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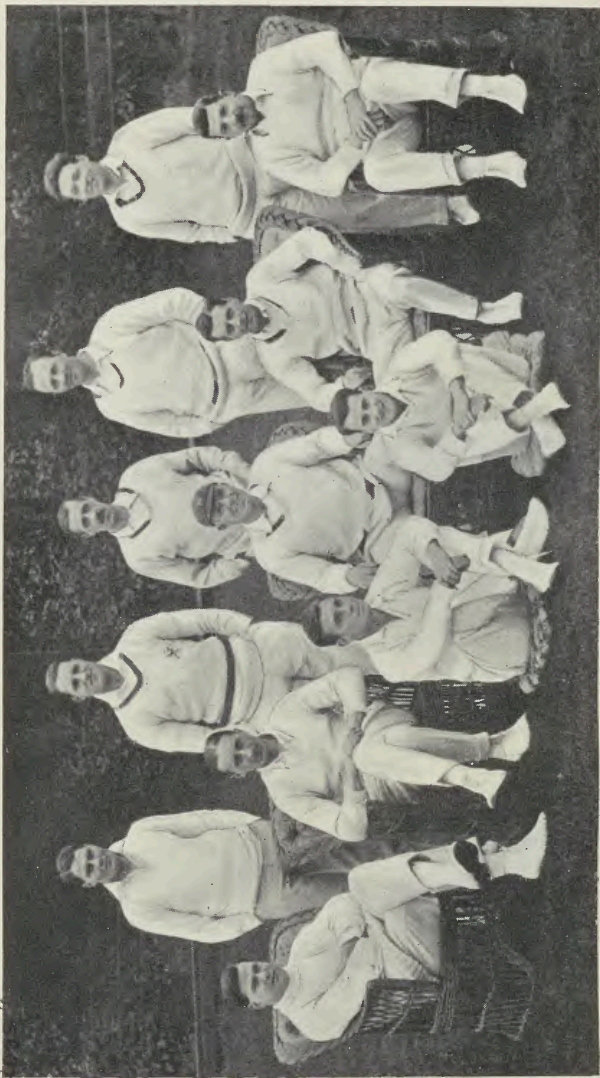


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“ They are the abstracts, and brief chronicles, of the time :
After your death you were better have a bad epitaph,
Than their ill report while you live.”

Hamlet, Act II. Scene 2.

CARLTON 1ST XI., 1924



H. R. M'KIE. A. K. MANN. G. T. PATERSON. J. TRAILL. R. M. GOURLAY.
Dr J. E. PHILLIPS. A. WALKER. Dr N. L. STEVENSON. C. S. PATERSON. J. W. SORRIE.
F. BRAND. T. S. PURVES. (Captain.)

FOREWORD

IT is a matter of regret to us that this year we have found it impossible to produce the Carlton Winter's Tale in its customary form. In previous years the summer's cricket provided ample straw for our literary brick-making, since we were able to recall many hard-fought battles, and tell the story of the thrilling adventures of our touring sides in the North. This year, unfortunately, the weather ruined the straw, and we could only offer our readers tedious official records regarding the abnormal rainfall of the summer.

The story of Season 1924 can be epitomised in that all-too-familiar bulletin, "Play abandoned on account of rain," and we do not propose to awaken unhappy memories by writing the usual detailed account of the season's cricket.

The purpose of this year's booklet, therefore, is simply to preserve the continuity of these annual records, since the year 1924, apart from the actual cricket, has been of outstanding importance in the history of the Club.

We trust that members will appreciate our difficulties, and blame the uncertain British climate for all faults of omission in this work.

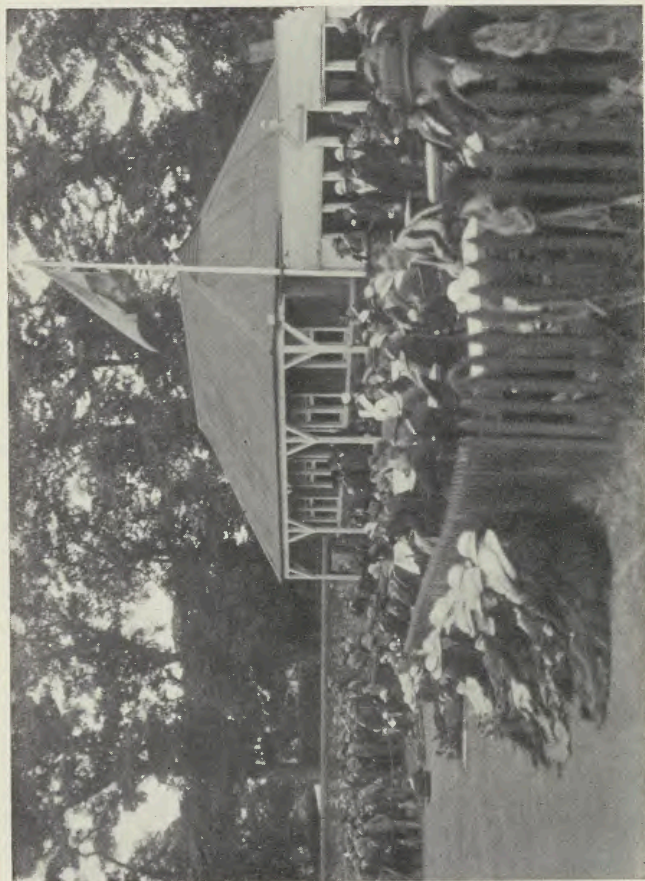
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GRANGE LOAN, 15TH JULY 1924

SEASON 1924

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ONCE again it is my privilege and pleasure to review the season just closed. Cricketers all over the country are not likely soon to forget the weather of 1924, with its extraordinary rainfall during the summer months, and the extra special efforts made on Saturday afternoons when the matches were due to commence.

We certainly had our share of floods and ruined wickets, but, curiously enough, in spite of the adverse conditions, we were able to add another record to our list of successful seasons—a record which will take a lot of beating.

We have in the past several times gone through a season without losing a match, but this is the first time that for two years in succession we have been unbeaten by any Scottish side. On the hard wickets during season 1923—although we ran up many huge scores—we were frequently hard put to it to win the matches, but it is a curious fact that in this low-scoring season we were never in a really tight corner. The Club, I think, may legitimately feel proud of its splendid record, as I do as Captain, since during the six years' cricket after the War, only 4 Club matches have been lost, and no fewer than 119 won.

The following table shows the exact figures :—

Season.	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	
1919 ..	18	16	2	0	
1920 ..	27	22	4	1	
1921 ..	27	24	2	1	
1922 ..	29	21	6	2	
1923 ..	31	21	10	0	
1924 ..	21	15	6	0	
	Totals	153	119	30	4
		153	119	30	4

Our 1st XI. did not show many changes from last year's team. W. H. R. Alderson, who scored 1324 runs, being the only permanent absentee, as Dr R. E. Batson played for us during July and finished with a batting average of over 100.

We were fortunate in having with us all year that sterling cricketer, R. S. Clark, who at great personal inconvenience travelled every week from Aberdeen. In spite of the soft wickets, he rendered splendid service as our No. 1 batsman.

At the start of the season we were generally admitted to be the best batting side north of the Tweed, but all the critics were unanimous about the weakness of our bowling. Again, curiously enough, the latter proved to be really our strong suit, for very few sides made 100 runs against us, and the attack had many "picnics." This speaks volumes for the two bowlers who bore the brunt of the work, A. Walker and C. S. Paterson. The latter's performance was a remarkable physical feat, because, although he only played in 20 matches, he bowled no fewer than 400 overs, of which 130 were maidens, and took 88 wickets at an average cost of 6.5 runs. As a feat of endurance alone this was an extraordinary performance, and he also occasionally had sufficient energy left to make runs as well.

Our batting all over was scarcely so formidable as last year, but it must be borne in mind that practically every match this season was played under conditions all against run-getting. Comparisons with the big scores of 1923 are really useless, since many an individual innings of 20 or 30 this year was worth infinitely more to the side than a century on last season's fast wickets.

The fielding of the side—though good in parts—was perhaps our weakest point, and I would like to see members devoting more time and attention to this most important branch of the game. It is always a pleasure to see keen and energetic work in the field, and the side which saves every possible run, and takes every possible catch, can safely leave the batting to look after itself.

For the first half of the season, the outstanding personality on my side was Alec. Walker. He had many "doubles," making top score and taking most of the

wickets, and he maintained his bowling form until the end of the season. Perhaps one of the most pleasing features of all was the return to form of J. W. Sorrie, who gave us of his best. Can I say more? His century in the Meadows game, when he drove with tremendous power, and his two innings against the Academicals at Raeburn Place and at Anniesland will long be remembered.

Amongst our recruits none did better than T. S. Purves, who played some fine knocks, and will yet justify himself as a really good cricketer. A. K. Mann had the misfortune to be laid up in the middle of the season through illness, just when he promised to be most useful.

The Club played three teams all season, and, considering the weather, the practices were better attended than last year. Willison Stewart made an energetic and capable skipper of the "A" XI.

It is gratifying to record that four of our players, C. S. Paterson, J. W. Sorrie, R. S. Clark, and J. E. Phillips, played for Scotland in representative matches this season, and that C. S. Paterson was at the top of the Scottish batting averages with a splendid average of over 50.

During this summer, the outstanding event was the purchase of our ground at Grange Loan, which marks an epoch in the history of the Club. This most important matter is fully dealt with later on, and I need only say here how delighted I am that the Club is now safely housed at Grange Loan.

Again, as in last season, we arranged for a special match, and this year J. W. H. T. Douglas' XI. paid a visit to Grange Loan. The game provided quite an interesting and enjoyable function, but the venture was not too well supported, and resulted in a considerable financial loss. The active assistance of all the members is essential if such fixtures are to prove successful, and it is a matter for consideration now whether our Club should discontinue these games in future. E. A. Macdonald, the Australian Test Match bowler, played for us on this occasion, but the visitors were too hot for us, and we lost the game by 55 runs.

No tour was arranged this year, which has been a matter

of regret, as so many matches were put off and these tours have come to be looked upon as part and parcel of Carlton life.

Besides the gentlemen who have done so much for the Ground Purchase Scheme, I should like to thank several non-players who have assisted in the hard work of running the Club.

Our good friend, Mr A. S. Cairns, now President of the Scottish Cricket Union, worked like a Trojan, never sparing himself—organising and arranging everything for our big games in his usual capable and efficient manner. Our worthy President, Mr T. F. Taylor, as usual was always a tower of strength, and Mr R. D. Devlin entertained everybody as only he can during the Essex match.

Our thanks are also due to Mr H. H. Gracie for his continued interest and help with the teas at Grange Loan. The Club has been well served by an energetic and capable Secretary and an incomparable Treasurer. To these gentlemen, and to my invaluable Vice-Captain and the members of Committee, I offer warm thanks for their help and indulgence which has made my period of Captaincy such a pleasant one.

N. L. S.—*Captain.*



CARLTON IN THE FIELD—J. W. H. T. DOUGLAS BATTING

PRIVILEGED PERSONAL PARS

- R. E. BATSON : Still Scotland's Stylist. Scores sweetly, seldom swipes.
- R. S. CLARK : Dour defender and detached demonstrator of dramatic driving.
- A. S. CAIRNS : Redoubtable ranger. Rarely refuses refreshment.
- R. M. GOURLAY : Perfect pattern of a plump and pretty point.
- C. S. PATERSON : Bowls, bats, banter, but beaten by bad backache before Bristol.
- G. T. PATERSON : Sure, safe scorer, seldom stumped.
- J. E. PHILLIPS : Scorns singles and scores sixes. Scatters spectators.
- T. S. PURVES : Recent recruit and reliable run-getter.
- J. W. SORRIE : Racy raconteur, recently revived representative run-getter.
- S. M. STURGEON : Stands supreme as Scotland's smartest stumper.
- J. TRAILL : Punches, paps, picnics, pleases pickaninnies.
- A. WALKER : While wielding willow well, welcomes wet wickets.

N. L. S.

PURCHASE OF GROUND

“ I count myself in nothing else so happy
As in a soul rememb’ring my good friends.”

Richard II.

Prologue

It was with feelings of great relief and thankfulness we Carlton members heard the welcome news that the Club’s ground at Grange Loan had at length become our own property. The nightmare of losing our ground had haunted us for many dreary months. We had lived from day to day under the shadow of the Damocles sword, oppressed by the knowledge that at any moment the blow might fall, and the Club be without a home.

And now the nightmare had vanished before the cheering rays of the morning sun, and the grim reminder of trouble no longer hung suspended over our heads.

Feelings of certain relief and thankfulness, therefore, were entirely natural. Relief that the Club had now found a permanent home of its own, and thankfulness that at this critical time our affairs had been in such safe and capable hands.

The securing of the ground is one more outstanding landmark in the history of the Carlton Cricket Club. The year 1924 will be marked by a white stone in our annals for this, if for nothing else, and we will now date one more epoch from the time when we became proprietors in our own right.

The story of the ground purchase is one of interest to all Carlton members, and I am glad to have this opportunity of briefly recounting it in the Club’s annual Record of Events.

Early Efforts

For several years now we have only occupied our field on a yearly tenancy, and the possibility of losing it altogether was never overlooked by the Committee of Manage-

ment. As far back as October 1920, Dr N. L. Stevenson brought forward the question of endeavouring to purchase the ground, and from that time on the subject has been, to most of us, what the head of King Charles was to Mr Dick.

The first of our many Sub-Committees was formed at that date, consisting of Mr A. H. Hamilton (then President of the Club), Dr Stevenson, Mr C. J. Munro, and Mr Stuart Forsyth. It is interesting to note that the first three of these fought all through the long campaign. Enlisting at the start, they heard the first shots fired, and they took part in each and every skirmish and battle. They occupied front-line trenches all along, and they were prominent in the van of the advance guard when the final successful offensive was launched. This Committee admirably performed its duties of safeguarding the Club's interests, but the proposals it made were not considered satisfactory by the proprietors, who wished to dispose of both house and ground.

Various schemes were then considered as to the possibility of our taking over the mansion-house at Grange Loan. Projects, *e.g.* to turn it into a school or a club were duly discussed in Committee, but the decision was reluctantly arrived at, that purchasing the field alone was the only plan the Club could hope to carry out successfully.

The Importunate Captain

Dr Stevenson, with his customary energy and enthusiasm, kept hammering away, and again raised the matter at the General Meeting of the Club in November 1921. He then most strongly urged the advisability of our collecting funds at once to be ready against emergency, and suggested that we should hold a Fancy Fair and Carnival in the Summer of 1922. The Meeting, however, decided against this, as it was considered that the times were too much out of joint for such a project to prove a success.

Later Developments

During the next Season, 1922, no further developments took place, but early in 1923 a certain liveliness was mani-

fest, and events began to move. The mansion-house and ground at Grange Loan were advertised for sale, and the spectre of the speculative builder loomed up dark and forbidding.

About this time a counter offer, similar to our earlier one, was made by a builder, and, though this too was declined by the proprietors, the shadow of the suspended sword grew more sinister and menacing every day. Dr Stevenson once again set the ball rolling on the Club's behalf, and the ardent spirits on the Committee refused to wait and see. The matter was never allowed to rest for a moment; frequent discussions and negotiations took place, and the Sub-Committee made certain definite proposals to the proprietors. These proposals were more favourably considered, and Mr A. H. Hamilton then went fully into the matter, and drew up three alternative schemes for the consideration of our members.

First Special General Meeting

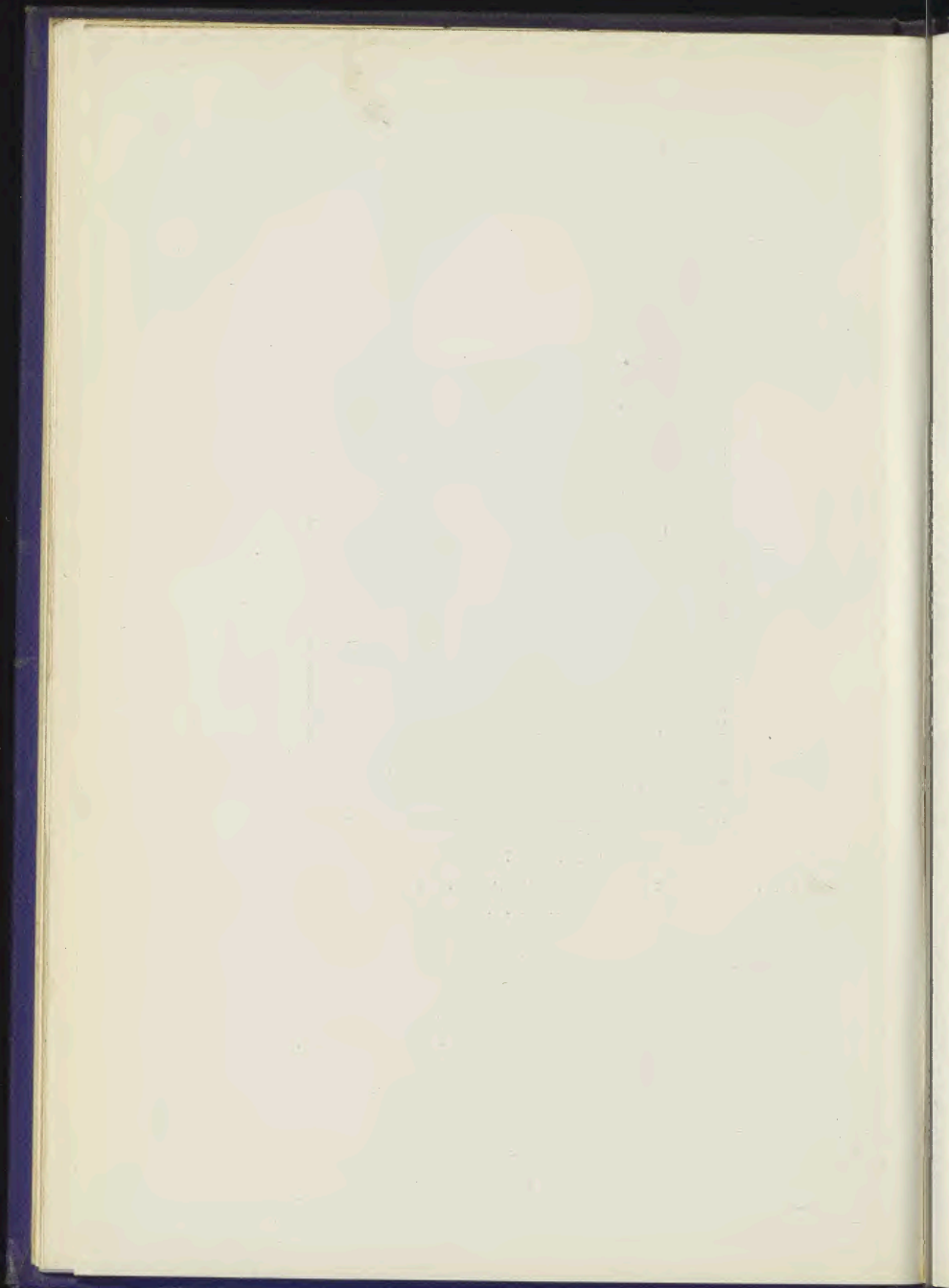
A Special General Meeting of Carlton Members was held on 1st June 1923, and it was unanimously decided that we should enter at once into final negotiations for the purchase of the ground. The third of Mr Hamilton's carefully prepared schemes was adopted as a basis for negotiation, and a strong Committee was then appointed, with full powers to act on behalf of the Club, and take all steps necessary to complete the transaction if possible.

This "Ground-Purchase" Committee was composed of the undernoted gentlemen, and it is to their strenuous and untiring labours we owe the successful result ultimately attained. It is a debt which Carlton Members should never forget. It is only natural that playing members should support and work for their Club—they have a direct and obvious interest in its welfare—but in very few Clubs do we find such a keen and practical interest taken by non-playing members.

We should like to pay a special tribute to the work of the Convener of this Committee—Mr William W. Forsyth. The Club was fortunate to have a man of Mr



WILLIAM W. FORSYTH
OUR NEW PRESIDENT AND CONVENER OF "GROUND-PURCHASE"
COMMITTEE



Forsyth's outstanding ability at the head of the movement. He organised and directed operations tactfully and diplomatically.

His personal efforts throughout the final negotiations were invaluable to the Club, and his business acumen and energising force were among the main factors in bringing about the successful result.

We feel sure that the members of his Committee heartily endorse this view of the part played by their Convener.

The "Ground-Purchase" Committee was constituted as follows :—

Mr WILLIAM W. FORSYTH (*Convener*),
,, T. F. TAYLOR,
,, R. FORTUNE,
,, A. H. HAMILTON,
,, C. J. MUNRO,
Dr N. L. STEVENSON,
Mr A. WALKER (*Secretary to the Committee*),

a very formidable side.

The Ground Secured

This Committee forthwith launched a new offensive, and continued to keep matters moving in spite of frequent disappointments and delays. Their first approachment was declined by the proprietors, and the house and ground were again advertised for sale.

The campaign, however, was carried on with unabated vigour. Protracted efforts were necessary to overcome legal and other difficulties; interviews, correspondence, meetings, and negotiations followed hard on each other, until finally, in June 1924, the Committee's lengthy and arduous labours were crowned with success.

One part of the Committee's work was now accomplished. Their offer had been accepted by the proprietors, and only certain further legal formalities remained. It must, however, be specially noted that not only did the Committee work strenuously on our behalf, but four of its members, in order to secure matters, had actually to

make themselves each personally and legally responsible for the purchase sum of £3000 involved.

These four were :—

Mr WILLIAM W. FORSYTH,
 ,, T. F. TAYLOR,
 ,, C. J. MUNRO,
 Dr N. L. STEVENSON,

and they must, therefore, occupy a special niche by themselves in the history of the Carlton Club.

Second Special General Meeting

The second phase of the offensive was now tackled by our energetic Purchase Committee—the task of raising the necessary funds.

Another Special General Meeting was held on 24th June 1924, and the position of matters was laid before the members. Mr Forsyth, as Convener, reported the successful result of the negotiations and their obligations, detailing the methods now suggested by his Committee to raise the money required.

Mr Devlin, Mr James Johnston, Mr Hendry, and other leading members took a prominent part in the discussion which followed.

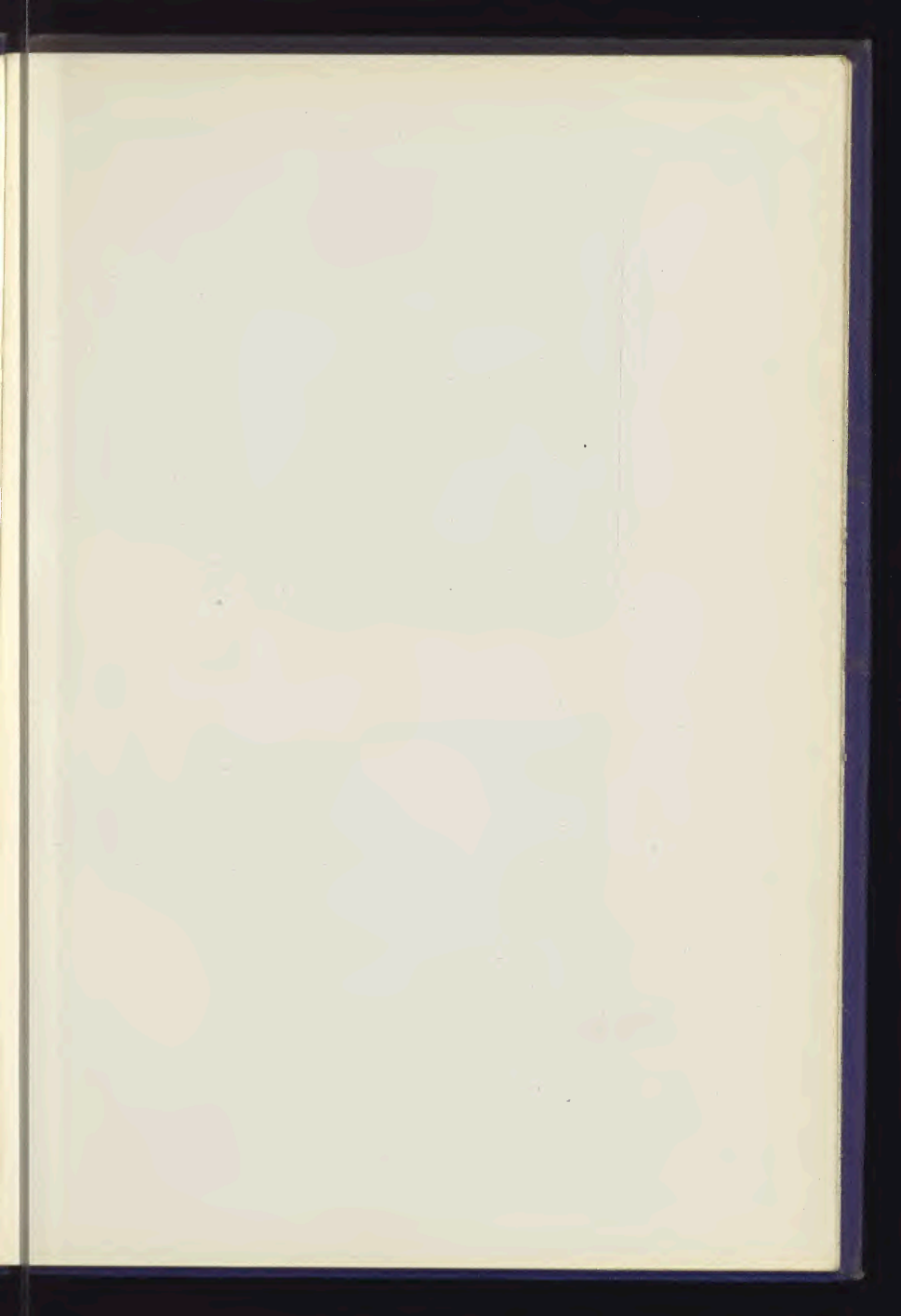
The Meeting enthusiastically recorded its thanks to Mr Forsyth and the members of his Committee for their work and the monetary obligations they had undertaken.

In response to an appeal for funds, the following contributions were immediately intimated by members present :—

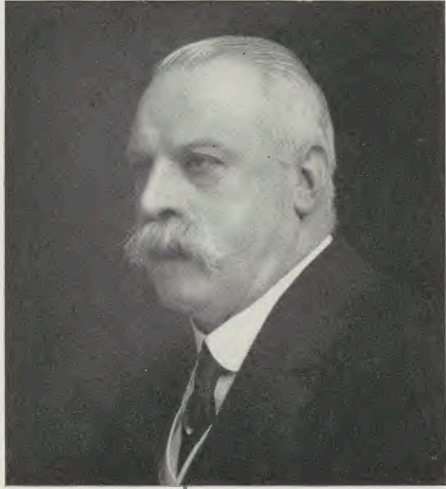
9	of	100	guineas	each.
1	„	50	„	„
1	„	25	„	„
1	„	20	„	„
5	„	10	„	„

making a total sum of no less than £1097, 5s. in all.

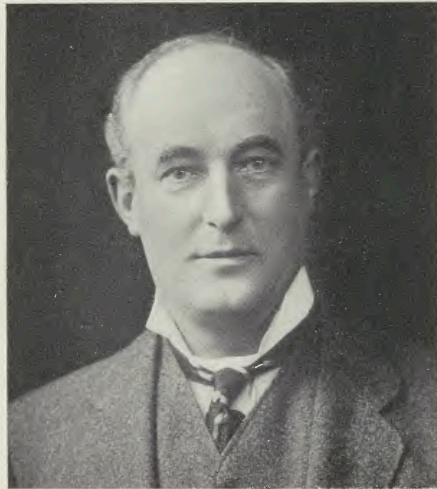
This narrative, then, is a brief outline of the purchase of our ground from the early beginnings up to the present



MEMBERS OF "GROUND-



T. F. TAYLOR

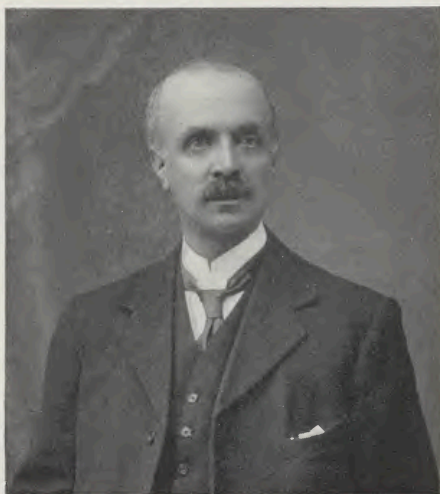


A. H. HAMILTON

PURCHASE" COMMITTEE



C. J. MUNRO



RUTHERFORD FORTUNE



time. It is necessarily only in outline, but it should, I think, give Carlton members considerable food for reflection. A record of constant unselfish endeavour and of strenuous and unceasing work. Of countless difficulties overcome and apparently impassable obstacles surmounted. Of time and talents devoted by busy men to our affairs, and of generous financial support freely given.

It is a unique chapter in the Club's history—one that can and should be written in letters of gold. We Carlton playing members owe an unpayable debt of gratitude to the men who wrote it for us.

An Appeal to Members

A glorious chapter, truly, but it is *now* the duty of the active Carlton members *to write the closing pages for themselves*. What are our feelings as we reflect on this event? We are, no doubt, proud to be members of a Club which has carried out a scheme of this magnitude, and we are also, of course, profoundly grateful to the men who did the work for us. But is that all? Are we to rest content with saying "Thank you," and do nothing to help ourselves? Do we intend to remain placidly aloof and allow our friends still to shoulder their responsibility? Surely not! Is there one playing member who can say to himself in effect: "All this and more has been done for me, by men who derive no benefit themselves from the result of their work. My pleasure and my enjoyment have been ensured by the efforts of others, but I propose to take full advantage of their kindness, and make no effort whatever to assist in the work!"

Plain Words

If that is our attitude, consciously or unconsciously, then I say quite frankly that we are "Not playing the game," and are utterly unworthy of all that has been done for us.

The Purchase Committee expects, and has good reason to expect, assistance from *every* member in raising the necessary funds. Fifty-one playing members ought to

mean fifty-one contributors and fifty-one assistants. What is the position at present ?

1. At the Special General Meeting contributions were invited towards the purchase price of £3000. Seventeen members present made a splendid response, and a sum of £97, 5s. was promised. Of the seventeen only five were playing members.

2. All members were subsequently notified of the position of affairs and invited to assist. Twenty-four responded, the majority of whom were non-playing members.

3. We have fifty-one playing members on our roll. At the time of writing only a small percentage of these have promised any assistance.*

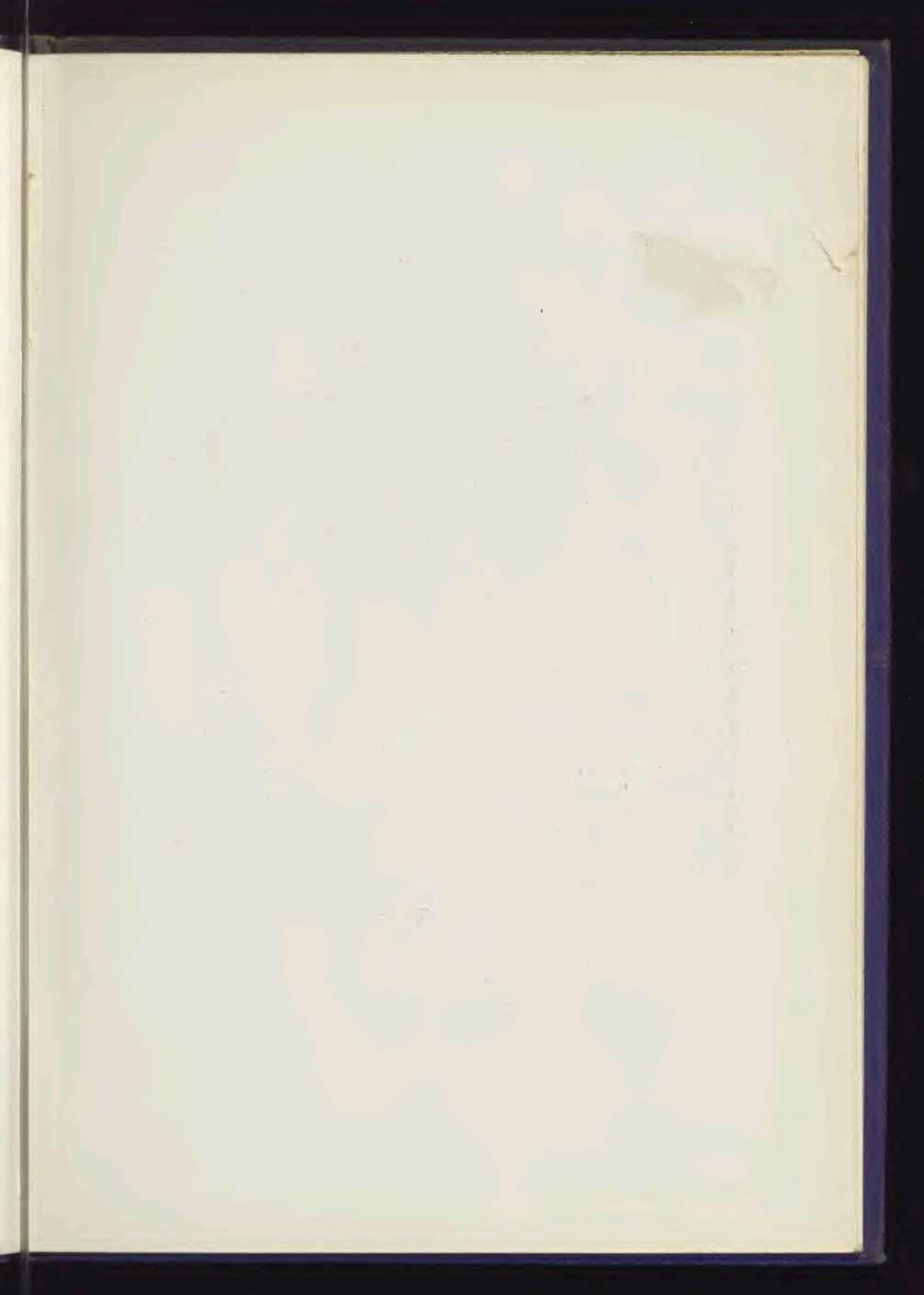
No doubt either thoughtlessness or lack of opportunity is responsible for this state of affairs, and the matter has only to be stated in plain terms now to be put right immediately. No great effort is asked or expected of any member : A contribution, no matter how small, towards the cost of the ground. A little spare time devoted to working for one of the Committee's Schemes for raising funds. Giving up even one night's attendance at Club or Dancing Hall would be materially helpful. Is that too much to ask ?

Let us one and all, then, resolve to *do our bit now*. The Club must free our guarantors from the burden of debt incurred on our behalf, and it is up to the present members to do this. Surely it is worth some effort ? Hitherto we have kept safe the inheritance handed down to us, and never all down the years has the Carlton flag flown so proudly as it does to-day.

The field is our property at last. Let us now discharge our debt, and, in writing "finis" to this chapter, hand on a bright and untarnished record to those who in turn take over from us.

C. S. P.

* We are glad to say that, at the time of going to Press, there has been a marked improvement, and many playing members are now rendering assistance.



CARLTON *v.* CRAIGMOUNT



CRAIGMOUNT TEAM

CARLTON v. CRAIGMOUNT



CARLTON TEAM



THE CLOSE OF CRAIGMOUNT INNINGS



CARLTON v. CRAIGMOUNT

IN days of old, as we all know, when Delilah wished to encompass the downfall of Samson, she called for a man, and caused him to shave off the seven locks of Samson's head—and his strength went from him. In like manner, the young ladies of Craigmount, learning that the mighty Dr Phillips was to play in the Carlton team against them, called for the Carlton chief, and caused him to decree that in this match Dr Phillips (and incidentally the other members of the team) should play left-handed. So "his strength went from him," and as the shades of evening fell on the verdant slopes of Grange Loan, it came to pass that our redoubtable neighbours from Craigmount succeeded where the picked warriors from all other Scottish Clubs failed, and erased the proud word *invictus* from the Carlton's record.

Craigmount had first innings, and scored with ease from the bowling of the aforesaid Doctor (at other times so swift and terrifying), as well as from the deliveries of the other members of the Carlton team, who all had an opportunity of displaying their prowess. Especially noteworthy was the performance of Miss N. Ferguson, who played a splendid game, with a score of 33.

In bowling and fielding also the ladies appeared in a very favourable light. The bowling honours went to Miss Panton with three and Miss Jamieson with two wickets respectively, and special praise must be awarded to Miss I. Munro for her fine work in the field. An outstanding feature of the Carlton innings was the fact that not a single six came from Dr Phillips' bat, which demonstrated the efficacy of the treatment prescribed for him, while the number of "run-outs" testified to the smart fielding of Craigmount.

The full scores are appended, from which will be seen the substantial nature of the Carlton's defeat. Nor were the spoils of victory denied to the conquerors. In a graceful oration, Mr Devlin awarded the palm to his

Club's fair opponents, at the same time handing to the blushing warriors who had specially distinguished themselves suitable gifts, which they graciously accepted in full of all indemnity due by their vanquished foes. And so the Carlton's only defeat of the season ended appropriately in ringing cheers for those who had triumphed in the fray.

A. W.

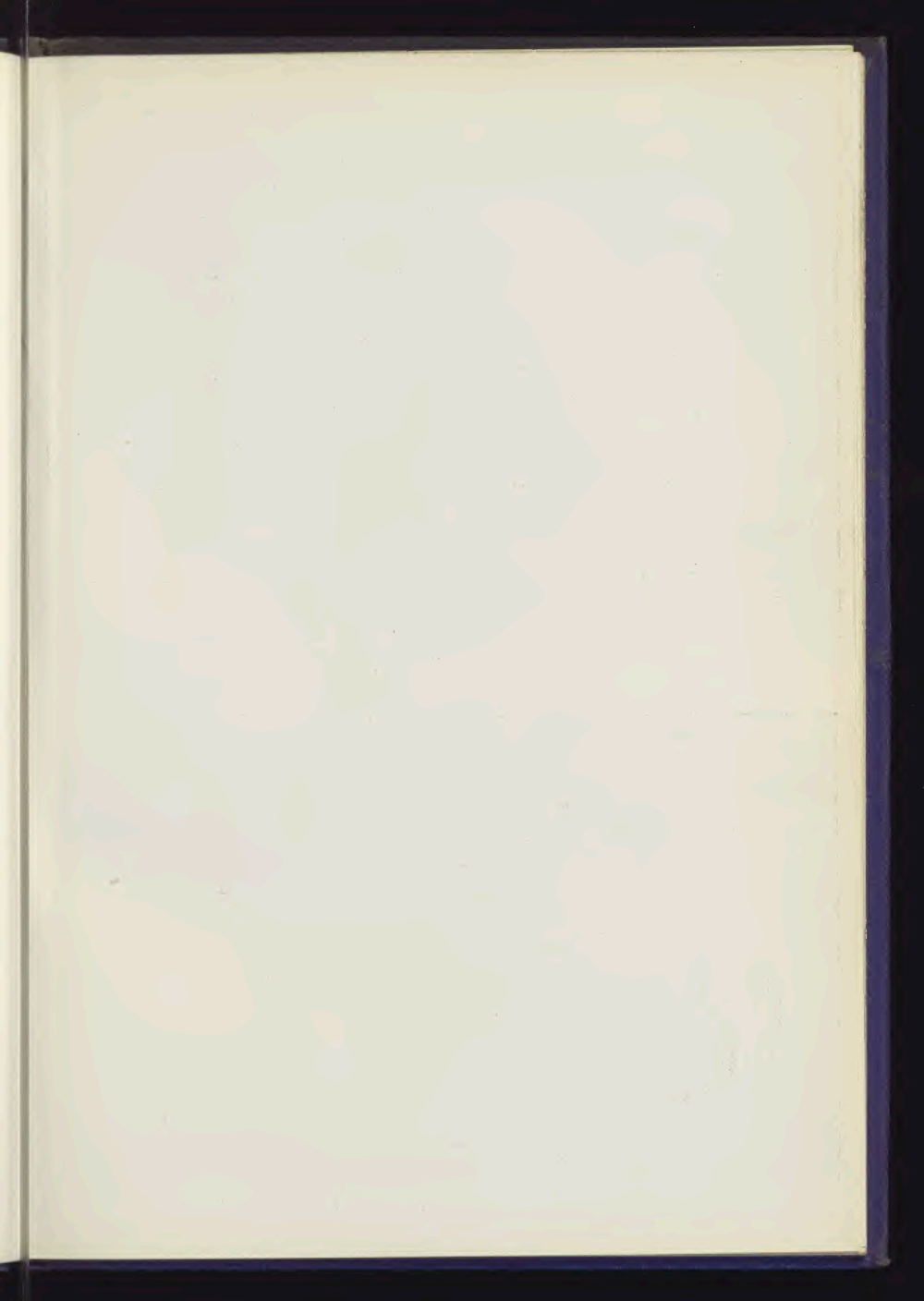
Scores

CRAIGMOUNT SCHOOL

Miss N. Scott, c M'Kie, b Traill	0
„ D. MacLellan, c and b Phillips	2
„ M. Edmondson, c Stevenson, b Purves	6
„ Panton, b Walker	19
„ Jamieson, c Brand, b Stevenson	9
„ G. Hunter, c Sturgeon, b M'Kie	0
„ J. Scott, b Stevenson	5
„ I. Munro, b Sturgeon	1
„ N. Ferguson, c Farquharson, b Patterson	33
„ M. Stark, b Traill	10
„ E. Paterson, c Purves, b Patterson	2
„ E. Ellingsen, b Munro	3
„ B. Berrie, b Walker	15
„ A. Young, not out	5
„ A. M'Leod, b Walker	2
Byes	3
Wides	22
Total	137

CARLTON

Dr N. L. Stevenson, retired	35
Dr J. E. Phillips, run out	30
A. Walker, c and b Miss Panton	9
J. Traill, run out	2
F. Brand, c and b Miss Panton	2
T. S. Purves, stumped, b Miss Jamieson	6
H. R. M'Kie, b Miss Jamieson	10
S. M. Sturgeon, c Miss Berrie, b Miss Panton	3
C. A. Farquharson, run out	4
V. A. Y. Patterson, run out	7
J. Munro, not out	1
Extras	13
Total	122



CARLTON v. J. W. H. T. DOUGLAS' XI.



R. S. CLARK AND R. E. BATSON



DOUGLAS' XI. TAKING THE FIELD



E. A. MACDONALD. N. L. STEVENSON. R. S. CLARK



J. W. H. T. DOUGLAS AND OUR CHIEF OF STAFF



METEOROLOGICAL MUSINGS

“The rain it raineth every day.”—SHAKESPEARE.

“OWING, I presume, to an unusually wet season,” complains Gilbert’s redoubtable warrior, the Duke of Plaza Toro, “equestrian exercise is impracticable.” That versatile hero played many parts in his time, but we may safely conclude that cricket, at all events, was not included among his many activities.

“Unusually wet season,” indeed! The phrase has a benignant ring which seems to us totally out of place and absurd. It sounds almost as though we were invoking blessings on the rain, or congratulating the weather on its beneficent work. It is a commonplace to say that in this country the weather forms our main topic of conversation, but we question whether—daily conversations notwithstanding—this classic phrase has yet found a place in the vocabulary of a single British sportsman—equestrian or otherwise. Cricketers, so far as we have noticed, will have none of it. All over the country these unfortunates described the Summer of 1924 in striking and picturesque language, but “unusually wet season”—though entirely accurate—was a phrase much too mild and gentle to meet with general acceptance or approval.

Do many of our cricketers, I wonder, still remember the nursery ditties of childhood’s halcyon days?

Some time ago I happened to be a witness of the efforts made by a friend in order to keep his young child reasonably quiet. The day was very wet (which perhaps explains my presence at the show!), and outdoor amusements were consequently out of the question. The keynote of the soothing performance was simplicity, and the most successful item on the programme was a cheerful little carol, something like this: (my friend, who is not a cricketer,

rendered it with a joyous gaiety which I considered quite uncalled for !):—

“ Clap, clap your handies,
Clap, clap away ;
Clap, clap your handies,
Upon a rainy day ! ”

Did we cricketers actually use language like this in our trailing clouds of glory days? It is quite possible, I suppose. The future was all unknown in these happy days, and little did we know or care what it held in store for us. But how the high gods must have smiled, as they listened-in to our childish songs, since in their whimsical humour they had decreed that in the fullness of time weather conditions should bulk so largely in our lives.

“ Clap your hands now, you quaint urchins,” they would chuckle, “ in a few short years you will sing a very different song ! ” Alas! the dewy freshness of childhood has vanished never to return. The songs of youth have long since been forgotten, and cricketers now declaim much more heartily from stores of learning acquired later on in life.

“ Unusually wet season.” No! we say emphatically that the easy-going paladin was not a cricketer.

Human nature being what it is, however, we may perhaps derive some little comfort from the reflection that our present-day weather troubles are nothing new. Long years ago, if the old records are to be trusted, unusually wet seasons were just as common as they are nowadays, and our cricketing forefathers presumably found them quite as trying to the temper as we do to-day. Away back about the year 1700, *e.g.*, we find a prominent writer using the following words in a discourse on “ Wit and Humour ” :—

“ The gloominess, in which sometimes the minds of the best men are involved, very often stands in need of such little incitements to mirth and laughter as are apt to disperse melancholy, and put our faculties in good humour.” And this shrewd observer goes on to say : “ To which it may be added that the British Climate, more than any other, makes entertainments of that nature in a manner necessary.”

We feel drawn towards this old-world philosopher, who



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must surely have been a cricketer! One pictures him looking forward eagerly to the match of the Season, between the undefeated Stoics and the F.P. XI. of the rival school of thought. He practises diligently at the nets on occasional fair intervals during the week. He pays particular attention (does he?) to fielding practice, and his bat and cricket boots are carefully overhauled in readiness for the fray.

And at 12 noon on Saturday the rain descends and the floods come!

The wicket is under water, and wandering sea-gulls perform their ablutions under the impression that the field is an inland sea. The members of the two sides loaf dismally about the pavilion, hoping against hope for an improvement in the weather. Credulous optimists point out purely imaginary patches of blue sky, and disillusioned pessimists put away their cricket clothes at once, and talk darkly of the pleasures of a fishing holiday in winter. Our friend, the keen cricketer, finds himself cornered by the local pavilion bore, and has perforce to listen to a tedious discourse which wearies him to exasperation. Coleridge's Ancient Mariner was pretty useful at this detaining game, but some of his imitators have nothing much to learn. The mariner's victim, if we remember rightly, protested in vigorous terms, but our unfortunate cricketer would naturally find it necessary to be more diplomatic:

" Hold off! unhand me, grey-beard loon!
Now wherefor stopp'st thou me? "

Can you imagine the philosopher using language like that to an influential supporter of the Stoics?

The dreary afternoon, then, drags slowly on, until finally the match is "abandoned on account of rain," and the would-be cricketers retire crestfallen and disconsolate from the unhappy field.

"Incitements to mirth and laughter are required to disperse melancholy." We cricketers most heartily agree!

This ancient record I have quoted is by no means an isolated reference to bad weather conditions in former days.

The literature of the "Merrie England" period, *e.g.*, abounds with similar references, and it is obvious to the most casual reader that these days of "Merriment" were subject to climatic changes. One of the earliest songs in the plays of Shakespeare has a most familiar refrain :

" A great while ago the world began,
With hey, ho, the wind and the rain ;
But that's all one, our play is done,
For the rain it raineth every day."

That does not sound very cheerful for the cricketer !
Here is another weather description from one of the historical plays :

" The raging wind blows up incessant showers,
And when the rage allays the rain begins."

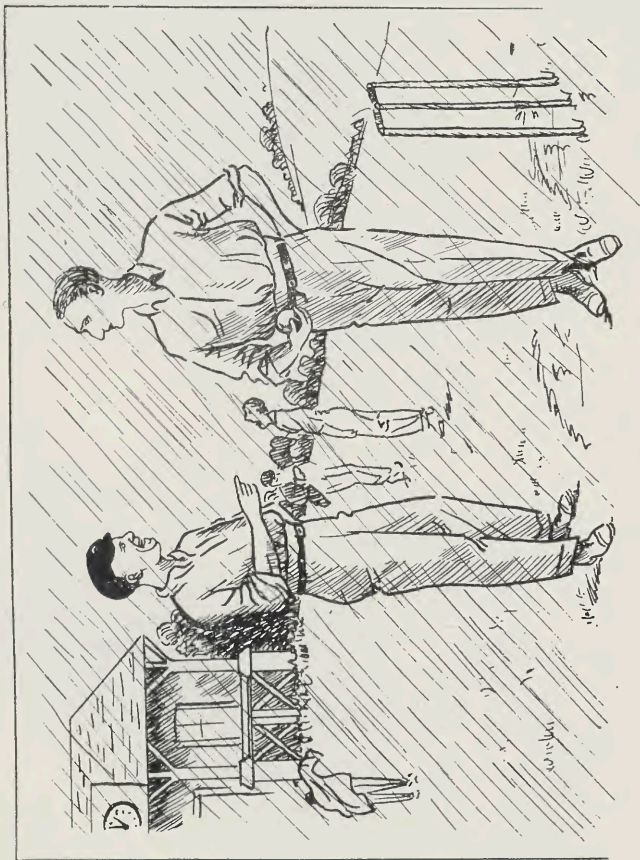
We know that sort of day only too well. A little play at the start ; dreary intervals during the showers ; piercing winds making cricket clothes a jest, and then the wind dying down and the rain getting to work in earnest.

King Lear again, is not only one of the most sublime tragedies ever written, but it is also a record of weather conditions which should make cricketers of to-day feel that they are really very fortunate. The play itself, indeed, is not unlike certain of our summer days, in that it starts with a lurid brightness which only anticipates the wind and rain. Wild storms, dazzling lightning, and the resounding crash of Heaven's artillery are matters of daily routine in this play, and the unceasing downpour of rain provides a sorrowful accompaniment to the living martyrdom of Lear himself. One wonders, in fact, how the wickets in that part of England ever became dry and fast again !

Such instances of bad weather in the good old days might be quoted indefinitely, and one is not at all surprised to learn that men occasionally adopted the rôle of weather prophet. In these far-off times, of course, the science was in its infancy, and the man in the street would have been sadly puzzled by a brilliant effort like those of to-day. " A deep depression North of Iceland is rapidly advancing towards these islands, and several anti-cyclones are in hot

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STEVIE TO WALKER—"YOU MIGHT TRY THE DEEP END, OLD THING"



pursuit. Secondary depressions will remain stationary over the country, and more rain is probable in all parts. Visibility poor, and further outlook unsettled."

Richard III., we all remember, was a notorious warrior, who found (like our friend Plaza Toro) that his style was somewhat cramped when equestrian exercise was impracticable. It is not so well known, however, that in his spare time Richard tried his hand at forecasting the weather. At the start of one of the big matches, he is apparently considering whether it would be wise to put the other side in to bat. "Bring me a calendar," he commands, and then ponders deeply over the weather portents. Not liking the look of the sky, he arrives at a decision, and confidently announces to his team :

" A black day will it be to somebody,
The sun will not shine to-day."

Incidentally one notes with interest that his opponents were first in the field, and that Richard's side lost the match !

One last reference. Banquo, in *Macbeth*, was just as confident a prophet as Richard. "It will be rain to-night," he declares unequivocally. No hedging "further outlook unsettled" for him ; he is clear-cut and definite about the matter. "It *will* be rain to-night." And the villain who overhears the words is overjoyed at the prospect ! "Let it come down," is his delighted comment on the forecast.

He was a Bolshevik of the worst type, this villain, and probably also a slow left-hand bowler who hoped for a sticky wicket next day. The chances are that he watered the wicket to make assurance doubly sure, but in any case he certainly got rid of the unfortunate Banquo right away !

I am afraid, however, our musings on the weather have led us rather too far afield. We must finish with a moral lesson, although it is very unlikely that any cricketer will trouble to read as far as this.

If we remember rightly, the Duke of Plaza Toro managed to put in quite a cheery time in spite of the drawbacks of an unusually wet season. The rain did not affect his sunny disposition, and he invariably found the proverbial silver lining to each cloud. And surely we cricketers derived

some pleasure from the past Season? The rain did not rain every day, and the occasional sunshine and the bright days ought to be remembered with thankfulness now.

Hazlitt tells us that he discovered in a garden near Venice (Plaza Toro again!) an ancient sun-dial which bore the sensible motto, "I count only the hours that are serene." The sunny hours carefully noted and remembered, but unusually wet seasons allowed to descend at once into oblivion! We can all, I think, learn something from that old sun-dial's sage motto. Dwell always on the sunny hours and the happy days. Refuse to record the shadows and the dark times, and look forward hopefully to sunshine again in the future. Was the Season of 1924 not to the liking of cricketers? Then banish it into the limbo of forgotten things, and start afresh with new hopes for Season 1925. And even if 1925 also proves unusually wet? We have at least the pleasure of hoping now! Shakespeare once again:—

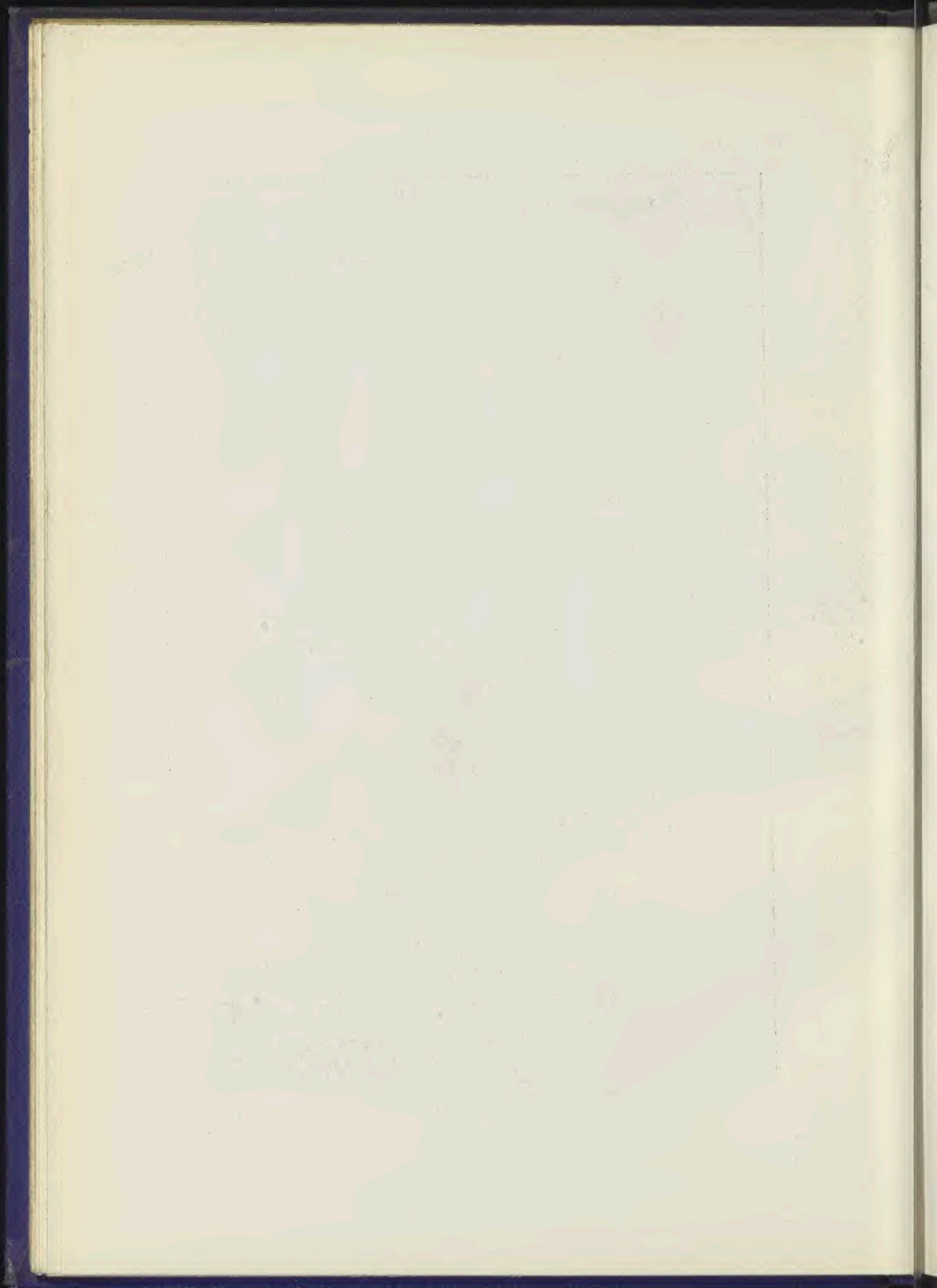
"True hope is swift, and flies with swallow's wings,
Kings it makes Gods, and meaner creatures kings."

C. S. P.





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CARLTON AVERAGES FOR THE
POST-WAR YEARS

1919

BATTING						
	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Total runs.	Average.	
J. W. SORRIE	16	2	109	673	48·0	
G. D. CUNNINGHAM ..	16	6	104*	471	47·1	
N. L. STEVENSON ..	9	4	24	131	26·2	
A. J. REID	15	4	71	279	25·3	
A. WALKER	7	0	51	174	24·8	
C. S. PATERSON	9	1	93*	178	22·2	
G. T. PATERSON	11	1	45	222	22·2	
A. S. CAIRNS	12	2	67	206	20·6	
S. FORSYTH	13	1	50	241	20·0	
D. M'DONALD	9	3	23	94	15·5	
G. B. GOURLAY	6	2	15	49	12·2	

BOWLING						
			Wickets.	Runs.	Average.	
D. M'DONALD .. ..	..	..	56	401	7·16	
A. E. SELLARS .. ..	..	..	33	270	8·18	
N. L. STEVENSON ..	..	..	13	124	9·6	
J. W. SORRIE .. ..	..	..	10	96	9·6	
S. FORSYTH .. ..	..	..	20	194	9·7	
C. S. PATERSON .. ..	..	..	25	301	12·04	

1920

BATTING						
	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Total runs.	Average.	
C. S. PATERSON	24	7	110*	751	44·17	
J. W. SORRIE	24	2	106	766	34·81	
N. L. STEVENSON ..	14	7	103*	200	28·57	
G. D. CUNNINGHAM ..	25	4	62	589	28·04	
R. M. GOURLAY	19	7	102*	327	27·25	
S. FORSYTH	19	0	72	406	21·36	
A. WALKER	23	2	62*	429	20·42	
J. E. PHILLIPS	7	2	120*	236	47·20	

BOWLING						
	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average.	
A. E. SELLARS	374·3	88	825	119	7·17	
N. L. STEVENSON ..	127	17	161	16	10·16	
J. W. SORRIE	39	12	105	10	10·5	
C. S. PATERSON	236	99	571	54	10·57	

* Signifies not out.

1921

BATTING

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Total runs.	Average.
C. S. PATERSON ..	27	2	138*	944	37·76
A. WALKER ..	24	1	102	816	35·47
R. E. BATSON ..	17	1	91	527	32·93
A. E. SANDELS ..	10	3	64	214	30·57
J. W. SORRIE ..	16	1	86	329	21·93
J. E. PHILLIPS ..	23	0	47	463	20·23
G. T. PATERSON ..	16	4	44	233	19·41
H. D. WRIGHT ..	13	4	38*	139	15·44
N. L. STEVENSON ..	17	3	35*	141	10·0
S. M. STURGEON ..	15	5	16*	71	7·88
G. W. JUPP ..	7	1	72	230	38·33

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average.
N. L. STEVENSON ..	110	31	225	32	7·0
C. S. PATERSON ..	397	120	726	102	7·1
H. D. WRIGHT ..	103	25	239	27	8·8
A. E. SELLARS ..	236	53	610	61	10·0

1922

BATTING

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Total runs.	Average.
R. E. BATSON ..	11	2	102*	386	42·88
J. W. SORRIE ..	13	0	88	491	37·76
G. W. JUPP ..	12	0	67	324	27·0
N. L. STEVENSON ..	23	9	54*	357	25·71
G. T. PATERSON ..	19	7	43*	298	24·83
R. M. GOURLAY ..	24	2	131	541	24·59
J. E. PHILLIPS ..	17	2	74	346	23·06
C. S. PATERSON ..	29	4	82*	512	20·48
A. S. CAIRNS ..	8	2	32	122	20·33
A. WALKER ..	26	3	53	430	18·69
R. S. CLARK ..	8	0	79	238	29·75
J. TRAILL ..	8	3	56*	143	28·6

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average.
H. D. WRIGHT ..	221	68	443	56	7·91
A. E. SELLARS ..	185	44	457	45	10·15
C. S. PATERSON ..	457	110	904	87	10·39
N. L. STEVENSON ..	149	41	355	32	11·09

* Signifies not out.

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1923

BATTING

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Total runs.	Average.
R. E. BATSON ..	12	4	138*	540	67.5
W. H. R. ALDERSON ..	28	8	126*	1324	66.2
J. E. PHILLIPS ..	20	7	107*	550	42.3
C. S. PATERSON ..	27	9	71*	695	38.6
A. WALKER ..	21	6	56*	473	31.5
G. T. PATERSON ..	16	5	79	217	25.2
R. M. GOURLAY ..	9	2	48	176	25.2
J. W. SORRIE ..	17	3	102*	271	19.5
J. MORTIMER ..	4	1	18*	40	13.3

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average.
A. WALKER ..	221	33	526	54	9.8
N. L. STEVENSON ..	120	34	299	30	10.0
C. S. PATERSON ..	540	71	1070	104	10.3
J. E. PHILLIPS ..	178	38	449	33	13.6

1924

BATTING

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Total runs.	Average.
J. W. SORRIE ..	18	4	130	481	34.4
C. S. PATERSON ..	18	6	79	401	33.5
J. E. PHILLIPS ..	19	2	73	357	21.0
A. WALKER ..	20	2	74	376	20.9
T. S. PURVES ..	16	1	59	271	18.1
G. T. PATERSON ..	13	4	46	156	17.2
R. S. CLARK ..	10	0	39	165	16.5
R. E. BATSON ..	3	2	69*	103	103.0
G. W. LAWSON ..	6	2	99*	180	45

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average.
C. S. PATERSON ..	400	130	547	88	6.5
A. WALKER ..	190	41	518	58	8.9
J. E. PHILLIPS ..	94	21	243	19	12.7
N. L. STEVENSON ..	73	13	194	15	12.9

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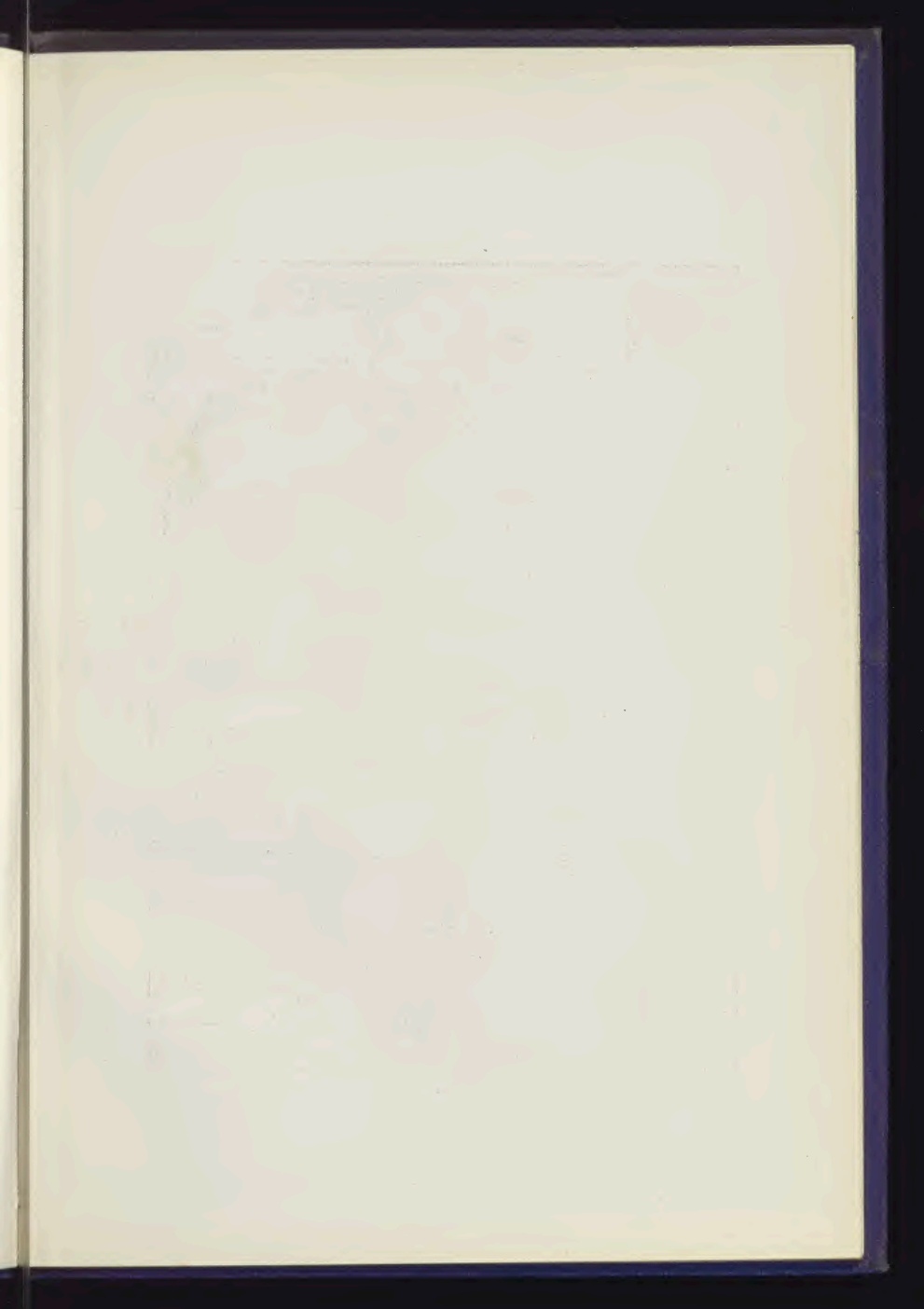
LEADING BATSMEN AND BOWLERS

1894-1924

Standard, 10 innings and 20 wickets.

The following list gives the leading batsmen and bowlers from 1894:

	BATTING	BOWLING
1894 . . .	R. BLACKADDER.	JONES (<i>Prof.</i>).
1895 . . .	R. BLACKADDER.	J. SWAN.
1896 . . .	N. L. STEVENSON.	N. L. STEVENSON.
1897 . . .	R. G. SELBY.	D. M'LAURIN.
1898 . . .	R. BLACKADDER.	N. L. STEVENSON.
1899 . . .	G. W. JUPP.	N. L. STEVENSON.
1900 . . .	G. W. JUPP.	N. L. STEVENSON.
1901 . . .	G. W. JUPP.	N. L. STEVENSON.
1902 . . .	G. W. JUPP.	N. L. STEVENSON.
1903 . . .	G. W. JUPP.	N. L. STEVENSON.
1904 . . .	G. W. JUPP.	N. L. STEVENSON.
1905 . . .	D. M'LAURIN.	N. L. STEVENSON.
1906 . . .	G. W. JUPP.	N. L. STEVENSON.
1907 . . .	G. W. JUPP.	N. L. STEVENSON.
1908 . . .	G. W. JUPP.	N. L. STEVENSON.
1909 . . .	G. W. JUPP.	N. L. STEVENSON.
1910 . . .	G. W. JUPP.	G. W. JUPP.
1911 . . .	H. S. WALKER.	G. W. JUPP.
1912 . . .	J. W. SORRIE.	G. W. JUPP.
1913 . . .	C. S. PATERSON.	C. S. PATERSON.
1914 . . .	J. W. SORRIE.	N. L. STEVENSON.
The War.		
1919 . . .	J. W. SORRIE.	D. M'DONALD.
1920 . . .	C. S. PATERSON.	A. E. SELLARS.
1921 . . .	C. S. PATERSON.	N. L. STEVENSON.
1922 . . .	R. E. BATSON.	H. D. WRIGHT.
1923 . . .	R. E. BATSON.	A. WALKER.
1924 . . .	J. W. SORRIE.	C. S. PATERSON.





"ALL HOPE ABANDON YE . . ."

THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY

“The way is ready, and not long,
If thou accept my conduct, I can bring thee hither soon.”
Satan, in *Paradise Lost*.

CARLTON members will be interested to hear that an invitation of a peculiar and exclusive nature has just reached the Club. It is addressed, appropriately enough, to Mr A. S. Cairns, President of the Scottish Cricket Union, and in place of a signature the communication bears the symbol of a flaming torch. It has for a crest the device of a serpent with an apple in its mouth, surmounted by the Latin motto, “*Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes.*”

The communication is as follows :—

“The fame of the Carlton Cricket Club has reached even to the bourne from whence no traveller returns, and the Brimstone Cricket Club hereby extend to the Carlton side a warm invitation to visit them in 1925. They feel sure that Carlton members would thoroughly enjoy a tour in a country which offers, among other attractions, the following special inducements to cricketers :—

- “1. No match is ever abandoned on account of rain.
- “2. Appeals against the light are entirely unknown.
- “3. Perfect fast wickets. Matting laid on beds of specially selected cinders.
- “4. Large and appreciative audiences. No gate money and no pass-out checks.
- “5. Time is no object, and there are, therefore, no drawn games.

“Many of the Carlton members are already well known by repute to the Captain of the Brimstone Cricket Club, who is looking forward to the pleasure of a more intimate and personal acquaintance with them.”

Mr Cairns duly forwarded this most unusual invitation to us, and in replying to his letter, we informed him that the Committee "could not agree to the proposal therein contained."

The Club's artist (unpaid appointment, like my own.—ED.), however, considered the incident worthy of a special sketch, and we have much pleasure in reproducing his excellent imaginative effort.

The precise moment is the grand entry of the Carlton Cricket Club's Captain into the unknown realms, and with admirable prescience our artist depicts "the stern joy that warriors feel, in foemen worthy of their steel."

WINTER ACTIVITIES, 1924-5

1. Leave of Absence

During part of the winter our Skipper will again sojourn in Switzerland, and break a lance at the Winter Sports there. We understand that on this occasion he has entered for the all-comers Yodelling Championship, which is the only branch of sport in which he has not yet won distinction. We trust that the Skipper will have a very enjoyable time, and lay up fresh stores of energy and enthusiasm for the summer campaign of 1925. (Mr C. S. Paterson will take a much-needed rest-cure at home during the absence of Dr Stevenson !)

2. Craigmount Concert

To assist in raising funds for our "Ground Purchase" scheme, the young ladies of Craigmount School are kindly carrying out a Concert, which will take place in the School on Friday, 12th December, at 8 p.m. Carlton Cricket Club members should make a point of being present, in order to show their appreciation of the assistance so kindly offered by our Craigmount friends.

The abilities of the young ladies in the cricket field are well known to us, and we have no doubt they will be equally successful in their new venture.

Full information regarding the performance can be obtained from our Hon. Secy., Mr J. Traill, or our Hon. Treasurer, Mr A. Walker.

3. Badminton Club

The latest addition to the Carlton family is a Badminton Club (born 13th November 1924), and we learn with pleasure that it is a very healthy and promising child. The use of the Drill Hall, Grindlay Street, has been secured through the good offices of Mr Mackenzie Fortune, and celebrations will be held there weekly on Thursday evenings, commencing at 5 p.m. It is hoped that cricket members past the first bloom of youth will take full advantage of this

opportunity for winter exercise, and that our fielding will show a marked improvement next summer in consequence.

Any lady or gentleman who wishes to join the Club should communicate at once with either Dr N. L. Stevenson (physician in attendance) or Mr Mackenzie Fortune.

4. Watch Presentation Scheme.

This is in the hands of the Carlton Pooh-Bah, Mr C. S. Paterson, and members are already in possession of full information regarding it. This scheme should materially assist in reducing the Club's debt, and *all members are earnestly urged* to give Mr Paterson every possible help in making it a success.

5. Hic labor, hoc opus est.

Mr A. S. Cairns, the popular President of the Scottish Cricket Union, is endeavouring, with his usual enterprise, to provide an unusual treat for Scottish sportsmen. He has been in communication with the hardy mountaineers of Tibet, in order to arrange, if possible, a contest between two representative sides from the districts of the Brahmaputra and Hoang-ho rivers.

This contest would take the form of Alpine sports on the Pentland Hills, and the weather conditions of our normal summer should be eminently suitable for such an enterprise.

Mr Cairns deserves all credit for his praiseworthy efforts, but, unfortunately, it is necessary to secure permission from the Grand Lama of Tibet before the mountaineers can move in the matter. This permission has hitherto been refused, and we fear that Mr Cairns' admirable scheme will perforce remain only a Utopian dream.

6. Other Enterprises.

Members will be advised in due course regarding various other schemes which the Committee are considering at present. These schemes will probably assume different outward disguises, but the same object will be common to all—the object, namely, of assisting members to fill in the time till the Cricket Season comes round once more.





AT GRANGE LOAN



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THE TEA ENCLOSURE, 15TH JULY 1924

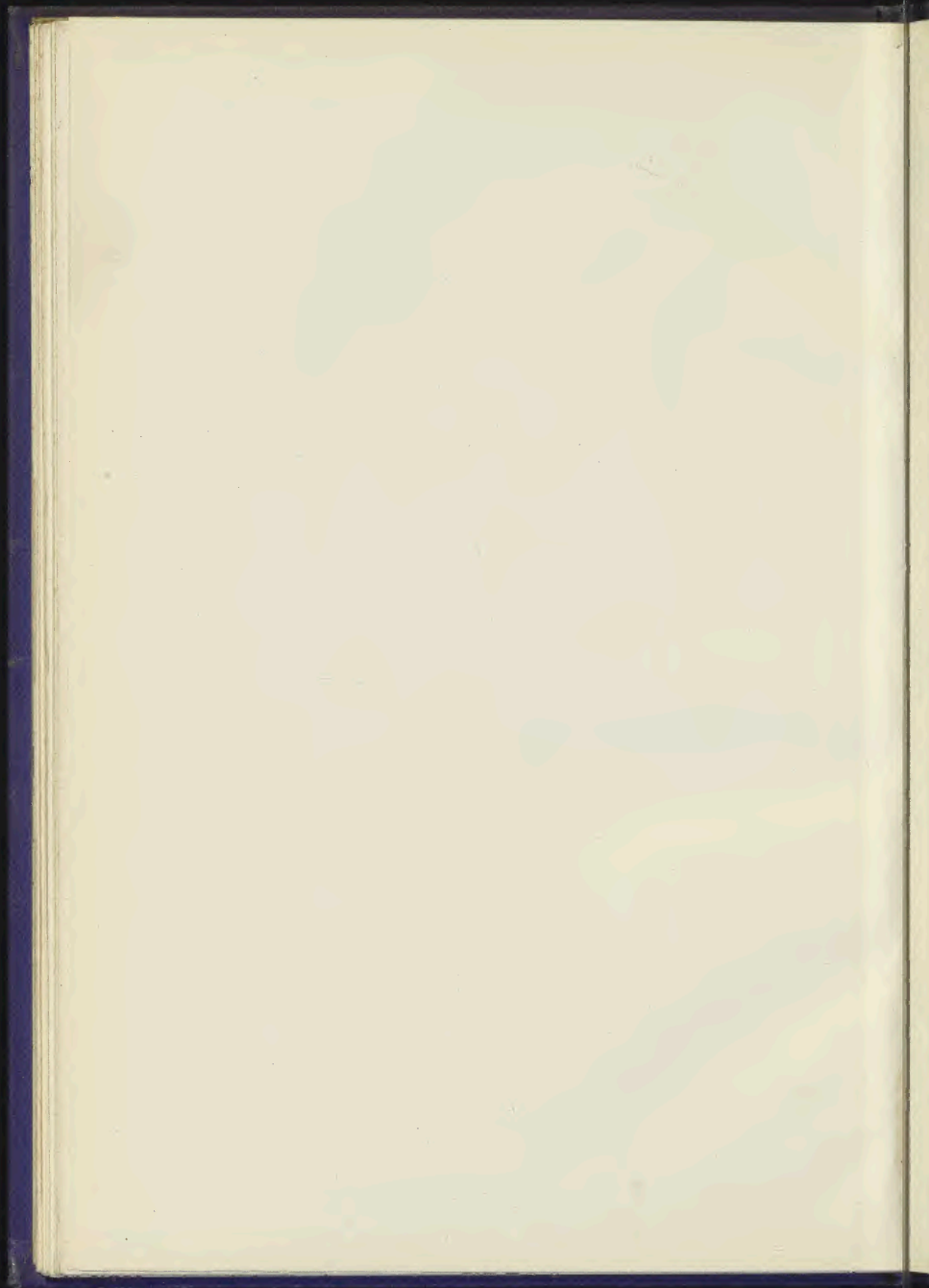


OFFICE-BEARERS FROM 1863-1925

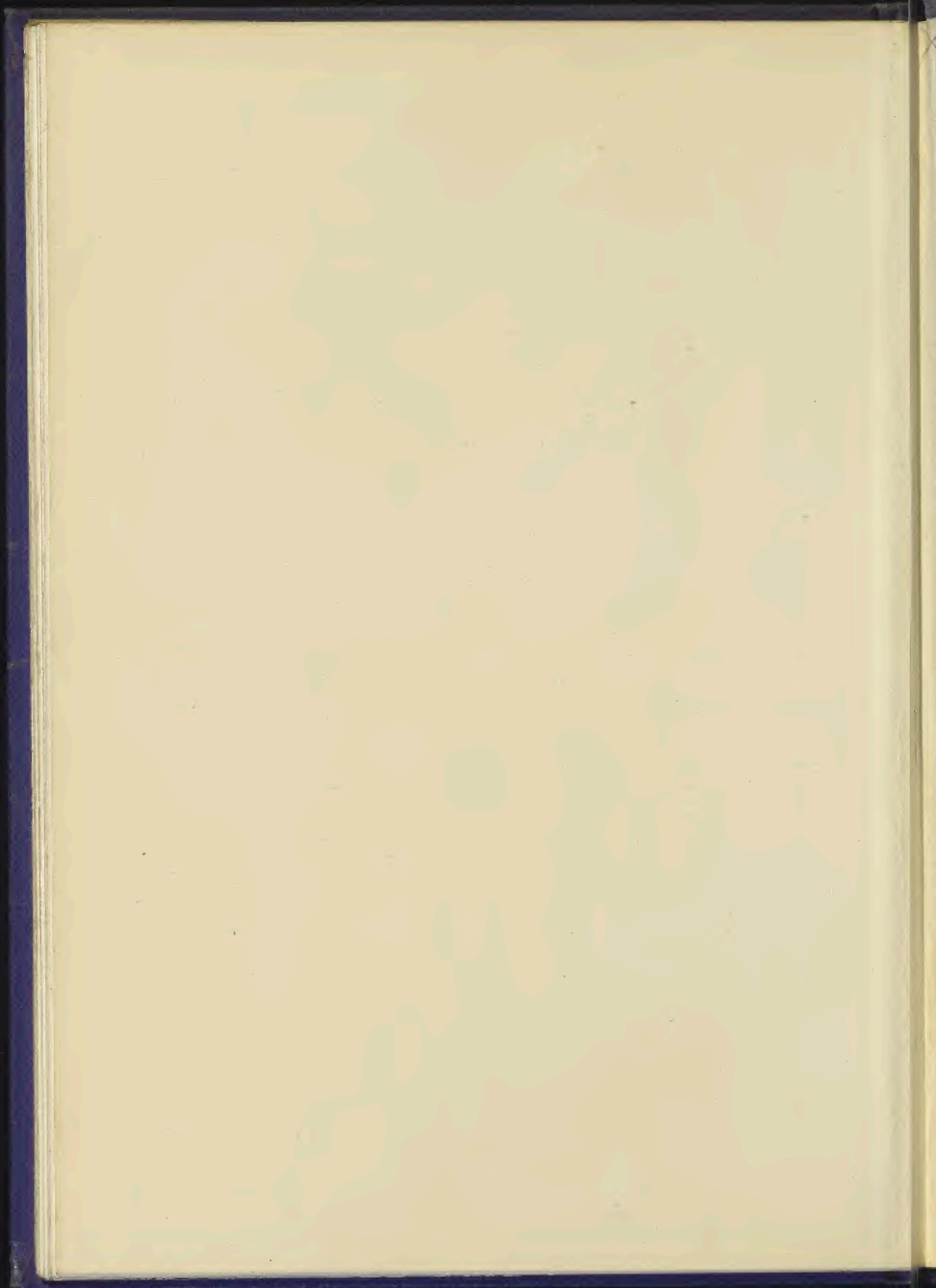
	CAPTAIN	VICE-CAPTAIN	SECRETARY
1863	J. H. A. Mackenzie.	J. Johnstone.	R. Addison Smith.
1864	J. H. A. Mackenzie.	Wm. Douglas.	R. Addison Smith.
1865	J. H. A. Mackenzie.	Wm. Douglas.	R. Addison Smith.
1866	Wm. Douglas.	Alex. Pearson.	Tom Pearson.
1867	D. Lang.	Alex. Pearson.	Tom Pearson.
1868	D. Lang.	D. Macdonald.	A. D. Macfarlane.
1869	Wm. Douglas.	W. Rutherford.	C. Seaton.
1870	D. Macdonald.	W. Rutherford.	R. H. Christie.
1871	D. Macdonald.	J. H. L. Macfarlane.	R. H. Christie.
1872	D. Macdonald.	J. H. L. Macfarlane.	R. H. Christie.
1873	G. F. Rayner.	Tom Forbes.	Charles Alexander.
1874	G. F. Rayner.	Tom Forbes.	J. J. Dyer.
1875	J. A. Davidson.	Tom Forbes.	J. J. Dyer.
1876	Wm. Geoghegan.	Seth Tinsley.	J. J. Dyer.
1877	Wm. Geoghegan.	A. E. Scougal.	W. J. Anderson.
1878	A. E. Scougal.	R. D. Mure.	G. S. Turnbull.
1879	Robert H. Christie.	John Dunn.	G. S. Turnbull.
1880	John H. Dunn.	W. J. Proudfoot.	G. S. Turnbull.
1881	W. J. Proudfoot.	John H. Dunn.	R. Blackadder.
1882	R. Blackadder.	John Smith.	J. Macgregor.
1883	R. Blackadder.	John Smith.	J. Macgregor.
1884	R. Blackadder.	W. Corson.	J. Macgregor.
1885	R. Blackadder.	W. Corson.	W. G. Paxton.
1886	A. Macbeth.	F. Haultain.	W. G. Paxton.
1887	B. Paxton.	J. Taylor.	W. G. Paxton.
1888	John Taylor.	C. Morrison.	W. G. Paxton.
1889	John Taylor.	J. W. M'Gregor.	A. K. Bell.
1890	B. Paxton.	A. Macbeth.	Wm. Boa.
1891	A. Macbeth.	Geo. H. Rees.	Wm. Boa.
1892	A. Macbeth.	Geo. H. Rees.	Wm. Boa.
1893	A. Macbeth.	W. B. Taylor.	Jas. Soutar.
1894	A. Macbeth.	W. P. Harris.	Jas. Soutar.
1895	R. Blackadder.	J. Swan.	Jas. Soutar.
1896	R. Blackadder.	G. W. Jupp.	P. Stroud.
1897	T. S. Watson.	G. W. Jupp.	P. Stroud.
1898	D. M'Laren.	R. Maxwell.	P. Stroud.
1899	G. W. Jupp.	N. L. Stevenson.	P. E. Robathan.
1900	G. W. Jupp.	N. L. Stevenson.	J. A. S. Carment.
1901	G. W. Jupp.	N. L. Stevenson.	R. Allison.
1902	N. L. Stevenson.	D. Currie.	R. Allison.
1903	N. L. Stevenson.	R. Maxwell.	R. Allison.
1904	G. W. Jupp.	D. Currie.	N. L. Stevenson.
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1906	D. Currie.	R. Maxwell.	N. L. Stevenson.
1907	D. Currie.	R. Maxwell.	N. L. Stevenson.
1908	D. Currie.	A. G. Thornton.	N. L. Stevenson.
1909	A. G. Thornton.	N. L. Stevenson.	N. L. Stevenson.
1910	A. G. Thornton.	N. L. Stevenson.	N. L. Stevenson.
1911	N. L. Stevenson.	W. R. L. Wright.	Stuart Forsyth.
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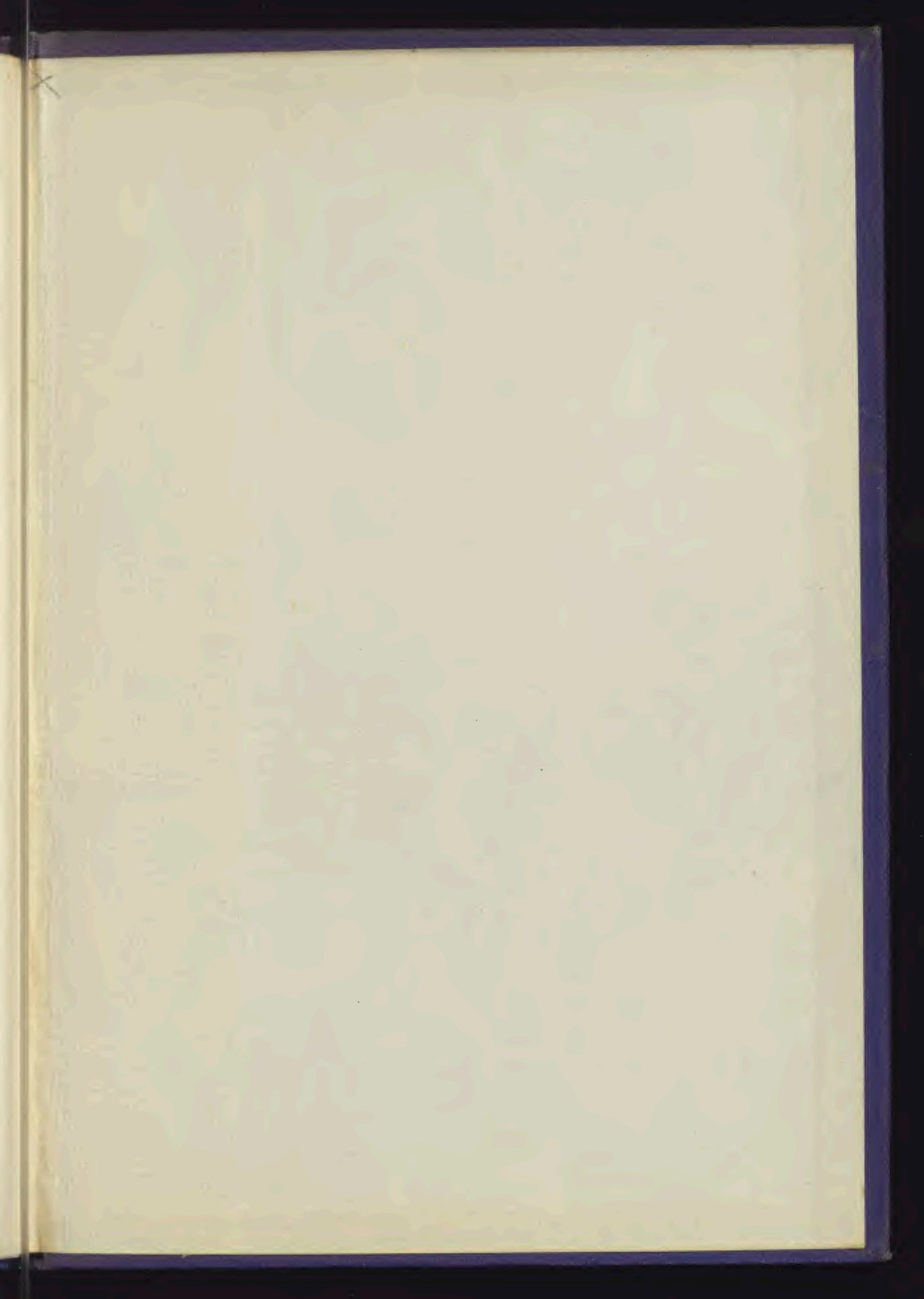
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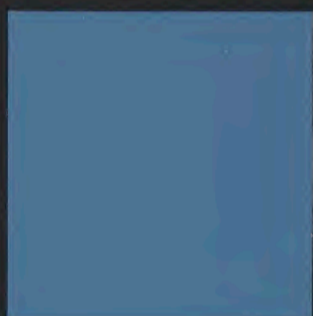






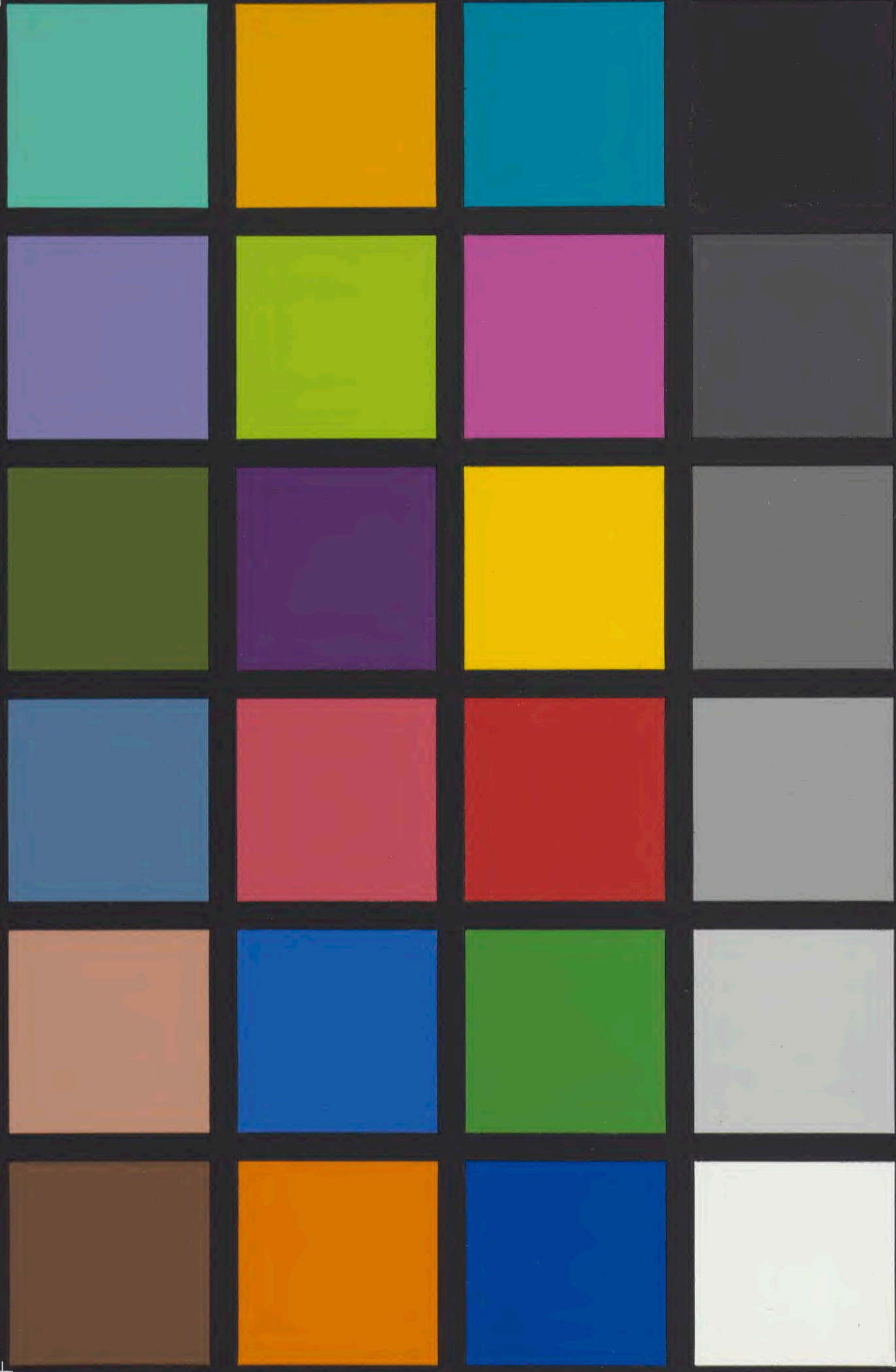
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