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## EDITORIAL NOTE

IN submitting this latest production to members of the Carlton Cricket Club, we should like to take the opportunity of expressing our warm thanks for the kind and encouraging reception accorded to our previous historical records. Our friends of the Press have always been particularly kind and flattering, and the numerous appreciative letters received from various sources were very gratifying indeed to us.

It is far from being our intention to make these abstracts and brief chronicles of the time an annual affair, but we felt unable to refuse the general request of our members that the practice should be continued for this year at least.

We are greatly indebted to Mr R. D. Devlin, Mr A. Walker, and other members for the photographs they kindly placed at our disposal. This year's book has been more or less written round these excellent photographs, and they will, as the immortal Pooh-Bah puts it, lend an air of artistic verisimilitude to an otherwise bald and unconvincing narrative.

*November 1923.*

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# CARLTON CRICKET CLUB, 1ST XI., 1923



W. H. R. ALDERSON.	L. A. WOODS,	J. TRAILL,	C. H. TAYLOR.	DR. J. E. PHILLIPS.	G. T. PATERSON.
DR R. E. BATSON.	C. S. PATERSON.	DR N. L. STEVENSON.	J. W. SORRIE.	A. WALKER.	
		(Captain.)			
		S. M. STURGEON.			R. M. GOURLAY.

## SEASON 1923



THE season just closed has not been an ideal one from a cricketer's point of view, owing to the want of sun and the many wet Saturdays. However, the results of the matches should give great satisfaction to the Club, as they have done to me as Skipper, because out of 31 matches not one was lost. More were drawn than last year, but this was due on several occasions to the rain, as we were well on our way to victory when the games were stopped, and it is not every season a team can win 24 matches out of 27 played, as we did in season 1921. A complete list of the scores for the whole season is given later on, from which it will be seen that our average for each wicket lost was 38.

No less than nine centuries were made, four falling to W. H. R. Alderson, two to R. E. Batson, and one each to J. W. Sorrie, J. E. Phillips, and C. H. Taylor. The bowling was materially weakened by the loss of A. E. Sellars and H. D. Wright, but, with the material at our command, we did remarkably well. The brunt of the bowling fell on C. S. Paterson, and I regretted having to take so much out of him, but, like the good sportsman he is, he stuck to it many times when he was played out. He again got 100 wickets. Alec. Walker came on tremendously as a bowler, and on soft wickets met with great success. As already mentioned, the batting strength was tremendous, and the honours were well divided among our leading batsmen. R. E. Batson, who, in my opinion, is the best and most finished batsman in Scotland, was first with an average of 67—a really remarkably fine performance considering he was laid off during part of the season. W. H. R. Alderson was just a point behind him, and amassed the record aggre-

gate of 1324 runs. He proved himself a terrible punisher of the bowling when set. Against the Highland Brigade at Inverness he scored 54 runs in thirteen minutes. J. E. Phillips for a long time was running neck and neck with Batson and Alderson, but, owing to his good sportsmanship, he occasionally threw away his wicket to get runs quickly in order to win or let us declare earlier, and so fell a little behind. His innings were always enjoyed, and his sixes, which he hit regularly every match, delighted the spectators. As already stated, C. S. Paterson did yeoman service as a trundler, but was no whit behind in batting, and some of the most valuable knocks from the Club's point of view came from him, both in winning and saving the matches. In fact, to me he was invaluable on and off the field,—always at practice and helping me in every way. Alec. Walker played many beautiful innings and is becoming a leading batsman. I hope to see him in the Scottish side very soon.

G. T. Paterson and R. M. Gourlay got few opportunities, but showed they have lost none of their brilliance. The other members got no chance of distinguishing themselves at all with the bat,—one of the drawbacks of having such a good side. S. M. Sturgeon kept wickets in his own inimitable way. The leading feature of our cricket was our festival, when S. F. Barnes (the all-England bowler) visited us on June 27 and 28. The game against the Scottish Counties was most exciting, and the matches a great success.

The numbers of playing members were most satisfactory,—three elevens playing regularly,—but the number practising was most disappointing. No cricketer can hope to do justice either to his Club or himself in matches unless he practises regularly and diligently at the nets. Yet all through the season only a mere handful of our members put in any practice at all. That we were nevertheless successful in the matches is beside the point,—we certainly did not deserve to do so well,—and I would like to draw the attention of all our playing members to this most important matter.

Our Tour proved a great success, but that is dealt with in full later.



The President, our Patrons, and Lady Members were most kind and generous in providing us with tea and other gifts during the season, and I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Devlin especially for all their kind help during the Barnes Festival. My thanks are also due to the members of the Club for their loyal support and help throughout this very successful season.

N. L. S.

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#### Record of Card Matches Played Since the War

Season	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1919 ..	18	16	0	2
1920 ..	27	22	1	4
1921 ..	27	24	1	2
1922 ..	29	21	2	6
1923 ..	31	21	0	10
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## CANDID CRITICISMS

RUDD ALDERSON : **A**n ornament and acquisition to Grange Loan.

**B**atting success of Scottish season, with four centuries and huge aggregate.

**C**onversational comedian in the slips.

**D**eservedly popular with the fair supporters.

R. E. BATSON : **A**bsolutely Scotland's most stylish bat.

**B**est average of Carlton season.

**C**onversational accomplice of Rudd in the slips.

**D**elightful cricket companion.

R. S. CLARK : **A** real first-class bat and a "white" man.

**B**een Devon County's star turn since going South.

**C**onstantly refreshing with his Antarctic anecdotes.

**D**isguised himself as a wicket-keeper in the North.

A. S. CAIRNS : **A** past master with bat and ball.

**B** . . . expert, now retired hurt.

**C**ricket enthusiast of the first water.

**D**istinguished member of Scottish Selection Committee.

ROY GOURLAY : **A**crobatc performer at point.

**B**est exponent of off-drive.

**C**urly locks cause feminine admiration.

**D**oes not believe in over-tiring himself.

"A NORTHERN LIGHT"



R. S. CLARK

"ONCE MORE INTO THE BREACH"



C. S. PATERSON at Hamilton Crescent

- C. S. PATERSON : **A**s an all-rounder, match-winner,  
match-saver, unequalled.  
**B**owls all day without remonstrance.  
**C**an give points to any other Shakespearean exponent.  
**D**erives pleasure from cryptic criticism  
of the "comics."
- G. T. PATERSON : **A** sure shield when things going badly.  
**B**ats left-handed and keeps long-leg  
busy.  
**C**onsiders climate at Craiglockhart congenial.  
**D**eveloped eloquence after Drumpellier  
match.
- J. E. PHILLIPS : **A** bird-fancier and all-round cricketer.  
**B**ecoming a regular member of Scottish XI.  
**C**ollects chickweed while in the long-field.  
**D**earest loves his Saturday sixes.
- J. W. SORRIE : **A** household name in Scottish cricket.  
**B**rechin may well be proud of him.  
**C**omic singer and entertainer of high  
repute.  
**D**oes occasionally appear at Ground  
*after* practice.
- S. M. STURGEON : **A** little *multum in parvo* at wickets.  
**B**atted once this season.  
**C**omes from a cricketing county.  
**D**isplays astonishing agility in stopping  
leg balls.

J. TRAILL :

**A** careful and conscientious Secretary.

**B**eloved hero of the little girls.

**C**arries Grange Loan walls "twice nightly" at the nets.

**D**edicates shirt-sleeves to household uses.

A. WALKER :

**A**wfully good Treasurer and gives precedence to none as a safe and straight bat.

**B**owls with great confidence on soft wickets.

**C**ontinually trying to emulate Charles' poetical flights.

**D**ances divinely and dearly delights in the dangers of "honourable advancement."

L. A. WOODS :

**A** batsman who should make more runs.

**B**een invaluable at the piano on tour.

**C**riticises veteran members too freely at times.

**D**ecidedly safe fielder in the slips.

N. L. S.



# **1ST XI. MATCHES—List of Scores during Season 1923**

Opponents	Carlton Score	Wickets Lost
Brunswick .. .. .	159	8
Edinburgh Institution F.P.	211	5
Hawick .. .. .	279	7
Perthshire .. .. .	74	4
Edinburgh University ..	253	3
Fettes College .. ..	127	0
Glasgow Academicals ..	123	3
Loretto .. .. .	169	2
Drumpellier .. .. .	97	3
Meadows XI. .. .. .	244	5
Merchiston Castle .. ..	222	3
Royal High School F.P. ..	156	10
1st Batt. H.L.I. .. ..	233	3
Greenock .. .. .	123	3
Tynemouth .. .. .	197	7
Scottish Counties .. ..	138	10
Edinburgh Academicals ..	92	3
Watson's College .. ..	134	0
Watsonians .. .. .	204	6
West of Scotland .. ..	125	7
Cupar .. .. .	213	6
Dunfermline .. .. .	205	5
Heriot's F.P. .. .. .	226	1
Paisley XI. .. .. .	124	7
Dunfermline Carnegie ..	204	3
Aboyne .. .. .	109	1
Balmoral XI. .. .. .	230	8
Forres .. .. .	264	9
Highland Brigade .. ..	255	4
Nairn County .. .. .	203	4
Northern Counties .. ..	61	4
	<u>5454</u>	<u>144</u>

Average per wicket, 37·91.

### THE BARNES FESTIVAL

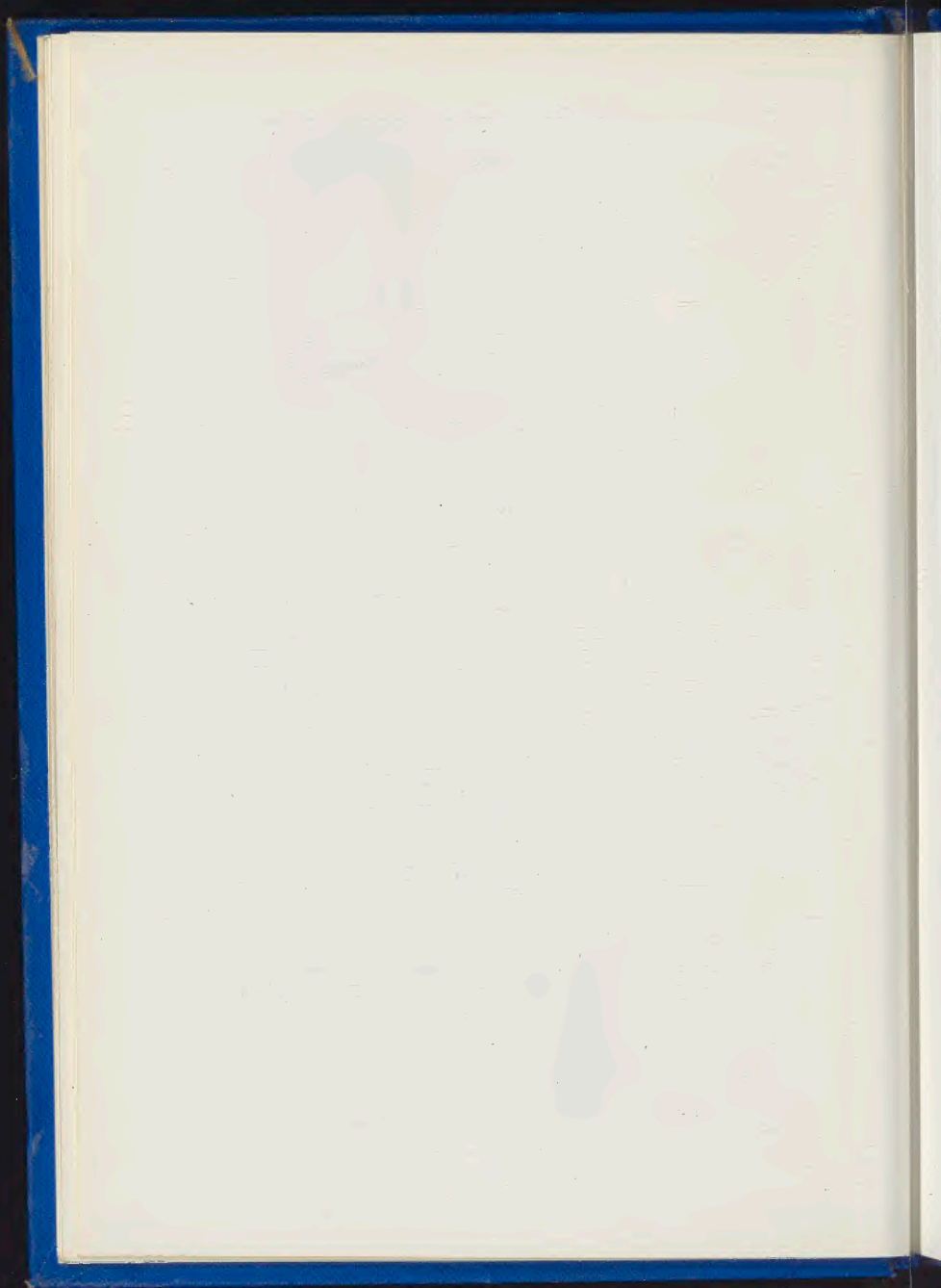
As in 1922, one of the outstanding events of this season's cricket was the visit to Grange Loan of the famous all-England bowler, S. F. Barnes, whose name is a household word wherever cricket is played. Many wonderful bowling performances stand to Barnes' credit, and it may be recalled that P. F. Warner, one of the greatest present-day authorities on cricket, has written of Barnes as follows :—

“ The Australians have always maintained that Barnes is the greatest bowler we ever sent them. It may certainly be maintained that he has never had a superior, and very few equals. He was the best bowler on all wickets that I have met, having every good quality—spin, break both ways, flight, and accuracy.”

On this occasion two matches were arranged : the first, on 27th June, against Tynemouth, an English side from the Newcastle district, and the other on 28th June against a representative Scottish Counties XI., captained by T. A. Bowie, of Clackmannan County. Barnes played on our side in both games, and Grange Loan supporters took full advantage of the opportunity to see for themselves this world-famous bowler in action. The enterprise was not too well supported by the general cricket public, but our main object was to provide an interesting and educative event for Scottish cricketers,—the financial aspect of the game being a secondary matter entirely. The ground was in splendid order for these matches, and as we were favoured with fine weather the venture proved most enjoyable to players and spectators alike. Mr R. D. Devlin, one of our patrons, was kind enough to interest himself in the festival, and we were greatly indebted to him for his generous support. The tea arrangements for the two days were



CARLTON v. SCOTTISH COUNTIES XI.



entirely in the hands of Mr and Mrs Devlin, and, thanks to their efforts, this important part of the festival was perhaps even more successful and enjoyable than the cricket itself. Our old friend, A. S. Cairns, also lent invaluable aid, and his strenuous work as General Managing Director ensured the complete success of our efforts.

The first game resulted in an easy win. The Tynemouth batsmen were butchered to make a Roman holiday, and the side was all out for 90 runs,—Barnes taking 9 wickets for 29 in 17 overs. H. R. Davies played Barnes very well in making 35, and Cecil Kerr, of the Watsonian XI., hit out splendidly and contributed a dashing 25. Our score was 197 for 7 wickets,—Barnes making 45, and R. E. Batson and W. H. R. Alderson 47 and 61 respectively.

The Scottish Counties XI., however, was a very good side indeed, and this match provided the best and most exciting game played at Grange Loan all season. J. A. Ferguson, of Perthshire, M. Wilson, of Clackmannan County, and W. Anderson, of Fifeshire, all bowled exceedingly well, and, apart from a splendid display by J. W. Sorrie, our batting was rather weak. The Brechin pet had struck a bad patch at the start of the season, and could not get going as of yore, but in this game he showed all the old delightful skill, and his innings at a critical stage was invaluable to the side.

Our total of 138 was a very moderate score on such a good wicket, and at one stage of the Counties' innings it looked odds on our losing the match. Three of our opponents were out for 3 runs, and four for 13, but N. M. Halley (Clackmannan County) played a very steady innings, while his clubmate, M. Wilson, took his courage in both hands and hit with refreshing vigour. A glorious catch by Batson at mid-off got rid of this dangerous smiter, but W. Anderson and A. West both batted well, and the game was keenly fought right to the last over. The Counties wanted 26 runs to win with 3 wickets in hand, and T. A. Bowie and West,—playing confidently and well,—had reduced the deficit to 16 runs, and were still undefeated. Just at this stage, Joe Phillips brought off a great catch at



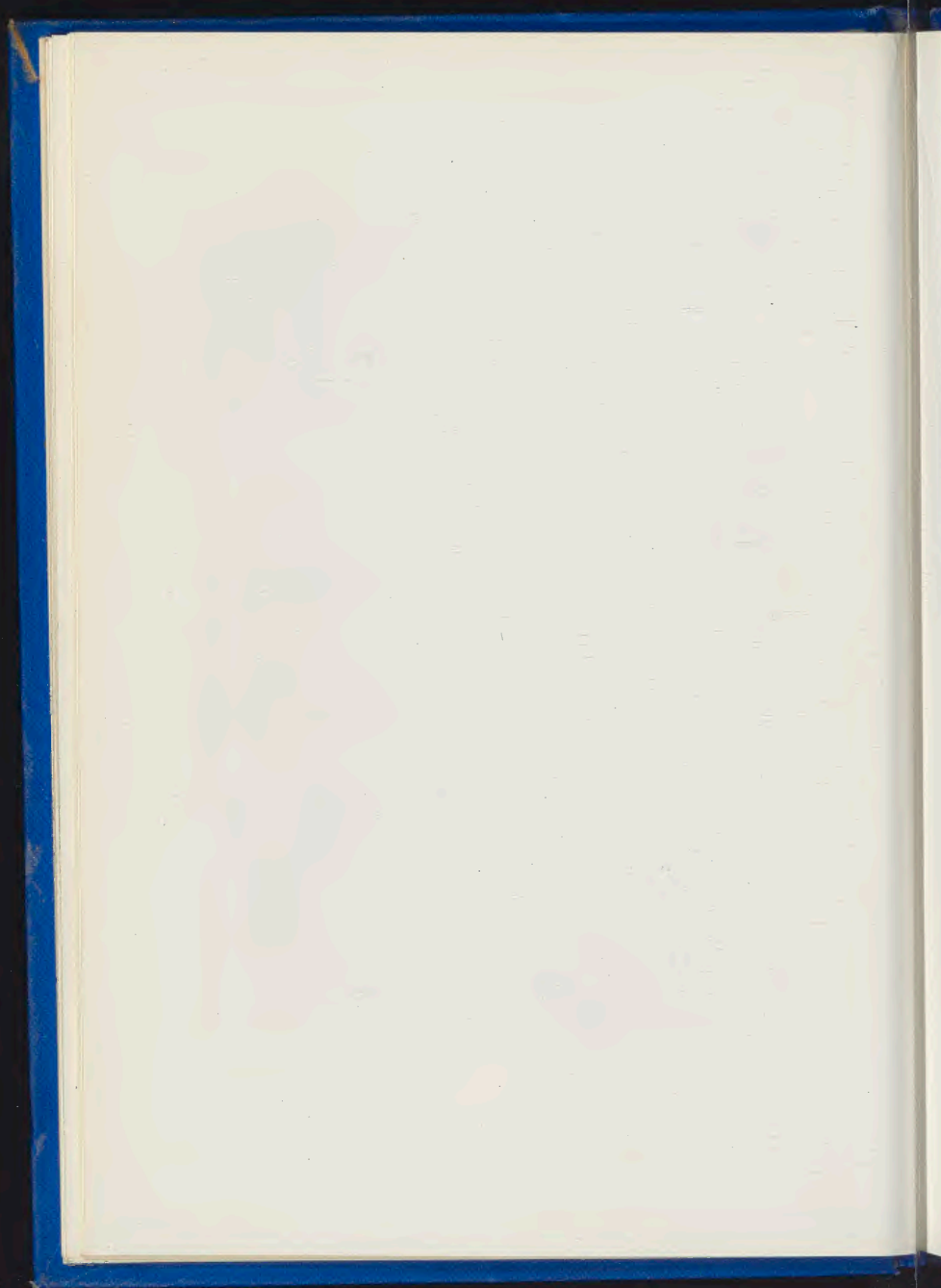
silly short-leg which disposed of Bowie, and with Barnes taking the remaining 2 wickets in the same over, we scraped home by the narrow margin of 16 runs. Barnes' figures were 8 for 57 in this game, but the Counties batsmen put up an excellent performance and deserve all credit for the gallant fight they made.



S. F. BARNES AT GRANGE LOAN



SKIPPER WORKING OVERTIME AT THE BARNES FESTIVAL



**LADIES' MATCH**

A MID-WEEK game of a rather unusual kind was played at Grange Loan on the afternoon of 2nd July, when we engaged in an encounter with the young ladies of Craigmount School, who practise cricket on our ground during the summer. Everyone knows that members of the fair sex are taking up nowadays, with marked success, various spheres of endeavour which were formerly considered masculine preserves, and, judging by this game, the ladies will very soon have to be taken seriously on the cricket field.

Ladies' cricket matches ! The thought opens up a wide field for speculation, and suggests infinite possibilities of starting this "brighter cricket" about which so much nonsense is talked nowadays. Dwell on the idea for a moment ! Imagine Lords or the Oval, as the scene of a Test Match between the ladies of England and Australia or France ! Picture the different charming costumes worn by the fair exponents, and the discussion in the pavilion on the colour-scheme of the latest fashionable attire from Paris. And would this absorbing discussion cease during the course of the match ? Or would "talked out" become one of the regulation methods of dismissing opponents ? What of the umpires, too ? Picture our worthy Secretary acting at one end, and that dashing blade, Alderson, at the other ! Could any mere man be trusted to steel his heart and give impartial decisions ? A winsome smile or an appealing look would bring about more bad lbw. decisions than the most frenzied "How's That ?" of to-day ! One can easily picture these, and many other fascinating scenes, but the imagination reels before the thought of what our present-day bugbear, the Tea Interval, would become under the new conditions !

However, these pictures have nothing to do with the Craigmount School ladies, so let us leave the alluring realms of fancy and return to Grange Loan and cricket. This afternoon match proved most interesting and successful in every way, and not the least enjoyable part of the programme was the tea kindly provided by Mrs Kyd for both players



and spectators. The cricketing ability shown by our opponents was very promising indeed, and the school coach may well feel gratified at the successful results already achieved. The batsmen (or should it be batswomen?) punished our left-handed attack in light-hearted manner, and several of them made runs all round the wicket in very good style.

Miss Boath, Miss Panton, Miss Marsden, and Miss Ingles all batted well,—some of their strokes being really first-class,—and altogether the whole side gave a most promising display. The bowling, too, was wonderfully accurate for ladies, and the work of the side in the field reached a very high standard indeed. Pavilion critics were all agreed that it was a most unusual treat to see keenness and enthusiasm in the field at Grange Loan, and the hope was freely expressed that certain lethargic members of our 1st XI. would profit by the ladies' example in this respect.

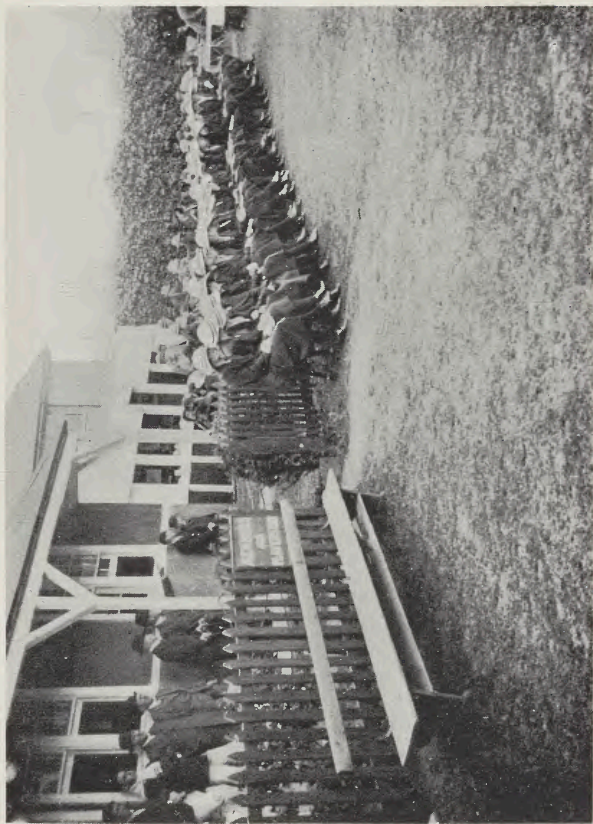
By way of saving their self-respect, our players batted left-handed, and the feature of our innings was a really fine knock by Mr J. G. Kyd, who played so well that doubts were expressed as to his being really a right-handed batsman! Mr Kyd's splendid display was duly noted for future reference, and we are looking forward to his appearance next season in more serious contests.

### Scores

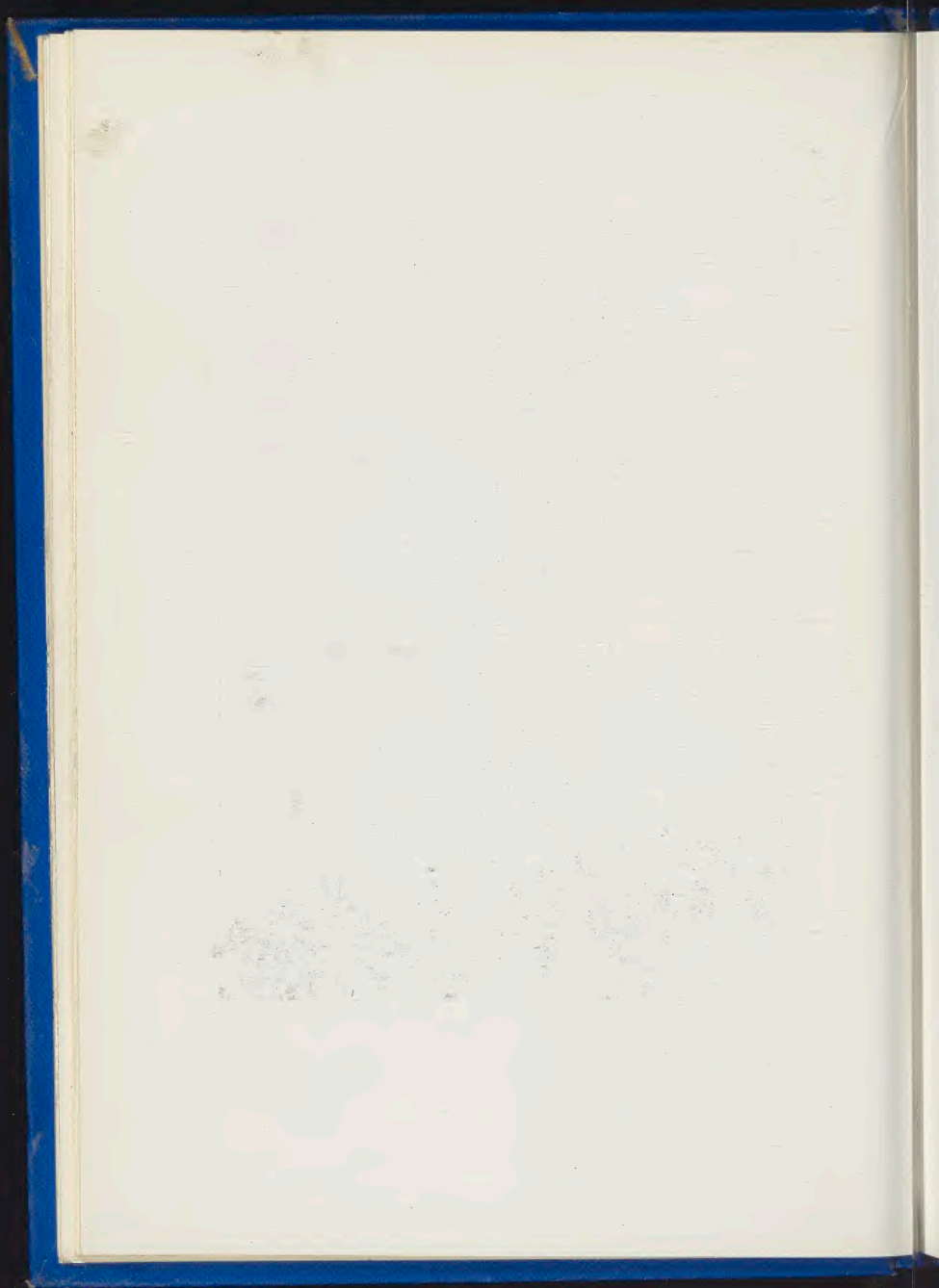
#### CRAIGMOUNT SCHOOL

Marjory Henderson, b Gourlay	..	..	..	1
Lottie Marsden, c Traill, b Slater	..	..	..	26
Geddes Ingles, c Stevenson, b Scott	..	..	..	23
Hilda Simpson, b Gourlay	..	..	..	3
Jennie Scott, b Prain	..	..	..	15
Connie Panton, b C. S. Paterson	..	..	..	21
Pamela Bryning, hit wicket, b Prain	..	..	..	3
Miss Boath, c and b C. S. Paterson	..	..	..	19
Janet White, c Stevenson, b Dacker	..	..	..	18
Gertrude Hunter, c Stevenson, b C. S. Paterson	..	..	..	3
Joyce Bristow, c Mortimer, b C. S. Paterson	..	..	..	1
J. Rigg, c Stevenson, b Dacker	..	..	..	0
Norah Ferguson, c Stevenson, b Dacker	..	..	..	11
Dorothea Maclellan, c Stevenson, b Gourlay	..	..	..	11
Lily Hunter, not out	..	..	..	5
Total	..	..	..	160





OUR FAIR SUPPORTERS FROM CRAIGMOUNT



## LADIES' MATCH

27

## CARLTON

J. G. Kyd, c Geddes Ingles, b Pamela Bryning	32
S. Dacker, c Gertrude Hunter, b Hilda Simpson	47
R. M. Gourlay, c Miss Boath, b Connie Panton	15
A. Sclater, b Pamela Bryning .. .. .	3
M. D. Prain, b Pamela Bryning .. .. .	0
C. A. Scott, b Jennie Scott .. .. .	13
J. Mortimer, b Connie Panton .. .. .	21
J. Traill, c Miss Boath, b Pamela Bryning ..	5
N. L. Stevenson, not out .. .. .	21
C. S. Paterson, not out .. .. .	23

Total for 8 wickets .. .. 180

G. T. Paterson did not bat.

**L. B. MOSS SEES "NIRVANA"***(A fantasy by one of our modern poets)*

LAST night as I lay on my pillow,  
A vision most rare did I see :  
It was all of the field and the willow,  
And a test-match for which they'd picked—me.

So I went up to Lords one fine morning,  
And soon was attired for the fight  
In my flannels and shoes, and adorning  
My head a sun-hat new and bright.

Then I shook hands with Harris and Lacey ;  
I said " How d'ye do " to Jack Hobbs ;  
I hob-nobbed with Fry, and in case he  
Got uppish, I detailed his " blobs."

And he bowled me a few down for practice,  
Just to show his respect, for you see  
He'd been dropped from the side, and the fact is  
His place had been given to me.

The toss England won and we started,  
But Gregory bowled like a gun,  
And soon all our hopes had departed—  
Seven out for a hundred and one !

Hobbs still stayed as I went to the wicket—  
" Keep your end up," I hissed as I passed ;  
" I'll show the crowd how to play cricket,  
For a Carlton man's game to the last."



OUR FAIR SUPPORTERS FROM CRAIGMOUNT





Now like glass was the wicket that day,  
And large as a football the "pill,"  
And I soon saw the bowlers' dismay  
As I cut, drove, and pulled them at will.

Gregory, Armstrong, and Mailey,  
Without favour I punished each one,  
We passed the two hundred quite gaily,  
And soon my own hundred was done.

I started to hit after that,  
With sixes and fours turn about;  
At the close I had carried my bat  
For a perfect two hundred not-out.

Then I saw my old friends in the Pav.—  
There was Sandy with beer all complete;  
And James enquired what I would have,  
And Stevie laid bats at my feet.

Ah! glorious the scene was and splendid,  
And sad that so soon it had sped!  
I awoke, and the vision was ended:  
But there was a post-card which said—

"Dear Sir, you're selected to play  
Against Mull for the Carlton 'B'";  
As I read it I cried out, "Hooray!  
I may beat my record score—three."

A. W.

## REVISITING THE GLIMPSES OF THE MOON

" . . . What may this mean, that thou  
Revisit'st thus the glimpses of the moon,  
Making night hideous ? "

*Hamlet*, Act i, sc. iv.

LONG-SUFFERING Carlton Cricket Club members will be glad to hear that I have turned a deaf ear for once to the Skipper's blandishments, and have declined to write a detailed story of our latest tour in the North of Scotland.

I have already fully described the two previous tours (in Deeside and Donside respectively), and a story on similar lines of another tour in the same districts would be tedious to all concerned. The annual tour, however, has now come to be considered *the* outstanding event of our Carlton season, and no historical booklet would be complete unless it included some account of the tour. The following, therefore, is simply a brief unvarnished record, and anyone who desires fuller information as to the itinerary, may refer to last year's *Morayshire Manœuvres* for details. This year's efforts were very similar, and, needless to say, we all enjoyed to the full our " revisit to the glimpses of the moon."

## Act I.—BALLATER

Our headquarters for the first stage of the tour were at Ballater, and a varied and enjoyable programme was carried out during our sojourn in this delightful district.

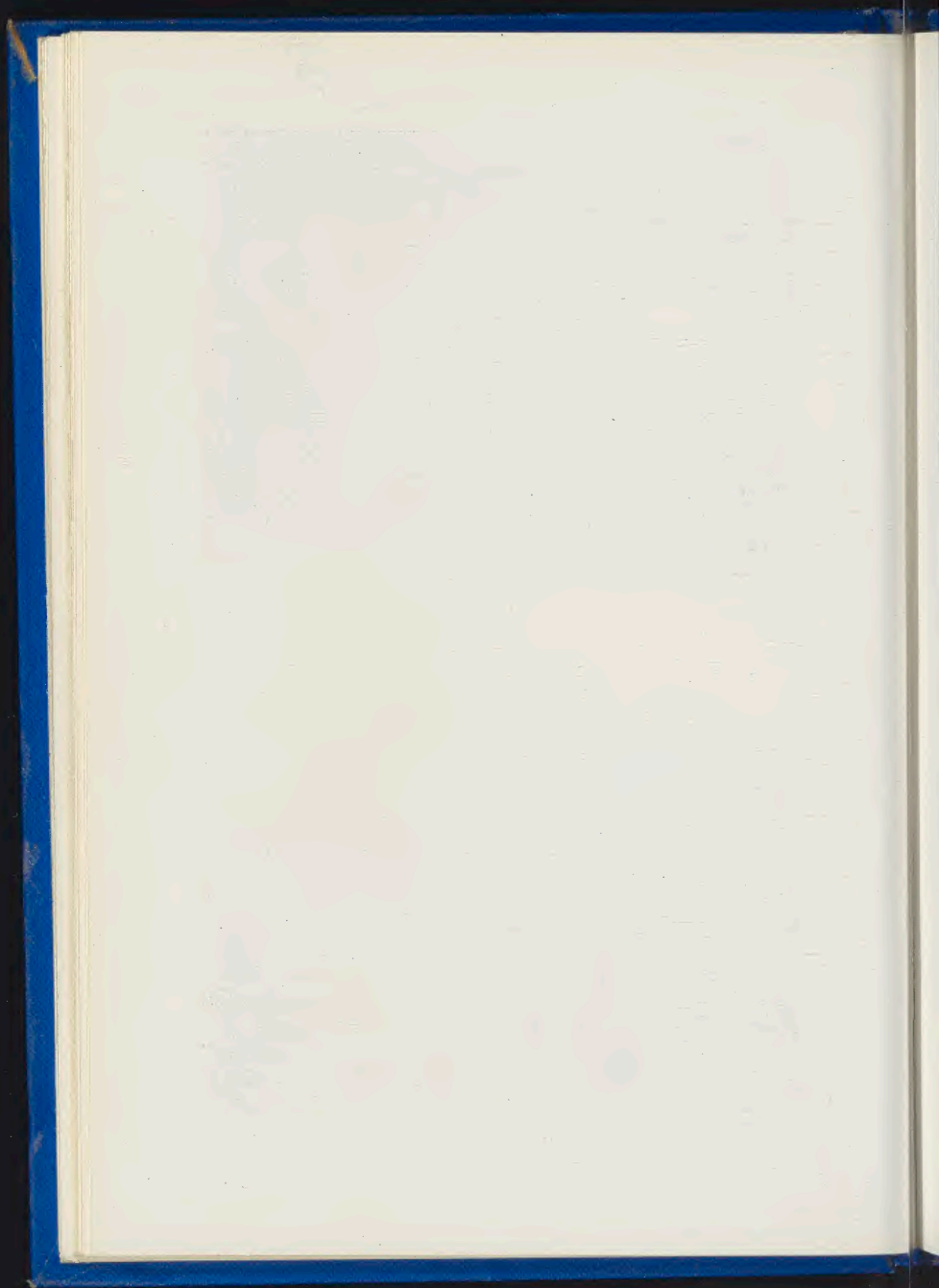
The tour officially commenced on the night of 30th–31st August, and, among other amusements, we turned out in force to a performance of *Guy Mannering*, which was rendered in most accomplished style by a company of local



AT G.H.Q., BALLATER



A SECTION OF THE TROOPS AT ABOYNE





amateurs. Our distinguished friend, Mr R. D. Devlin, filled in the usual interval by an unrehearsed presentation of prizes,—his eloquent address being greatly appreciated by audience and players alike.

The first match was at Aboyne, and we started the tour in great style with a nine wickets' victory.

### **Carlton v. Aboyne—31st August**

Aboyne had a pretty useful side for this match, and A. E. Vogler, the famous South African googly bowler, was included in their XI. Our opponents had first knock, and on a soft but easy wicket we did remarkably well to get them out for 65. The Skipper distinguished himself by catching a red-hot drive at mid-off; Murray brought off a nicely judged effort at extra-cover, and G. W. Lawson put in some excellent work, both in the slips and at third man. The outstanding feature of the game, however, was a splendid batting display by the brothers Lawson. The wicket had cut up considerably during our opponent's innings, but both Lawsons were quite at home on it from the start, and played Vogler's googlies with the utmost confidence. By careful watching of the ball and a rock-like defence, they wore down the bowling, and while "T. M." brought off some perfectly timed cuts and drives, "G. W." exploited the pull-shot with equal success. Any ball at all on the short side was promptly and efficiently punished, and one stroke to deep long-leg finished up somewhere in the next parish. The boundary was not too clearly defined in this direction, but George had to rest content with the orthodox four, instead of the eight or nine which might easily have been run for this great effort!

The Lawsons were both undefeated at the close of play, and they have every reason to look back with feelings of satisfaction on their match-winning partnership at Aboyne.

Without wishing to detract in any way from this fine performance, it is only fair to remember that a drizzling rain was falling before the game finished, and the Aboyne bowlers were naturally handicapped to some extent by the wet ball.

## Scores

## ABOYNE

J. Outram, lbw, b Walker	..	..	..	8
C. H. Webster, b Paterson	..	..	..	5
Vogler, b Paterson	..	..	..	3
R. G. M'Kerron, run out	..	..	..	9
S. Pelty, c Stevenson, b Walker	..	..	..	14
L. Horne, b Paterson	..	..	..	1
C. W. Mackie, c Murray, b Walker	..	..	..	0
A. C. Bremner, not out	..	..	..	11
W. Richardson, c Mortimer, b Walker	..	..	..	0
G. L. Watson, b Paterson	..	..	..	8
W. E. Philip, b Paterson	..	..	..	0
Extras	..	..	..	6
Total	..	..	..	65

Paterson 5 for 17 ; Walker 4 for 41.

## CARLTON

R. S. Clark, lbw, b Vogler	..	..	..	2
T. M. Lawson, not out	..	..	..	55
G. W. Lawson, not out	..	..	..	38
Extras	..	..	..	14

Total for 1 wicket .. .. 109

A. Walker, J. Mortimer, L. A. Woods, C. S. Paterson, N. L. Stevenson, J. M. Murray, and R. M. Gourlay did not bat.

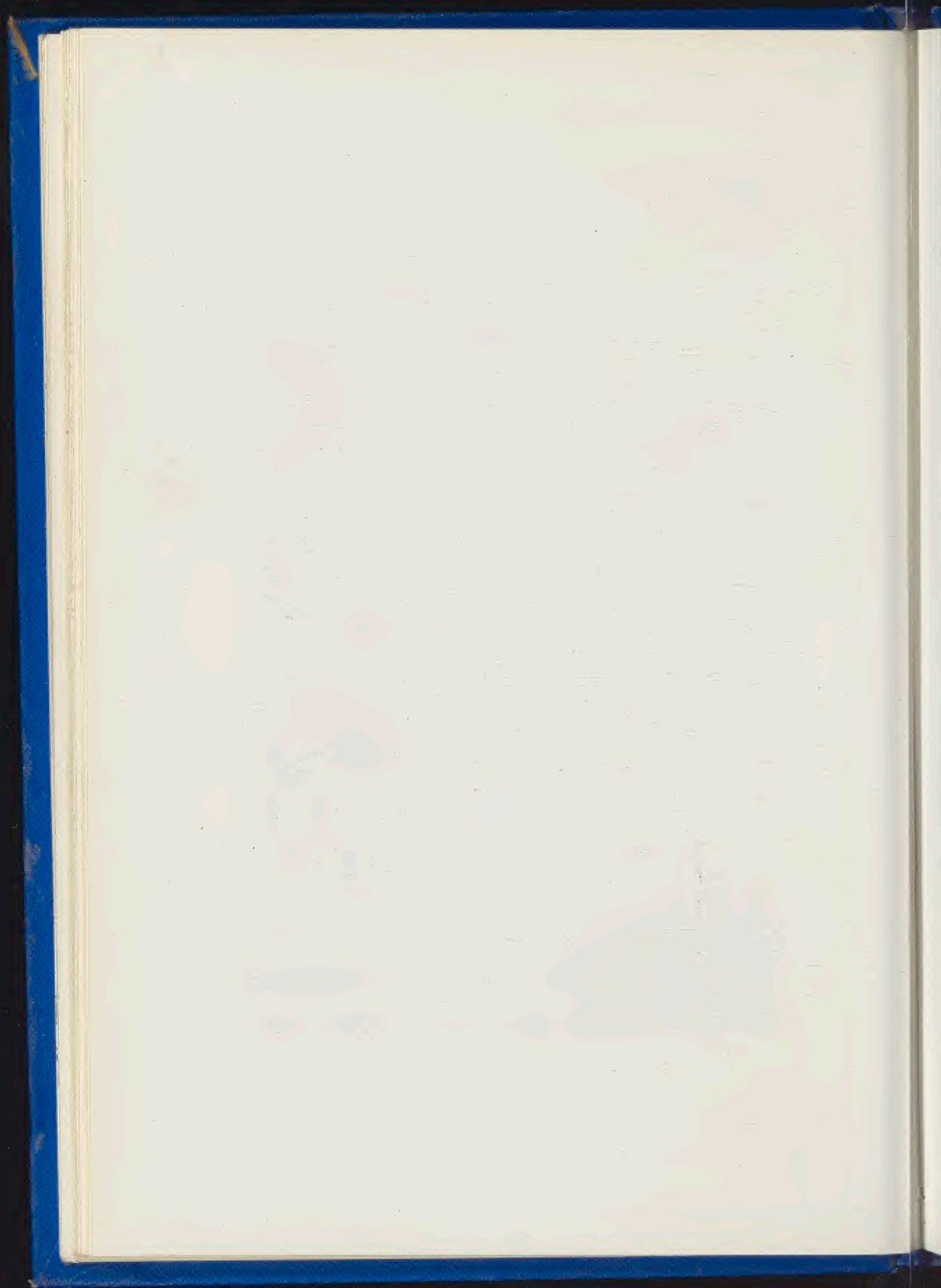
## Carlton v. Monaltrie C.C.

Monaltrie Cricket Club at Ballater was the fixture for Saturday, 1st September, but unfortunately rain washed the game out completely. Twice play was attempted during slightly less heavy showers, but the rain was too persistent and the game had reluctantly to be abandoned. Sitting in a cricket pavilion looking in vain for patches of blue sky is the dreariest part of the game, but we were fortunate on this particular occasion in having two distinguished raconteurs (Mr R. D. Devlin and Mr T. M. Lawson) to beguile the tedium of the wet afternoon.

Saturday night was perhaps even more wet than the afternoon had been ! We entertained the local cricket side and their supporters to a smoking concert in the " Victory



R. D. DEVLIN AT THE FALLS OF LUI





Hut," and a very pleasant evening was spent in the manner customary at such functions. Mr Devlin presided over the gathering in admirable style, and our old friend, Mr Dawson, of the Monaltrie C.C., stood at Mr Devlin's left hand and assisted most valiantly in keeping the bridge. Both sides contributed various items to the programme, and though more play was possible on this occasion, it was again reluctantly decided to abandon the match.

The great reception accorded to Dr Stevenson when he rose to reply for our Club was a striking tribute to his popularity with our Ballater friends.

No man has done more to encourage and foster cricket in the North of Scotland, and his personally conducted tours are now a feature of the cricket season there. Our Skipper was in great form at this gathering, and his eloquent and moving speech raised the enthusiasm of the audience to fever heat.

### **SUNDAY, 2nd September**

The weather was more kind to us on the Sunday, and a most enjoyable day was spent in various enterprises and outings. Those of us who had been on the 1921 tour found great pleasure in revisiting the familiar scenes, and in pointing out the beauties of the glorious Deeside district to the neophytes who were seeing it for the first time.

The famous drive to the "Linn of Dee" was again the outstanding event, and on this trip we broke new ground by visiting the Falls of Lui and following the course of the river there.

### **Carlton v. Royal Household XI.—3rd September**

Unfortunately the Household side had been sadly depleted for this match,—several of their best players being unable to assist owing to the prior claims of grouse-shooting and other sports. The three best batsmen remaining were all cheaply disposed of early on, and the game thereafter was much too one-sided to be interesting.



As usual, however, the most generous hospitality was shown us by the Household side, and the delightful day at Balmoral was voted the most enjoyable outing of the whole tour.

Features of the game were a very fine innings by Mr J. Copple for our opponents, and the excellent form shown in the field by Mr Devlin, who kindly agreed to fill Clark's place for the day.

### Scores

#### ROYAL HOUSEHOLD

Lieut. J. Orr, c G. W. Lawson, b Paterson	2
A. Busby, b Paterson .. .. .	2
Lieut. Innes, b Paterson .. .. .	0
A. Mitchell, b Stevenson .. .. .	3
J. Copple, b Stevenson .. .. .	30
J. Kemp, b Hattle .. .. .	0
A. Seabright, b Stevenson .. .. .	0
F. Mitchell, b Stevenson .. .. .	10
J. Weatherly, run out .. .. .	3
C. Fryens, b Stevenson .. .. .	0
G. Word, not out .. .. .	6
Extras .. .. .	5
Total .. .. .	61

Paterson .. .. .	3 for 5
Stevenson .. .. .	5 „ 15
Hattle .. .. .	1 „ 18

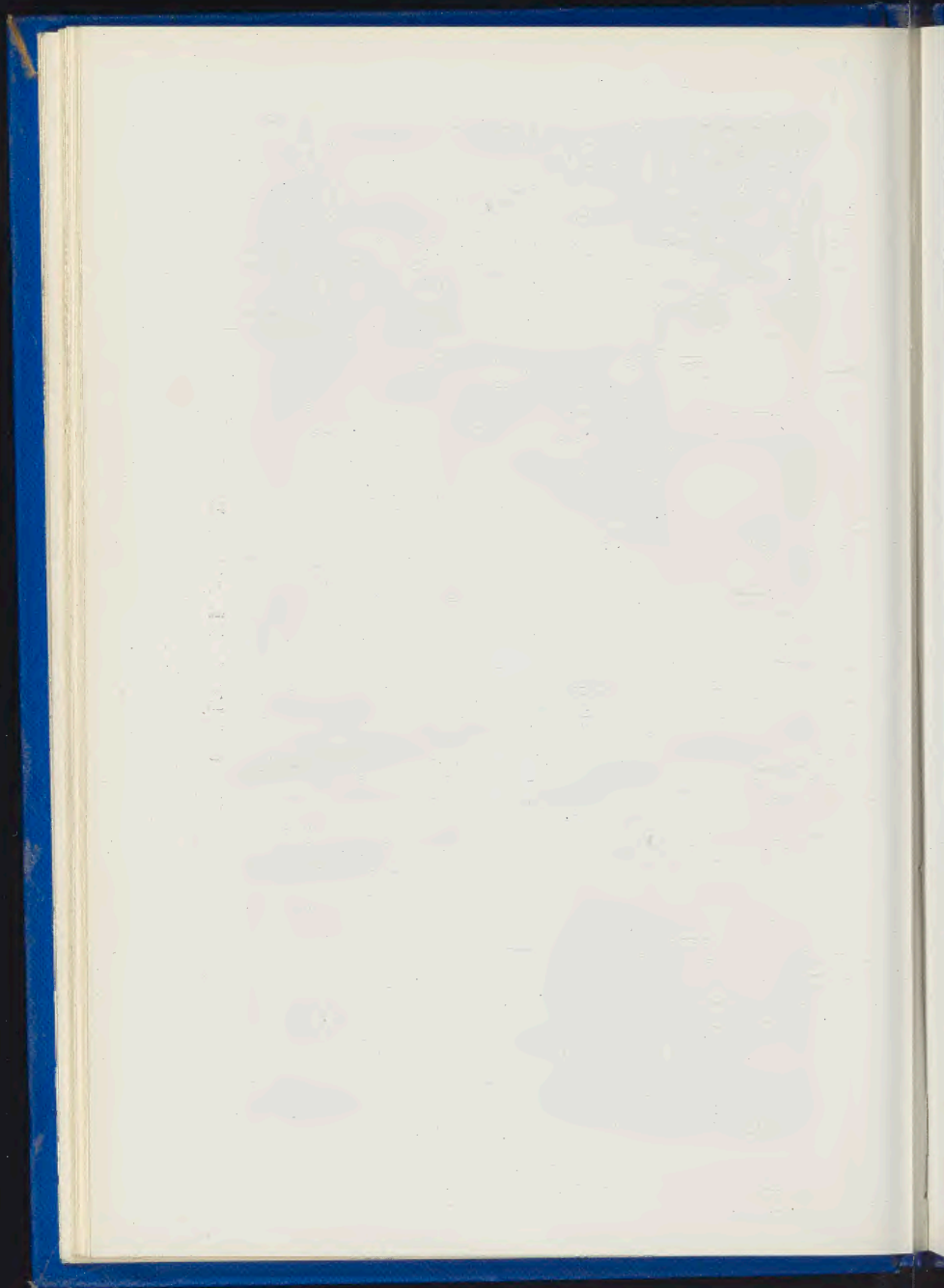
#### CARLTON

J. M. Murray, b Weatherly .. .. .	4
R. M. Gourlay, b Busby .. .. .	9
A. Walker, b Busby .. .. .	0
W. H. R. Alderson, c Weatherly, b Copple	88
T. M. Lawson, c Word, b Busby .. .. .	19
G. W. Lawson, b Weatherly .. .. .	27
C. S. Paterson, b Weatherly .. .. .	33
N. L. Stevenson, b Busby .. .. .	28
R. G. Hattle, not out .. .. .	11
Extras .. .. .	12
Total for 8 wickets .. .. .	231

R. N. Gibson and R. D. Devlin did not bat.



THE CARLTON XI. AT BALMORAL





THE COMBINED XI.'S—BALMORAL



IN THE GROUNDS, BALMORAL





### Farewell Concert

This game concluded our official engagements in the Ballater district, and a farewell concert was held at night in the Loirston Hotel. Once again our invaluable friend, Mr Devlin, made an ideal chairman, and in addition to his usual entertaining remarks, he favoured us with a rendering of "Annie Laurie" which brought down the house. The brothers Lawson were also again outstanding performers, and the Skipper's turn took the form of a presentation to Mrs Lamont for her many kindnesses during our stay at Ballater.

### Act II.—FORRES

Tuesday, 4th September, was spent motoring over to Forres by charabanc,—a somewhat chilly experience, relieved by halts made en route at Kildrummy and Huntly. We received a warm welcome on arriving at Cluny Hill Hydropathic, and found the inhabitants of the moon just as kind and attentive as they had been on our visit last year.

### Carlton *v.* Forres—5th September

The wicket and outfield at Forres had been vastly improved since our last visit, and the jungle which worried our tired fielders on that occasion had now entirely disappeared. Everything came off for us in this year's match, and with Alderson at the top of his form, the local side had a pretty busy afternoon's leather-hunting. The soft, spongy wicket was admirably suited for Alderson's famous hook-stroke, and against a rather sketchy attack he had no difficulty in rattling up a well-hit century. Ball after ball was dispatched either between or over the various fieldsmen on the leg-side, and his splendid innings (which included 6 sixes and 17 fours) was also marked by beautifully timed straight and off driving.

Alderson retired for refreshment after making his century, and several of our other batsmen carried on the six-hitting competition with more or less success.

**Scores****FORRES**

Dr Adam, c Hattle, b Walker	..	..	3
A. H. Taylor, b Walker	..	..	2
Ogden (Prof.), b Paterson	..	..	1
A. D. M'Intosh, b Walker	..	..	10
H. A. Leitch, b Walker	..	..	7
A. G. Stuart, b Walker	..	..	9
A. W. Stewart, b Paterson	..	..	1
P. C. Coutts, c G. W. Lawson, b Paterson			3
G. R. Singer, not out	..	..	7
D. Rose, b Walker	..	..	3
R. Ross, b Paterson	..	..	1
Extras	..	..	5
Total	..	..	52
Walker	..	6 for 24	
Paterson	..	4 „ 23	

**CARLTON**

R. S. Clark, b Coutts	..	..	14
J. E. Phillips, b Ogden	..	..	8
T. M. Lawson, c Ross, b Ogden	..	..	1
G. W. Lawson, b Coutts	..	..	23
W. H. R. Alderson, retired	..	..	126
N. L. Stevenson, c and b Ogden	..	..	0
R. G. Hattle, b Coutts	..	..	7
C. S. Paterson, c Stewart, b Leitch	..	..	34
R. N. Gibson, not out	..	..	14
A. Walker, b Ogden	..	..	30
J. M. Murray, b Ogden	..	..	0
Extras	..	..	7
Total	..	..	264

**Aftermath Musings**

“Should you perchance see a neighbour in tears and hear him lament his sorrows,” writes one of the Stoic philosophers, “you may assume a look of sympathy and condole with him, but take care that thy sorrow be not real!”

Counsel which does not strike one as overflowing with the milk of human kindness, but which, we are told, was considered too mild a doctrine by the more strict among the Stoics. These old-world Diehards would have none of this pandering to sentiment, but held that the correct procedure was to turn away from the unfortunate neighbour, with the remark, “What is thy trouble to me?”



END OF ACT I. LEAVING BALLATER



A BRIGHT BLINK BY THE WAYSIDE





A particularly cheery crowd they must have been ! Imagine a Stoic's XI. on a cricket tour ! What a picture of brotherhood and light-hearted enjoyment !

Fortunately for humanity, these stern precepts are safely hidden away in the literature of a people who have long ages ago crumbled into dust.

Nowadays, when one of our comrades is unfortunate enough to get out for a duck, we never dream of greeting him with the heartless, "What is thy trouble to me ?" His unhappy experience has been our own in the past, and may be ours again to-morrow, so we proffer the real and heartfelt sympathy which is always a very present help in time of trouble. The Greathearts among us go further still, and I feel sure that Carlton members will be proud to learn that one of our players, Mr A. Walker, even goes the length of expressing his sympathy in verse !

In the match against Forres two of our players suffered from the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, but a poetical reading by Alec. proved most effective, and their lesser troubles were soon entirely forgotten !

We have much pleasure in reproducing Mr Walker's effort here, and feel sure that our readers will appreciate this striking illustration of the change in men's views since the days of the Stoic philosophers.

## II Penseroso

- "Then who is he who sits apart ?  
What dreadful act his frowns portend ?"  
"Disturb him not—his bruised heart  
In solitude alone can mend."  
"But see, he spurns the proffered glass !  
His lips all nourishment despise !"  
"Disturb him not—his woes surpass  
What man's compassion may surmise."  
"And now, that beauteous maid, whose smiles  
Should comfort him, he bids beware !"  
"Disturb him not—e'en Cupid's wiles  
No surcease bring for such despair."  
"Know then that Fate has dashed the cup  
From lips which strove Fame's draught to suck ;  
In other words, he is fed up—  
A shooter bowled him for a duck !"—A. W.



**Carlton v. Highland Brigade—6th September**

This game was played at the Highland Brigade Barracks, Inverness (a ground new to us), on an easy wicket, rather faster than is usual in this district. Run-getting presented no great difficulties, after R. S. Clark's delightfully stylish and effective innings had removed the sting from our opponents' attack. It is a positive treat to watch friend Clark at the crease, and, personally, I know of no batsman in Scottish cricket I would sooner go to see at work. One always wonders which to admire most,—the beautiful footwork and exquisite timing, or the grace and elegance which make each actual stroke a perfect poem in itself. Clark seems to sight the ball just that fraction of a second sooner which makes all the difference between genius and orthodoxy, and he moves into position to play a forcing shot at balls which most batsmen would be very well pleased to stop. A first-class batsman in pre-war days, Clark's experience with Devon County since the war has mellowed his cricket vintage, and he is now unquestionably a batsman good enough to play in any English County side.

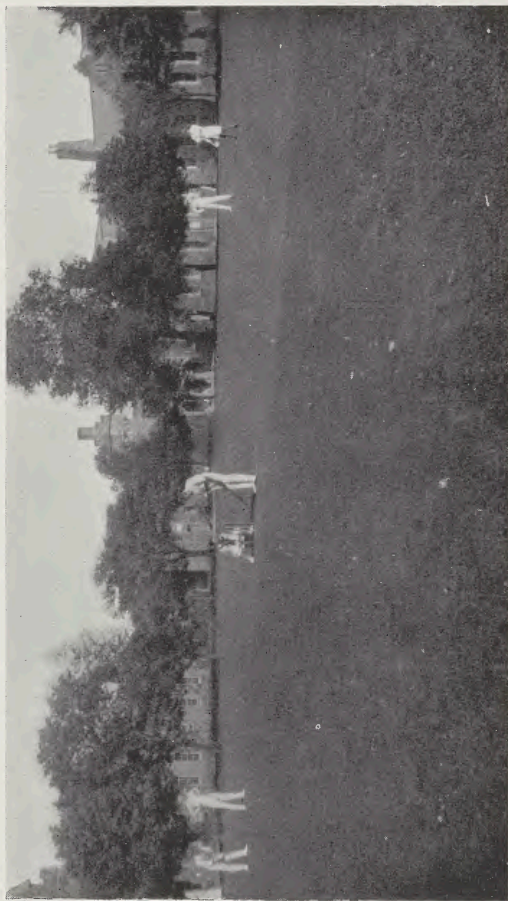
Let us return to the Inverness match, however. T. M. Lawson again showed very good form in getting his runs, and Alderson gave a meteoric display in forcing the game to enable the closure to be applied. Disdaining trifles like twos and threes, Alderson hit gloriously for England, home, and beauty, at every ball bowled to him. Pulls, leg-hits, and drives jostled hard on each other's heels to the boundary; six-hits rudely disturbed the birds in adjacent treetops, and various outlying buildings sustained considerable damage during this intensive bombardment. Altogether our Jessop was at the wicket for barely fourteen minutes, and his wonderful 54 was scored as follows :—

4, 4, 4, 4, 6, 6, 4, 4, 4, 1, 1, 4, 1, 6, 1.

The tea interval was a rather protracted function, and there was none too much time left to get the military side out.

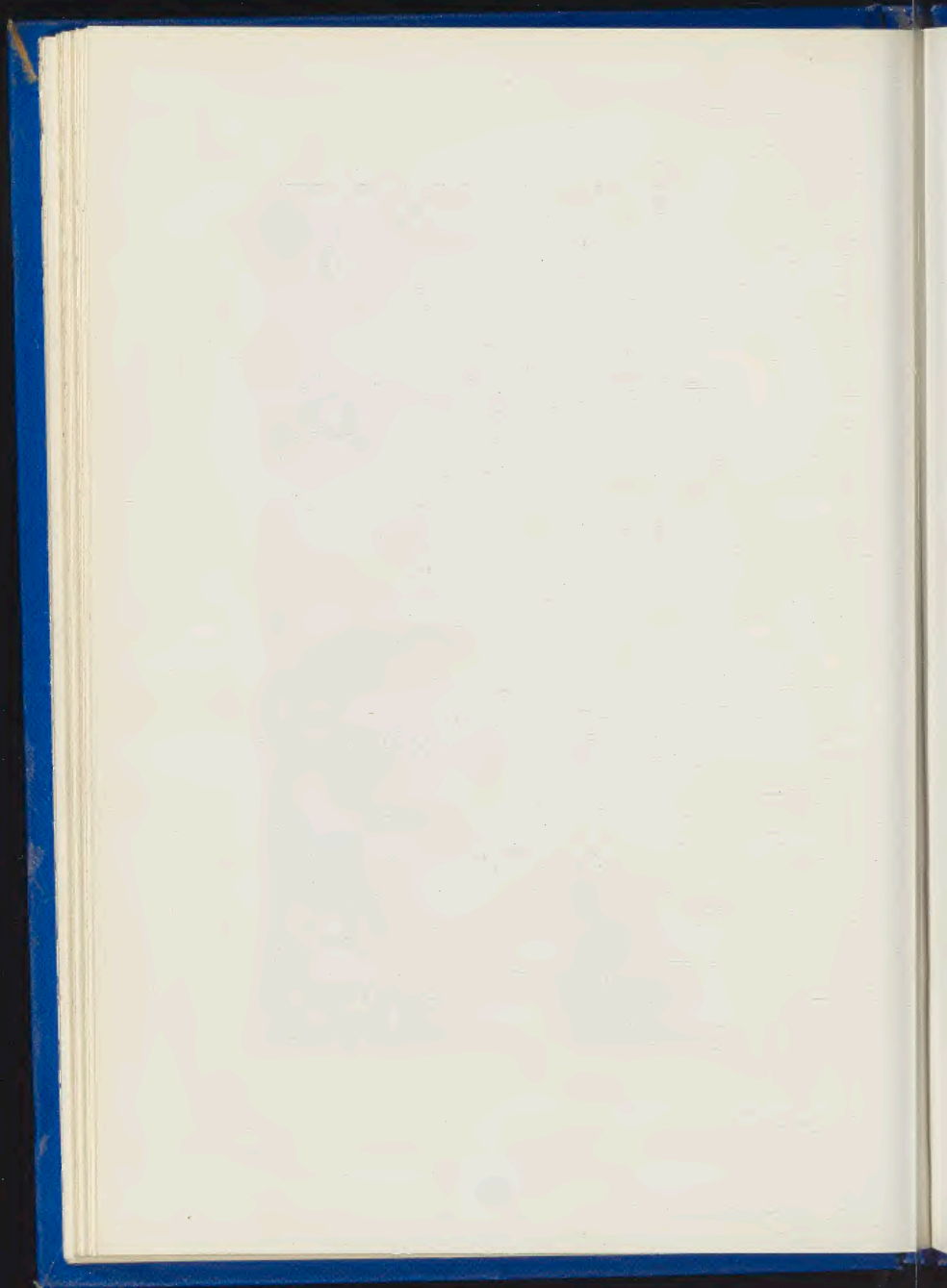
G. W. Lawson, however, rose splendidly to the occasion, and his excellent bowling performance enabled us to beat the clock quite comfortably in the end. George's deliveries

CARLTON v. HIGHLAND BRIGADE



R. S. CLARK BATTING





had most of our opponents guessing wrongly, and—aided by some very good fielding—he finished up with the splendid analysis of 7 wickets for 48 runs.

Needless to say, our players were rather tired after these exertions, and adequate precautionary measures were at once taken when we reached Inverness after the match.

# Scores

## CARLTON

T. M. Lawson, c Pope, b Sandilands	..	38
R. S. Clark, lbw, b Ritchie	..	55
C. S. Paterson, not out	..	70
J. E. Phillips, b Ritchie	..	17
W. H. R. Alderson, b Ritchie	..	54
A. Walker, not out	..	10
Extras	..	11

Total for 4 wickets .. 255

G. W. Lawson, N. L. Stevenson, R. N. Gibson, R. G. Hattle,  
and J. M. Murray did not bat.

## HIGHLAND BRIGADE

Lt.-Col. M'Crae, b Stevenson	..	14
Lt. Gerrard, b G. W. Lawson	..	21
Col.-Sgt. Woodington, b Stevenson	..	18
Major Burt Marshall, c Clark, b G. W. Lawson	..	21
Lt. Ritchie, c G. W. Lawson, b Stevenson	..	3
Corp. Millar, b G. W. Lawson	..	3
Bandsman Holbeck, lbw, b G. W. Lawson	..	0
Lt. Pope, c and b G. W. Lawson	..	0
Col. Sandilands, c Paterson, b G. W. Lawson	..	8
Capt. Cameron, c Alderson, b G. W. Lawson	..	2
Col.-Sgt. Mitchell, not out	..	1
Extras	..	9

Total .. 100

Lawson	..	7 for 48
Stevenson	..	3 „ 32

## Carlton v. Nairn County—7th September

We had again the advantage of first knock in this game,—an advantage of which Clark and Alec. Walker made full



use. Alec. scored with delightful freedom all round the wicket, and his fine innings was the best he has obliged us with for a long time. His off-side play was particularly brilliant—some cuts behind point being worthy of Batson or Sandy Cairns at their best—and it speaks volumes for Alec.'s display to say that he actually made his fifty while Clark, of all men, was only in the thirties !

Joe Phillips and Alderson threw away their wickets in forcing the game, but T. M. Lawson once more played excellent cricket, and was undefeated when the Skipper applied the closure.

Our opponents had to bat on a wicket which was showing signs of wear, and occasional bumping deliveries gave Walker and G. W. Lawson opportunities to display their usual skill and accuracy in the slips. Bob Hattle, however, was the outstanding performer in the field in this match. His fielding all through the Tour was very good indeed, but the two catches he brought off at Nairn were exceptionally fine efforts, and caused several of our veterans to break the tenth commandment on the spot. All over, we gave in this match what was probably our best all-round exhibition during the Tour, and it is interesting to note that the local players and spectators considered us a much more attractive side than the Leicestershire XI. which had played at Nairn a week or so before.

### Scores

#### CARLTON

R. S. Clark, c Millar, b Macrae	..	..	57
A. Walker, b Macrae	..	..	57
T. M. Lawson, not out	..	..	39
W. H. R. Alderson, c Anderson, b Macrae			1
J. E. Phillips, c and b Clarke	..	..	14
C. S. Paterson, not out	..	..	23
Extras	..	..	12
Total for 4 wickets			203

N. L. Stevenson, R. G. Hattle, G. W. Lawson, R. N. Gibson, and J. M. Murray did not bat.



## NAIRN COUNTY

J. Sinclair, b Phillips .. .. .	6
J. Fergusson, c G. W. Lawson, b Paterson ..	0
J. Strachan, c T. M. Lawson, b Phillips ..	2
Major Clarke, c Walker, b Paterson ..	6
W. Macrae, c Hattle, b Phillips .. .. .	1
J. Millar, c Hattle, b Paterson .. .. .	7
J. Boyne, b Paterson .. .. .	11
T. Mackay, b Paterson .. .. .	4
R. Anderson, b Paterson .. .. .	0
Rev. J. King, not out .. .. .	0
J. Macrae, b Phillips .. .. .	12
Total .. .. .	49
Paterson .. .. .	6 for 20
Phillips .. .. .	4 „ 29

**Carlton v. Northern Counties—8th September**

The final match of the Tour showed, as usual, that the strenuous week's work had been rather too much for some of us. Our bowlers were either unwell or tired (certain of them both), and even our strong batting suit had lost something of its former sparkle and enterprise. Easy catches, too, were dropped at frequent intervals; but Hattle was, as usual, an exception to the general rule, and both he and Murray fielded keenly and well all through.

The early Northern batsmen dug themselves in with painstaking care, and refused to be tempted even by slow half-volleys or vulgar long-hops. The Skipper tried various changes in the attack, but neither Bob Hattle's donkey drops nor T. M. Lawson's thinly disguised slows had any effect on our methodical opponents.

Finally, we did manage to get them all out, but the day was far spent by that time, and a drawn game practically inevitable.

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## Scores

## NORTHERN COUNTIES

F. A. Bowden, c Paterson, b T. M. Lawson	28
Rev. A. C. Ashworth, c sub., b Walker	23
L. A. Newton, b Paterson	8
W. G. D. MacLennan, run out	0
I. G. Matheson, run out	19
Col. Laughton, b Paterson	12
J. Macdonald, b Paterson	1
F. W. Fraser, c Murray, b Stevenson	0
H. V. Parker, b Stevenson	2
O. Davidson, c Hattle, b Stevenson	6
A. MacGillivray, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	106

Paterson	3 for 19
Stevenson	3 „ 15
Walker	1 „ 19

## CARLTON

R. S. Clark, b Davidson	20
A. Walker, b Bowden	0
T. M. Lawson, run out	1
W. H. R. Alderson, c and b Davidson	6
C. S. Paterson, not out	17
G. W. Lawson, not out	9
Extras	8

Total for 4 wickets .. 61

N. L. Stevenson, R. G. Hattle, R. N. Gibson, and  
J. M. Murray did not bat.

## Conclusion

Sunday was spent in restful meditation, and on Monday, 10th September, the Tour officially closed, and the various members departed into winter quarters to recuperate for another cricket season.

The following gentlemen took part in the Tour, some coming only for the first week-end at Ballater, and others joining us later on at Forres. As will be seen, we had a particularly hot side this year, and our missionary work

"ALL'S WELL"



SKIPPER AND UMPIRE  
"HIGHLY DELIGHTED"



in the North was greatly appreciated by all cricket lovers there :—

R. D. Devlin.	W. H. R. Alderson.	R. G. Hattle.
N. L. Stevenson.	R. M. Gourlay.	R. N. Gibson.
C. S. Paterson.	L. A. Woods.	J. M. Murray.
A. Walker.	J. Mortimer.	W. M'Lean
R. S. Clark.	G. W. Lawson.	A. S. Cairns
J. E. Phillips.	T. M. Lawson.	

} *Umpires.*

And now, perhaps, this short account of the Tour might conclude by formally confirming the following hearty votes of thanks, which were unanimously accorded with acclamation at the official finish up :—

1. To our esteemed Skipper, N. L. Stevenson, who, as of old, was the life and soul of the party, and who spared no pains to ensure that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Tour.
2. To our worthy patron, R. D. Devlin, who was a great acquisition to our strength, and who was the outstanding success of the week-end at Ballater.
3. To William M'Lean, charming companion and impartial umpire, without whom no Carlton Tour would be complete.
4. To the brothers G. W. and T. M. Lawson, of the R.H.S. F.P. XI., who accompanied us on this Tour, and who proved themselves, alike in work and play, ideal boon companions and brothers-in-arms.

So much for the prose account ! May I venture to commemorate one incident of the tour in verse, with all apologies to the shade of Lord Macaulay.

P. F. Warner, the world-famous Middlesex and all-England cricketer, writes in one of his delightful cricket books as follows : “ Vogler (the South African) was a great bowler. His variation of pace and flight were well concealed : he bowled a beautiful leg-break, and a googly which had, perhaps, more of top-spin on it than unadulterated googly. He could bowl for long periods at a time, and a dangerous ball of his was a slow yorker, which seemed more to quiver than to swing in the air. He clean bowled C. B. Fry with this ball both at Leeds and the Oval in the Test Matches.”



## THE BATTLE OF ABOYNE

*(A lay sung yearly at the feast of the Bing Brethren on the  
Ides of September)*

## I.

The streets are strewn with olives,  
Bright garlands hang on high ;  
The trumpet's martial music  
Peals out our battle-cry.  
Vineyards and fields are left untill'd  
While, decked in brave array,  
The people throng the market-place  
To keep this festal day.  
Unto the Great Bing Brethren  
These yearly rites are paid,—  
That princely pair of warriors  
Whose fame can never fade.  
While flows Forth's sullen water,  
While stands St Arthur's hill,  
The proud Ides of the Brothers Bing  
Shall have all honour still !

## II.

Outside Aboyne's fair city,  
Where flows the silvery Dee,  
Where purple moorland rolls away  
Farther than eye can see.  
Far over hill and valley  
The Northern host was spread,  
And with their thousand camp-fires,  
The midnight sky was red.  
Each warlike northern city  
Sent picked knights to the fray ;  
From East and West, and South and North,  
Muster'd that great array.  
Bold Vogler was their leader,—  
South Afric's googly star,  
The hero of an hundred fights,  
Skilful and wise in war.—  
Round Vogler's golden banner  
Proud Northern standards rose ;  
Never, I ween, did Carlton men  
Oppose such mighty foes.

## III.

But Grange Loan's gallant legions  
 Were high of heart that day ;  
 Brave Norman led the battle line  
 And gloried in the fray.  
 " I trust in Clark of Devon  
 Who sailed the seas with Shack ;  
 Men who have dared the frozen South  
 Need fear no foe's attack.  
 The Brethren Bing are with us,—  
 Each worth a thousand spears,—  
 A mighty pair, whose glorious deeds  
 Shall ring all down the years ! "

## IV.

Now face to face the armies  
 Met with a mighty roar ;  
 Never had Deeside's cricket fields  
 Seen such a match before.  
 Fast round Bold Vogler's banner  
 The Northern batsmen fell  
 Like corn before the sickle  
 Which Norman wields so well.  
 Still ; three score runs were needed,—  
 The wicket far from true,—  
 Clark out for two, and Vogler  
 Bowls googlies weird and new !  
 Brave Norman scanned his batsmen,  
 And sighed in vain for Rudd.  
 " Poor Alec. suffers from a chill ;  
 Vogler would scare a dud !  
 Thanks to the Gods above us,—  
 The Gods who live away,—  
 We have the Great Bing Brethren  
 To play the man this day."

## V.

Out strode the two great Brethren,  
 In armour white as snow ;  
 " Bings to the front," quoth gallant George,  
 " Charge home upon the foe ! "  
 " Jock's Lodge, stand fast ! " quoth Morrie,  
 " We'll win this fight or die ;  
 Who *is* this chief called Vogler ?  
 What though he *did* bowl Fry ? "

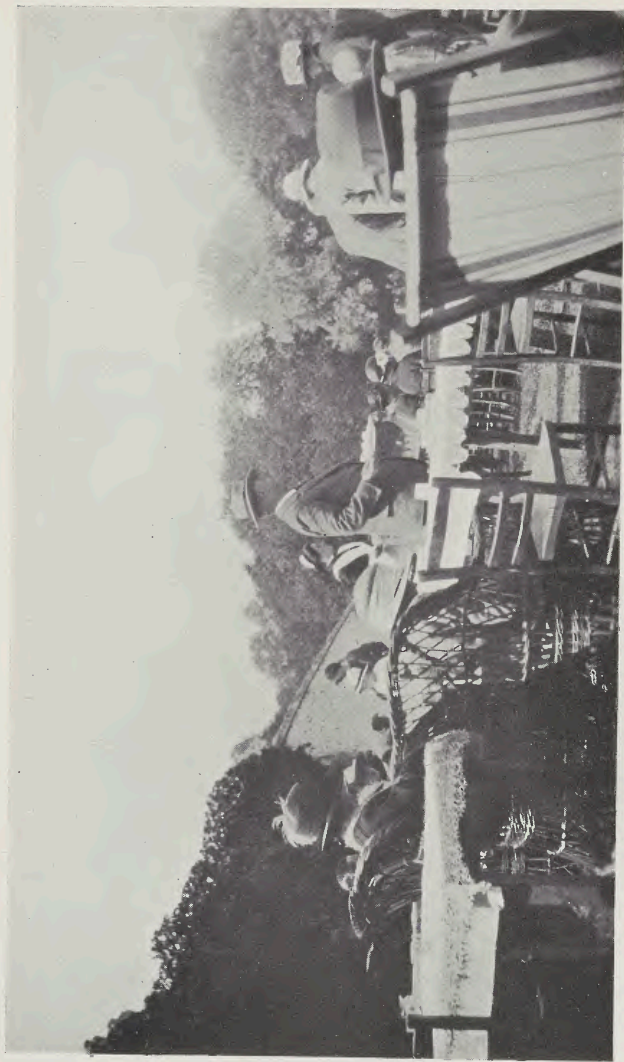
## SHREDS AND PATCHES

Then forthwith these two heroes  
Punched hard to left and right,  
And on the Northern forces  
Came wonder and affright.  
Sweet cover-drives by Morrie ;  
Fierce pulls by George for four.  
Well for bold Vogler had he stayed  
On Afric's sunny shore !

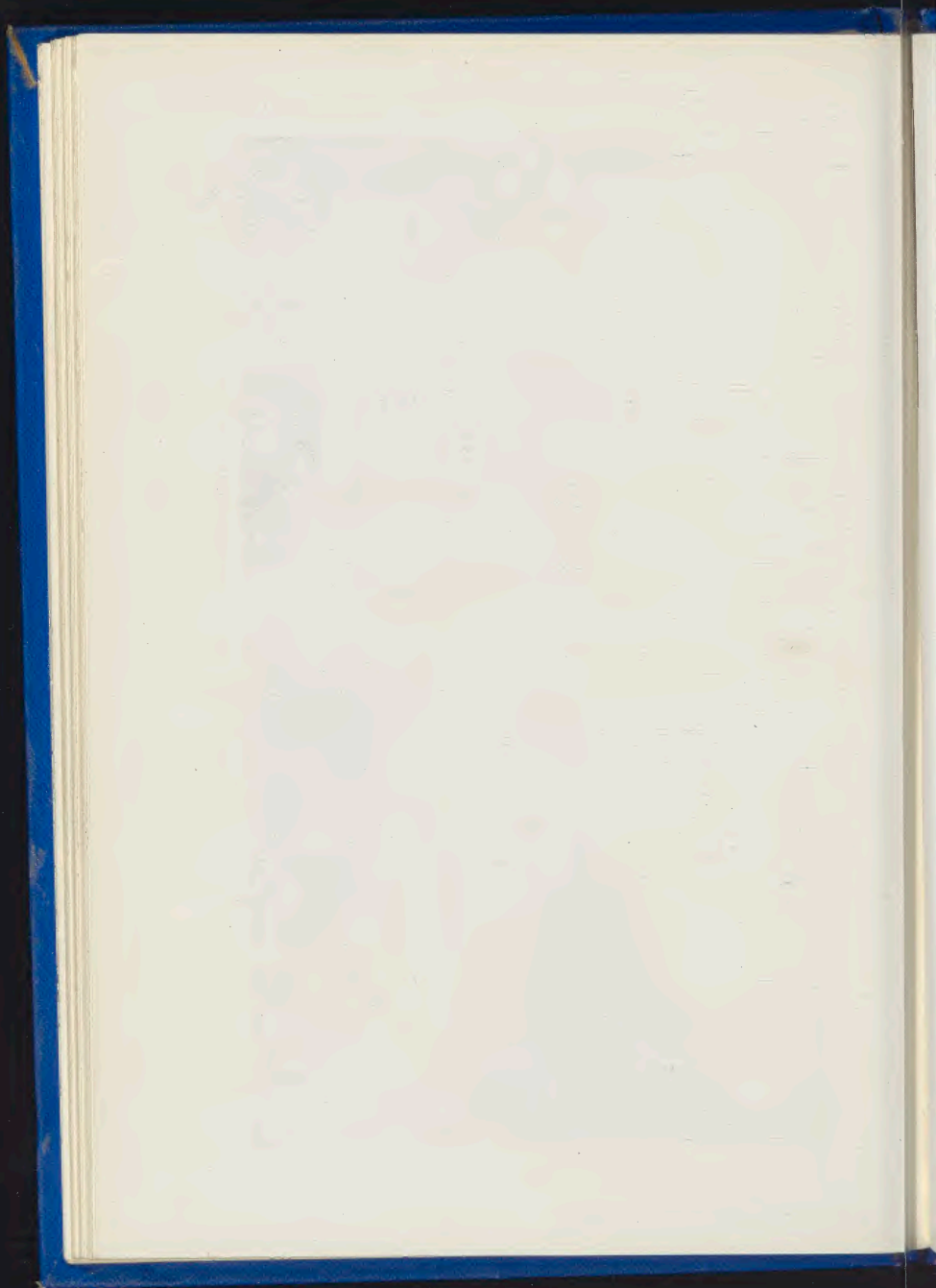
## VI.

In vain swift breaks, both out and in !  
In vain all cunning wiles !  
The match is won,—both Bings not out !  
Norman is wreathed in smiles !  
Then hail to the Great Bing Brethren !  
Hail to their deeds of might !  
That day in Dee's fair valley  
Was fought a glorious fight.  
So to our children's children  
Still will this tale be told,  
How Vogler met the Brothers Bing  
In the brave days of old.

C. S. P.



A CORNER OF THE TEA ENCLOSURE, GRANGE LOAN





**THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER, 1922**

EVEN though our schooldays may be only a dim memory now, most of us can still remember the old familiar lines, which told us how Cæsar, having performed various deeds of valour, "retired into winter quarters!"

The spring and summer months were devoted to strenuous campaigns in different parts of the country, but the dark and dreary winter days were presumably spent by the troops in quiet and peaceful meditation.

One may wonder occasionally as to the manner in which these Roman veterans filled in the time, once their bats were oiled and laid away for the winter.

Did they go into seclusion and hibernate, till, in the fulness of time, another spring season came round? Or did they exercise regularly with their weapons, and keep themselves fit and ready for the next offensive? Were they accustomed, in the long winter evenings, to sit each by his own individual lares and penates? Or was it the custom to forgather with old comrades, and exchange more or less truthful reminiscences of their mighty deeds during the summer? Was a Spartan diet considered essential in winter-time? Or did the winecup pass freely from hand to hand, and lighten up the glorious past with a rose-tinted radiance that never was on sea or land? Whatever else they may have done or left undone, we may be pretty sure that these old-world heroes participated in some function resembling our present-day cricket-club dinner. A function at which they would meet tried and trusty friends, at whose side they had stood on many a hard-fought field. Friends who would lend an attentive ear to apocryphal stories of former campaigns, and who would be all eagerness to discuss prospects of honourable advancement in the operations of the coming summer.

A function at which light-hearted gaiety and cheerfulness would reign supreme, and the drab monotony of the uneventful winter days be forgotten for the nonce. The stout logs on the fire would roar a warm welcome as the guests arrived, and the oldest cask would be opened as the warriors laid aside their helmets, and discussed the vile weather conditions then prevailing in Rome ! We may be sure, too, that all the arrangements for the festival would be left in the hands of one of their most valiant and trusted centurions. A man known to everyone not only as a gallant warrior and administrator, but also as an epicure in the art of feasting, and a seasoned judge of the different countries' wines.

Bring this imaginary picture up to date, and we have a pretty accurate representation of the Club's annual dinner, which is quite a feature of the season's work nowadays. A welcome reunion, when old friends meet once more, and the ties of brotherhood which bind our members together are cemented even more firmly than before. Our "Centurion" is the one and only Sandy Cairns, and the elaborate arrangements he so kindly makes are a long way ahead of anything ever dreamed of in a Roman philosophy.

Last year's dinner was held in the North British Station Hotel on the evening of 14th December, and as it was by way of being a special occasion, we are preserving this record here for the benefit of posterity.

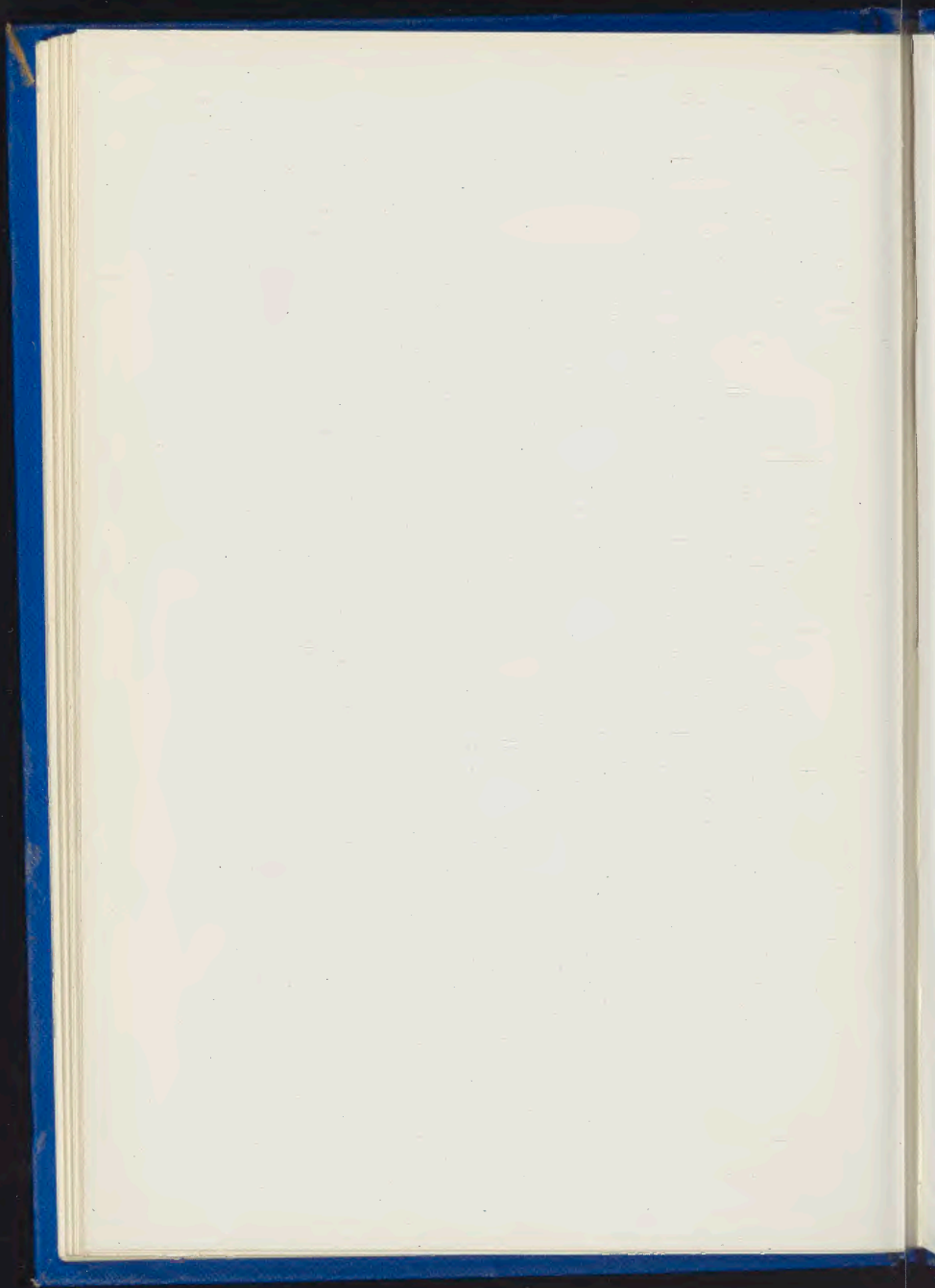
Mr T. F. Taylor presided over a company of about 100 gentlemen, and among the guests present were the following :—

Lord Provost Hutchison ; Sir Samuel Chapman, M.P. ; Mr P. J. Ford, M.P. ; General Sir Francis Davies, G.O.C. Scottish Command ; Brigadier-General Sir Robert Cranston ; Admiral Richardson ; Colonel Prentice, Highland Light Infantry ; Sir Robert Maule ; Mr T. C. Dunlop, President, Scottish Cricket Union ; Mr C. J. Munro ; and the Very Rev. Dr A. Wallace Williamson.

A most enjoyable and interesting evening was spent, and the various speeches and musical items reached a very high standard of excellence. The following were the official



N. L. STEVENSON





toasts proposed during the evening, and the galaxy of talented orators provided us with an intellectual feast of good things:—

Toast	Proposed by	Reply
The King . . .	Chairman.	
His Majesty's Forces .	Mr Rutherford	General Sir Francis Davies.
	Fortune.	
The City of Edinburgh .	Dr Wallace Wil-	The Lord Provost.
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The Carlton C.C. . .	Mr P. J. Ford, M.P.	Mr. C. J. Munro.
		Mr T. C. Dunlop.
Kindred Clubs & Guests	Sir Robert Cran-	Sir Samuel Chap- man, M.P.
	ston.	
The Chairman . . .	Sir Robert Maule.	

Mr P. J. Ford, in the course of his speech, recalled that our Club was formed so far back as the year 1863 by a few members of the Y.M.C.A., who, presumably, desired additional scope for their energies. The Club had had its ups and downs during the years, but was now second to none in the country, and firmly established as a power in Scottish cricket. The year 1921 had been its *Annus Mirabilis*, when, out of 27 matches played, no fewer than 24 were won and only 1 lost.

The principal event of the evening, however, was a presentation by the members of the Club to our Captain, Dr N. L. Stevenson. This took the form of an innovation cabinet and a silver casket, the latter being inscribed as follows:—

“Presented to Dr Norman Stevenson by members of the Carlton C.C. in recognition of his long service to the Club.”

Mr A. H. Hamilton, a former president of the Club, and one of our most loyal supporters, made the presentation, and his well-known eloquence and power of lucid expression have seldom been used to greater advantage than on this occasion. He paid a glowing tribute to Dr Stevenson's invaluable services, and reminded us that these services included seven years' work as Secretary, five as Vice-Captain, and twelve continuously in his present position as Captain of the Club. For thirty years Dr Stevenson had been a playing member of the Carlton C.C., and, since taking over the captaincy in 1911, he had been the life and



soul of the Club, and the moving spirit in all its endeavours. Few sportsmen, Mr Hamilton said, could show a finer all-round record than that of Dr Stevenson. For many seasons he had regularly captured over 100 wickets, and his batting averages were always very good. He had made at least one individual "century" with the bat, and his brilliant and energetic work in the field had all along been an example and inspiration to the other players.

In addition to cricket, Dr Stevenson had many other strings to his bow. He was formerly an excellent Rugby football player; he occupied a high position in the hockey world, and had played for Scotland on many occasions; he had been a prominent sprinter in his day; was a very fine tennis player; while of all his many accomplishments in the world of sport, perhaps the greatest was becoming a scratch player in the Duddingston Golf Club.

The toast of our popular Skipper was accorded a most enthusiastic reception, and all the members fervently endorsed the hope expressed by Mr Hamilton, that Dr Stevenson would long continue at the head of the Club he has led so successfully in the past.

Mr Taylor wound up the evening's proceedings by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Cairns for all the work he had so kindly undertaken in connection with the dinner. This was duly accorded with acclamation, and the members then retired in good order once more into winter quarters.

## SAGE COUNSEL

*Translation of an ancient papyrus discovered during recent excavations in Egypt*

## HEAR THEN THE WORDS OF THE PROPHET WILLOW

- I. JUDGE . NOT . A . BAT . BY . THE . PRICE . DEMANDED . OF  
THEE . BUT . RATHER . SAY . YE . " WHO . MADE . THIS  
BAT . THAT . IS . OFFERED . UNTO . ME ? "
- II. FOR . HE . THAT . BUYETH . AN . UNKNOWN . BAT  
FLIRTETH . WITH . CHANCE . BUT . HAPPY . IS . HE  
WHO . CHOOSEETH . A . BAT . OF . REPUTE . AND . KNOW-  
ETH . THE . NAME . OF . ITS . MAKER .
- III. THEREFORE . TAKE . HEED . MY . SON . THAT . THY . BAT  
IS . WELL . BALANCED . AND . TRULY . GRAINED . AND  
THE . MAKER . KNOWN . UNTO . MEN . EVEN . FROM  
THE . THIRD . GENERATION .
- IV. TREAT . NOT . THY . BAT . AS . A . WILLING . HORSE  
NEITHER . USE . IT . WHEN . IT . IS . NEW . FOR . REST  
AND . OIL . ADDETH . TO . THE . DAYS . OF . A . BAT  
AND . THE . EXCELLENCE . THEREOF .
- V. BLESSED . IS . HE . THAT . KNOWETH . THESE . THINGS  
FOR . HE . TAKETH . UNTO . HIMSELF . A . FRIEND  
THAT . IN . THE . FULNESS . OF . TIME . WILL . FAITH-  
FULLY . MINISTER . UNTO . HIS . TRIUMPHS .
- VI. VERILY . A . BAD . BAT . IS . AN . ABOMINATION . WITH  
IT . THOU . ART . TO . THE . BOWLER . AS . CLAY . IN  
THE . HANDS . OF . THE . POTTER . AND . THE . DAYS . OF  
THY . SOJOURN . IN . THE . 1ST . XI . ARE . NUMBERED .

VII. ANOINT . EACH . DAY . THY . BAT . WITH . OIL . THEN  
STORE . IT . AWAY . WITH . CARE . BLADE . DOWNWARDS  
THAT . THE . OIL . MAY . DRAIN . THEREIN . HE . THAT  
RESTETH . HIS . BAT . OTHERWISE . FINDETH . THE . OIL  
IN . THE . GRIP.

VIII. REMEMBER . THESE . THINGS . MY . SON . AND . THE  
PLEASURE . OF . THY . BATTING . AND . THE . NUM-  
BERS . OF . THY . SCORES . SHALL . BE . INCREASED  
AN . HUNDREDFOLD . AND . THY . FAME . SHALL . BE-  
COME . KNOWN . THROUGHOUT . THE . LENGTH . AND  
BREADTH . OF . THE . LAND . YEA . EVEN . IN . THE  
RECORDS . OF . WISDEN . THE . SCRIBE . SHALL . THY  
DEEDS . BE . EXTOLLED.

## THE TOUR ALPHABET

"A chiel's amang you, taking notes,  
And faith, he'll prent it."—BURNS.

MR G. W. LAWSON, of the R.H.S. F.P. XI., who was one of the prominent members of our touring party in the North, has kindly sent us the following alphabetical summary of his impressions, which we have pleasure in reproducing here. It will, of course, be understood that we take no responsibility for the views expressed, nor must we be held as necessarily agreeing therewith !

**A** is for Aldie, a match-winning bloke,  
With a glance to fine-leg as his favourite stroke.

**B**'s for the Bing-Boys, of music-hall fame,  
Whose "turn" at Aboyne quite put V. off his game.

**C** is for Charles (he bowled well to-day),  
Who'll cure your lumbago in quite a new way ;  
And for Clark, who hits fours like a maid shelling peas,  
And whose tales of the South make the hottest blood  
freeze.

**D** is for Dev.—didn't know that he bowled,  
But his puzzling slows had the Household men cold.

**E** is the evening we spent at the Show,  
In company "distinguished" from front to back row.

**F** is the feeling, "stunned" aptly describes it,  
Got from Ballater air when one freely imbibes it.

**G** is for Gibby, who thought life a joke,  
Till he found that his wench had acquired a new  
"bloke."

**H** is for Hydro, where Scotland's élite  
Were gathered together the Carlton to meet ;  
It's also for Hattle, of cute catching ways,  
For his speech-making, too, I have nothing but praise.

**I** is impossible we ever can lose ;

**J** is for Joseph, whose big hits are twos ;

**K** is for Kismet, which stands for the fate

**L**ying ready for batsmen who sit up too late.

**M** is for Mac, who enjoys a good jest ;  
And shake, dear old chap, you are one of the best.

**N** is the nut who fell out of his chair ;

**O** is the owl that he looked sitting there.

**P** is for penknife, so I'll be a Boy Scout,  
And trust that we'll meet when she's doling them out ;  
It's also for Poker, a game economic,  
If, like Murray, you know how to pull the " wee comic."

**Q** is the Queen of the Ballater ballet ;

**R** is for Roy—he'd, alas ! to *s'en aller* ;

**S** is for Stevie and also for Skip,  
Synonymous terms on the stout Carlton ship ;  
Long life and prosperity, Captain, to you !  
I wish to give honour where honour is due.

**T** is the team you had at your back ;

**U** is for umpire—impartial one Mac ;

**V** is for Vogler—" What ! who the hell's he ? "  
He's the king of the " Googlies " from Cape Colonee ;

**W**'s for Walkie, all rounder of parts,  
As batsman or bowler or breaker of hearts.

**X** is the Xtra man put into slip  
When Mutt bowls his slow one the batsman to trip ;

**Y** is for youth, far too soon a back letter ;

**Z** is the end and the less zed the better.

G. W. L.



## IMPORTANT

## Open Letter to Carlton Cricket Club Members

I FEEL sure that *Shreds and Patches*, one of the most interesting booklets our versatile Editor has produced, will prove a source of great pleasure to our members, and will be widely read among them. I should like, therefore, to take this opportunity of saying a word on a subject which is of *vital importance* to us all.

It is a matter of common knowledge that for some time now the club's tenure of our cricket-field at Grange Park has been precarious in the extreme. We are living from day to day under the shadow of the Damocles sword, and at any moment the ground may be sold, and the Carlton Cricket Club find itself without a home. I need not labour the point, nor paint a gloomy picture of the probable sequel. We all know what Grange Park means to the Club, and I earnestly hope that we will yet find a way out of the difficulty, and be able to acquire the ground as our own property. Our interests are in the hands of a strong and influential committee, and members may rest assured that nothing within our power will be left undone to bring about the "consummation devoutly to be wished."

This, however, cannot be done unless we have the whole-hearted and enthusiastic support of the members, and it is with a view to ascertaining whether we may rely on that support that I make this appeal now.

The matter is urgent, since at any time now we may find it necessary to raise a considerable sum of money if we wish to retain our field.

Raising money means *effort*, even strenuous effort, on the part of each individual member. Sufficient money cannot be raised by simply asking for it; we must be prepared to take our coats off and work hard. We must be

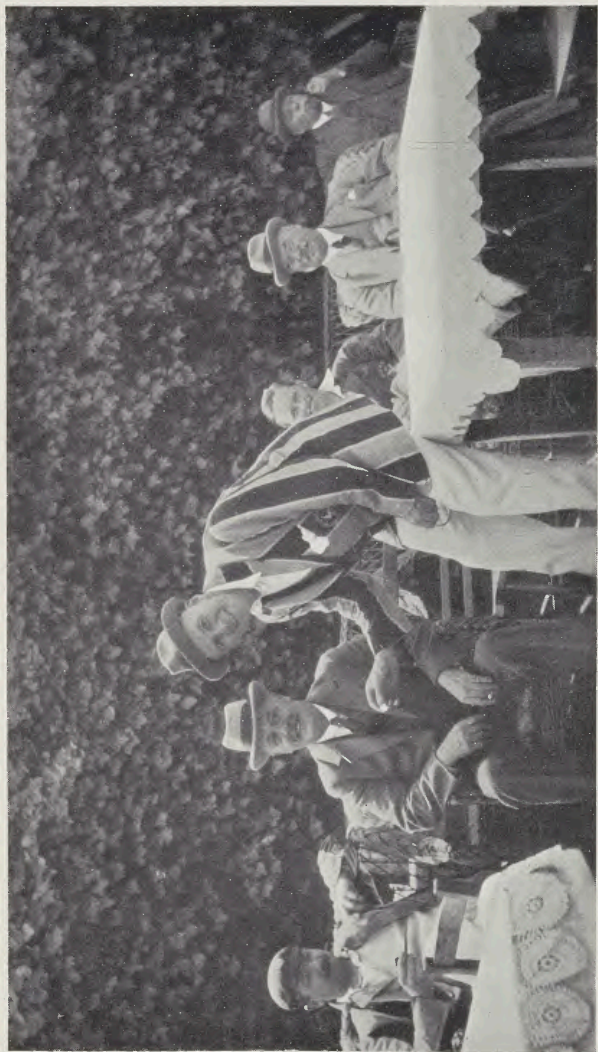
ready and willing to devote our time and our talents to the cause, and to spare neither ourselves nor our friends in working for it.

Surely it is worth some effort to keep the old flag flying ? To our older members I would say this : " You have built up our great record and placed the Club in the proud position it now occupies. Will you now aid in handing on the torch to your successors ? " And to the younger members, with whom the future lies : " *Our* playing days are nearly over, but *yours* are just beginning. Will you assist now in this effort, which is really being made on your behalf, and of which you will enjoy the benefits in the days that are to come ? "

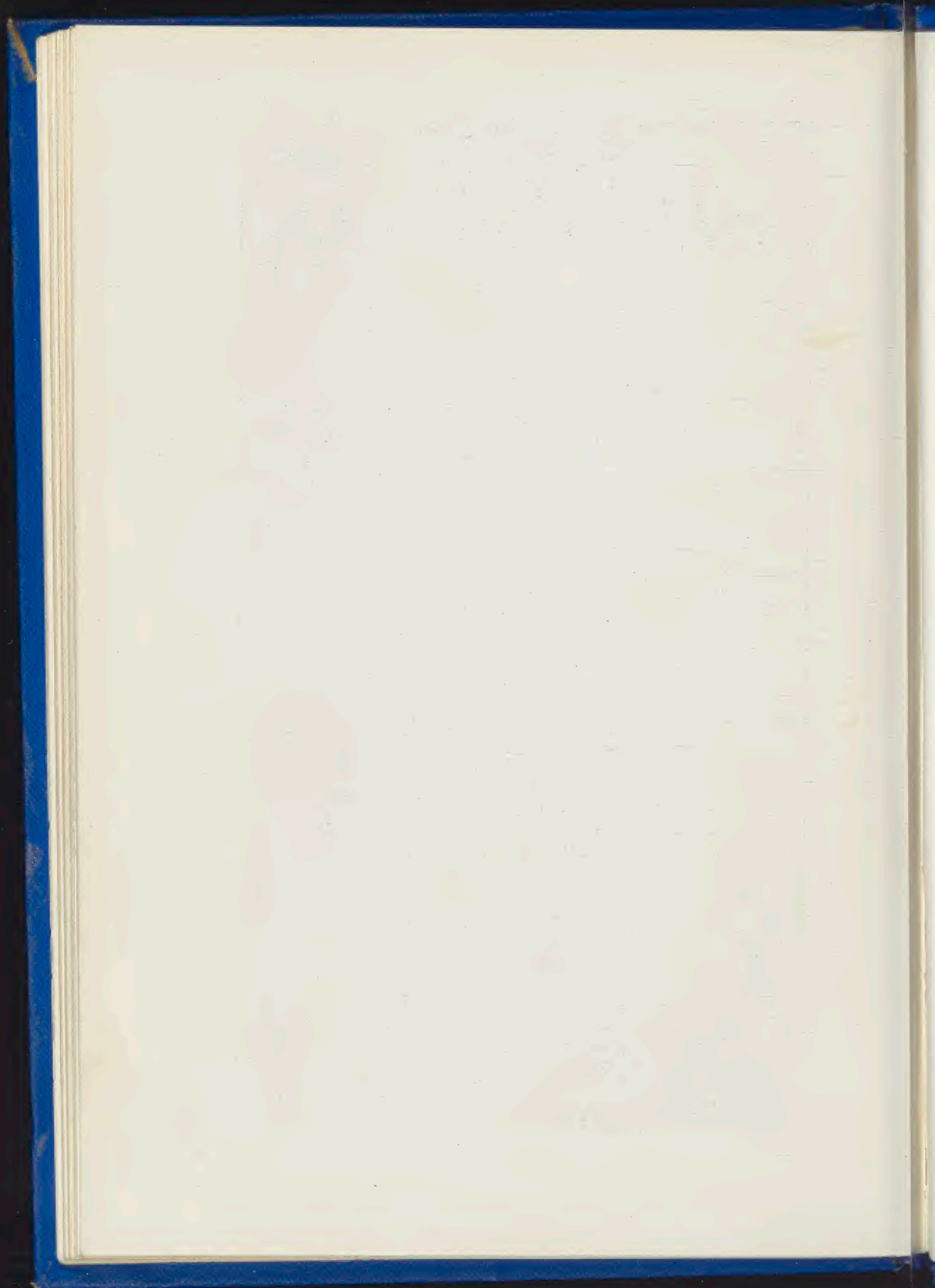
If the members will only take the matter up in the right spirit I have no fear for the result. Success will crown our efforts *provided we all do our best to deserve success* ; and nothing would give me, personally, greater pleasure than to see the old club, with which I have been so long associated, safely housed at Grange Park before I retire from the game.

Will you one and all, then, be ready to do your bit once we ask for assistance ?

NORMAN L. STEVENSON,  
*Captain.*



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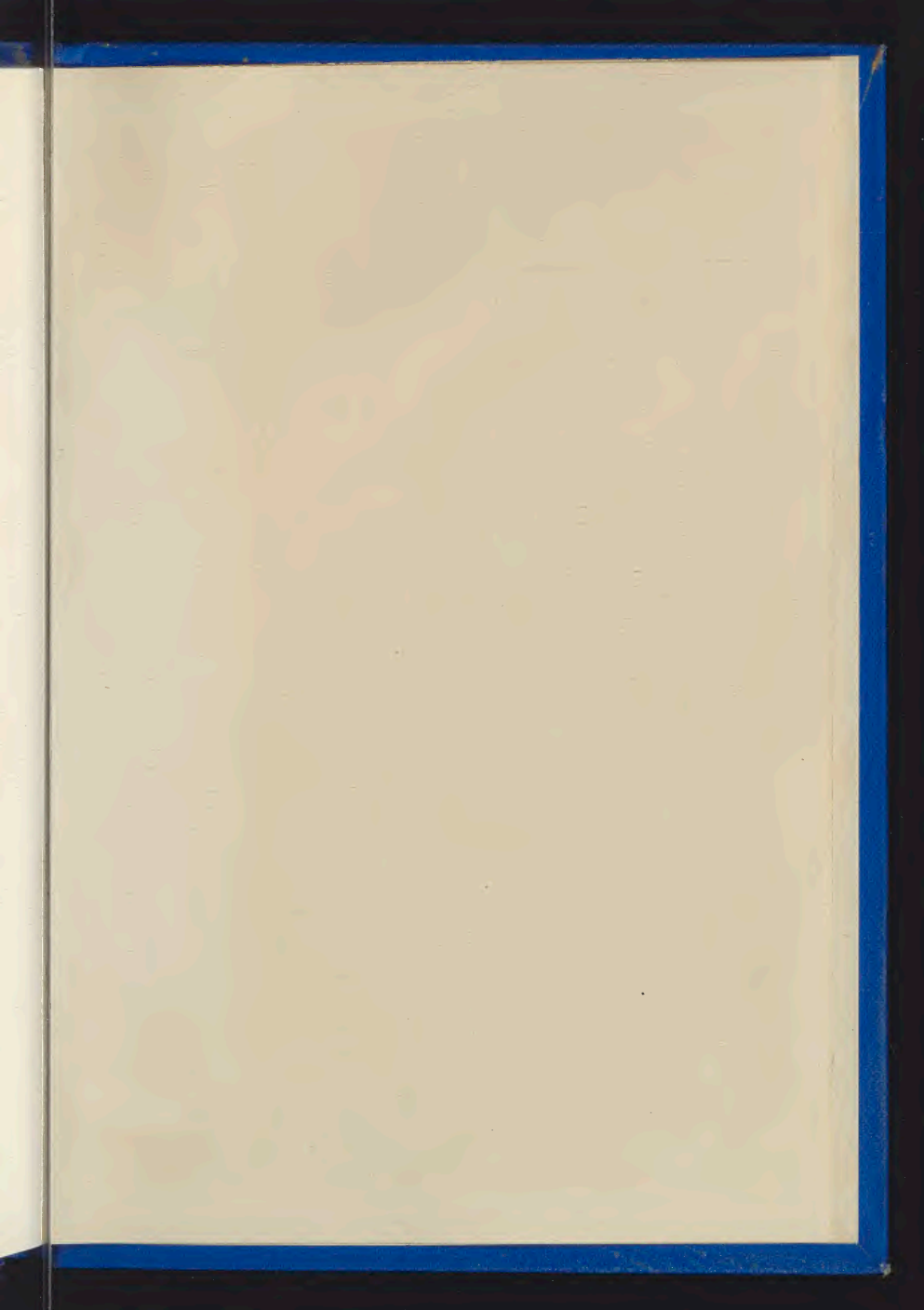


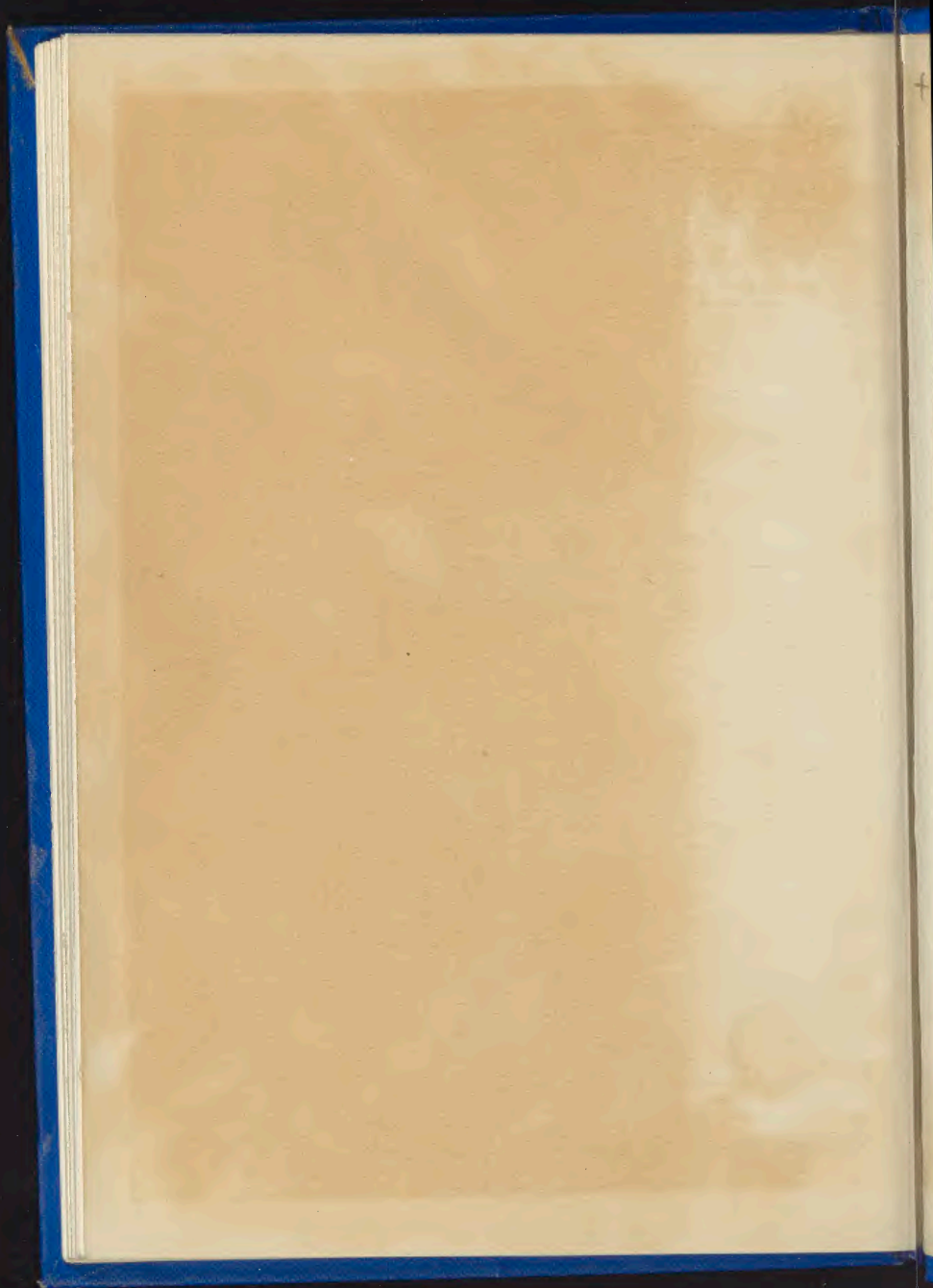
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1867	D. Lang.	Alex. Pearson.	Tom Pearson.
1868	D. Lang.	D. Macdonald.	A. D. Macfarlane.
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1871	D. Macdonald.	J. H. L. Macfarlane.	R. H. Christie.
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1874	G. F. Rayner.	Tom Forbes.	J. J. Dyer.
1875	J. A. Davidson.	Tom Forbes.	J. J. Dyer.
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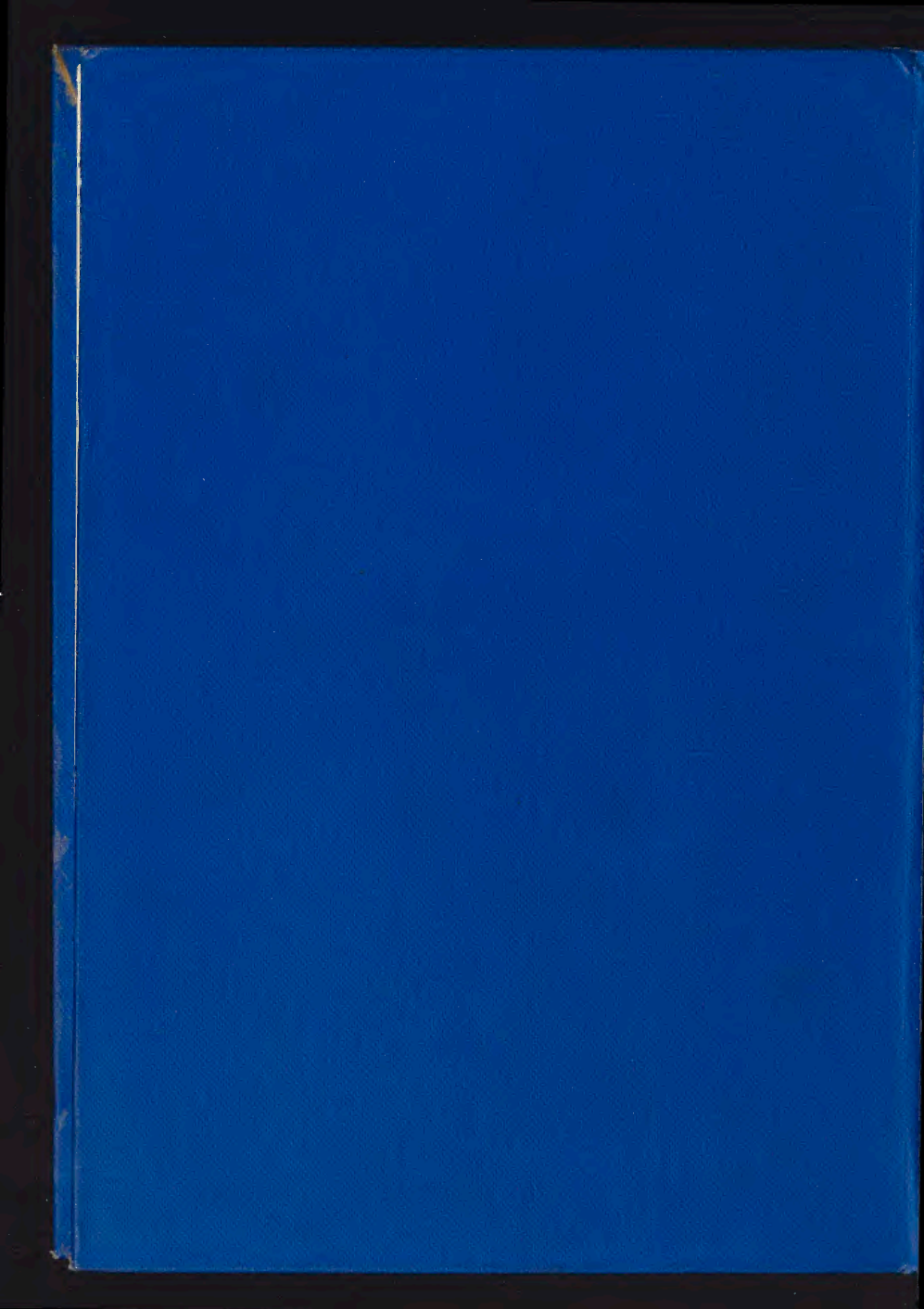


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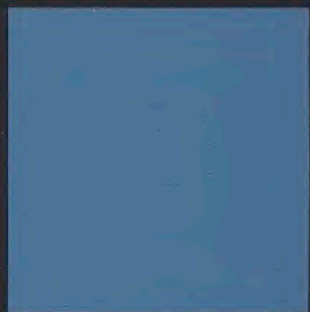
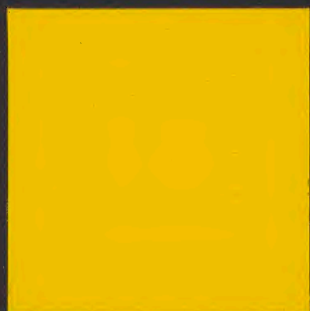






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