

## The Copley United Cricket Club.

"Take heed to avoid all those games and sports that are apt to take up much of thy time, or engage thy affections. He that spends all his life in sports, is like one who wears nothing but fringes, and eats nothing but sauces."—FULLER.

It is not intended, by placing the above motto at the head of this notice, to discourage the youth of Copley from engaging in the manly and health-giving game of Cricket, at seasonable opportunities, nor, properly interpreted, can the words of the quaint old author, whom we have taken the liberty to quote, be made to convey this meaning. On the contrary, it is thought that the game might be more indulged in than it is, especially by an older class of members than we generally see using the bats and ball.

The Copley Club, which at present numbers nineteen members, was last year in its contests with other clubs very successful. Of the five matches played, the Club lost only one, and this misfortune was probably owing to the absence of four or five of the "crack" players.

The following is an abstract of the matches played during 1864:—

1st. July 16th. One Inning's Match.

*Copley United versus Royal Albert.*

Score 31, and four wickets to fall.      Score 27.

2nd. July 23rd.

*Copley United versus Young England (Halifax).*

First Innings.	Score 52.	First Innings.	Score 46.
Second "	" 56.	Second "	" 58.
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	108.		104.

3rd. August 13th. One Inning's Match.

*Copley United versus Mount Pelton.*

Score 109.      Score 24.

4th. August 20th. One Inning's Match.

*Copley United versus New Delight (Greetland).*

Score 24.      Score 36.

5th. September 3rd. One Inning's Match.

*Copley United versus New Delight.*

Score 43.      Score 41.

Considering that the Club is supported entirely by the playing members, the funds last year were in a most satisfactory condition.

	£.	s.	d.
The Receipts amounted to	2	1	2
The Disbursements "	1	6	2½
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Leaving a balance of	0	14	11½

At a general meeting of the members, held September 17th, it was resolved to wind up the season with a "Cricket Supper," and that the balance of 14s. 11½d. should be appropriated to assist in that object.

The Club labours under a great disadvantage in not having a suitable ground. That which they now use is much too small, besides which it is used as a "Recreation Ground" by the whole village, so that it is impossible to keep it in proper order.