

for the kindly spirit of rivalry and emulation it implants, and the social intercourse it engenders. Witness a match in England—aristocratic England, the home of cricket—the lord and the commoner, the professional man and the tradesman, the rich and the poor man are banded together or pitted against each other with one common end in view. All social inequalities are, for the time being, at least, forgotten and a man is judged and valued according to his merit and skill. The poor man feels that there really is within him the power of making himself something more than a mere drudge and machine and is drawn out from his old every-day self, and having once experienced how sweet it is to be shewn some deference, he will strive more and more to approach nearer the level of those above him, and go back to his work with renewed zest and enthusiasm, whilst the rich man recognizes many most commendable traits in him which otherwise would have escaped his observation. A good cricketer cannot be made of gold, but long and steady practice alone can acquire the art. The author of the *Cricket Field*, one of the best manuals upon the subject, thinks cricket is identical with a game called "club-ball" played in the 13th century and originally designated by the name of "handyn and handoute." The natural qualifications of a first-class cricketer are numerous, viz: judgment, speed, form, grace, agility, etc., with at the same time that spirit of submission and toleration which has ever been its ornament. Surely there can be no greater trial to a self-willed man than to obey undisputed an Umpire's decision which he may think questionable; or what is more calculated to produce unselfishness than a practice where all have equally to share the labor and the pleasure. In English schools cricket is as much a part of a boy's education as Classics or Mathematics, and although in Canada we have not the natural advantage of such a long season nor of such a lasting evening, yet it seems every year to be more and more appreciated, and though slowly its influence is spreading. Trinity College School and Upper Canada especially do much for its growth, whilst Trinity College numbers amongst her graduates men who have distinguished themselves in International as well as other great matches. Rev. T. D. Phillips, Dr. Spragge, Logan, Campbell H. J. Irving, and many others of less note. It is not surprising then that we—a University upon English principles—are proud of the *prestige* of our cricket club. Every institution dependant for its resources upon an ever-yearly changing body of men must be subject to fluctuations and although for the past year or two Trinity College has not sustained her high reputation in the cricket field yet the future is reassuring. There are at present in College men who are likely to take an active interest in the club and who have already gained some distinction. Constant practice is the only thing which will ensure success at cricket. The younger a boy starts—provided he acquires a good style early—the better are his prospects for becoming a distinguished player. In the United States cricket is

making great strides, for although so popular a game it is expensive and the proper outfit of a club is costly and it must be a wealthy club indeed which can engage the services of a professional to instruct them. Philadelphia is fast becoming the recognized centre of cricket in America owing chiefly to the wealth of its clubs and to the enterprize and devotion of its players. This was especially noticeable during the past year in the International as well as the matches against Shaw's professional eleven. In Chicago the celebrated English cricketer Mr. Hornby, who had the best batting average in England last year, has taken up his residence, as well as our Canadian veteran, the Rev. T. D. Phillips and so we expect much from them during the coming season. In Canada the event of the past year was the International match at Hamilton, which proved an easy victory for the Americans who were superior in every department. The great degree of skill to which cricket may be brought could be well seen by pitting an English eleven against the winning team of an International match. Last July the play of the Americans seemed nearly perfect, yet how inferior was it to that which an English eleven would display under the same circumstances. We applaud a skilful cut for two or a fine drive for three and marvel how the batsman managed to stop the ball at all, whereas a Grace, Ulyett, or Barnes would have driven every one of them out of bounds. In an ordinary match you are highly elated (and you may be a good cricketer) if you are fortunate enough to stop a good ball and are supremely happy if it scores a run whereas "what might have been" done with it. Therefore let no man think he is quite a perfect cricketer and that practice for him can do nothing more. It is very amusing to a spectator who understands the game to listen to the various comments and plaudits in the "balcony." For instance the batsman makes a terrible *pull* across the wicket and sends the ball off for four. "Oh, well played indeed, sir, "beautifully put away" and similar expressions everywhere greet his ear, and as for the ladies they are in a perfect flurry of admiration and excitement. The poor unfortunate batsman (provided he knows enough cricket to understand his bad play) is compelled blushing to acknowledge these compliments but at the same time feels very small, whereas a man rather fresh at the "willow" smiles blandly, looks extremely conscious, walks around the wicket, and again settles down for another horizontal display.

The matches of greatest interest which have taken place this year in Canada are the unfortunate tour of the "Yorkvilles" among whom three Trinity men did the best service. Then the Zingari team under the captaincy of Mr. Kirchoffier, of Port Hope, went to the States but were defeated in their encounters with the Americans. The Chicago eleven who made a tour of Ontario were hardly more successful, being victorious over the Toronto club alone. The Montrealers found their match at Port Hope although they defeated Hamilton, which was rather