of Ridley and Upper Canada College on the cricket field, and the triumph of the new school over the old. This was perhaps the most exciting match ever played by the College, and will furnish something to talk about for a long while to come. On the Saturday before the match the Secretary and one or two other members of the Toronto club gave it as their opinion that U. C. C. would beat T. C. S. easily. As we were returning from a severe scrubbing by T. C. S., this did not raise our spirits, but the game was most pluckily played, and owes much to the good generalship of our captain.

The general improvement noticeable this year has been due entirely to hard practice, the attendance at which has been most regular. There is one particular, however, in which there is rather a falling off than otherwise, and that is in the important department of fielding. In nearly every case in which large scores have been made against us, more than one chance of disposing of the best bats has been missed in the field. This should not be so. Had all catches been taken, there would probably have been but two defeats to record. Let this be thought over.

Among the juniors, although fewer matches have been played than usual, there has been more interest taken in the game than ever before, and there are several promising young players who will give a good account of themselves next year.

Hills—Has proved himself a very good captain. He is a careful, steady bat, and has set an excellent example to his men by going in first and generally making a stand. He has a good style and improves steadily. As a bowler he has improved much during the season. He is very fast when he likes, and can bowl a good medium pace ball. He keeps a good length, but is occasionally erratic. His bowling is, as a rule, difficult to score from. He is a splendid field in any position.

Mackenzie—Is a hard hitter who has not improved as much as was expected. With more patience, and better judgment in selecting the ball to hit, he would be a most valuable run-getter. As a bowler he has been very successful. He is quite fast, with a good length, but with little change of pace. There is no better fielder on the team.