

CRICKET NOTES

(By Spectator).

The Dulwich match, played on a very slow pitch, produced some exciting cricket. We were eventually beaten by 10 runs, but the result was in doubt up to the end. On the day's play there was very little difference between the two teams, and we certainly had the worst of the wicket. This, and the skilful way in which the Dulwich skipper managed his bowling, just turned the scale. It was a capital game from start to finish.

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The wicket was so dead and the ground so slow that run-getting was always difficult. No one on either side, with one exception, looked like making many runs; and Hill's innings stood out, as it deserved to do, as by far the best performance of the day. His driving was very well-timed, and he went for all the bowlers alike, playing the only possible game with plenty of nerve. A very plucky innings, which well deserved the reward of 'colours.' Lightfoot and Forbes were the only others who faced the difficulties of the situation with any success, though the latter missed many leg balls which should have been hit. Several of our batsmen evidently did not watch the slow bowler's hand, and consequently did not know which way the ball was breaking. The batting as a whole shewed an indecision which is largely the result of lack of practice. We have indeed been unlucky this year in this respect.

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Our bowlers were handicapped by an inopportune shower which before lunch made the ball slippery; still neither Meares nor Grierson was at his best, and even after lunch the former sent down an alarming number of full pitches.

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With at least four regular bowlers on the side—to say nothing of the skipper's leg-breaks—we believe that, especially on slow wickets, a policy of quick changes pays best. Nothing—we speak from experience—is more apt to annoy a batsman who is just getting his eye in, than the appearance of a new bowler or bowlers. In this match the second pair proved much more effective than the first; and Goldney-Baker, especially, worried the Dulwich batsmen more than any of the others.

The fielding showed possibilities. Gouldsbury and Sutherland were easily the best performers, both in picking up and returning. Phillips worked hard, and made a smart catch at mid-on. He chases the ball well, but must remember to get rid of it at once. Sutherland's long-field catch was beautifully judged.

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Judging from School and House Matches this year we should say that the art of running between wickets wants cultivating. Many batsmen don't think of backing up, which should be done as the ball leaves the bowler's hand. The striker should call all hits in front of the wicket and to third man; the batsmen at the bowler's end all the others. The call should be made distinctly—'Yes' or 'No,' and the first run should invariably be taken at top speed, on the chance of being able to snatch a second.

SHOOTING.

May 24th, Empire Day.

v. R.M.C. Sandhurst, R.M.C. Kingston (Canada), Cheltenham, Uppingham, Wellington.

THE SCHOOL.

	#00	500	Total.
Sergt. Radice	32	32	64
Sergt. Ritchie	31	32	63
Sergt. Gordon	32	28	60
2nd Corpl. Martyn ...	31	26	57
Sapper Shippey	28	27	55
2nd Corpl. Snook.....	28	27	55
Sapper Gordon	31	21	52
2nd Corpl. Pickett.....	29	22	51
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	242	215	457

Weather—fine. Light—strong. Wind—strong rear fishtail.

R.M.C. Sandhurst ...	230	243	473
R.M.C. Kingston.....			
Cheltenham	238	229	467
Uppingham	234	241	475
Wellington	219	243	462