NEW-YORK IS NOT AHEAD

Fine Cricket with the Teams from the English Colleges.

DRUCE AS A BATTER IN FINE FORM.

Home Team Somewhat Deficient in the Fielding—Details of the Work of the Two Teams and Summary for the Day.

The Staten Island Club's ground at Livingston, S. I., was the scene yesterday of an interesting cricket match. A large crowd was present to see it, and the spectators were rewarded by witnessing some of the best plays seen hereabouts in years.

So far as the game has gone, all New-York, as opposed to Oxford and Cambridge, has decidedly the worst of it, and it might be safe to assert that this was brought about by poor fielding. Several catches were missed, and both N. F. Druce and N. F. A. Phillips should have been dismissed early in their long innings.

The batting of N. F. Druce, however, was certainly the feature of the day's play, his grand innings of 101, not out, being marred only by the one chance when he had scored 13 runs.

Before actually beginning hostilities, the rival teams practiced vigorously on the grounds, the Cambridge and Oxford men sending the crowd back by their terrific hitting, a portent of what they would do when they got a chance.

The ball rang, and Howard MacNutt essayed with Frank Mitchell to see who would bat. The New-York Captain was fairly lucky enough to beat the Englishman, and decided to take his team to the wickets first. Again the ball rang, the umpires walked out, the crowds retreated to the grand stand or the ropes, and away first handclapping, the twelve young collegians walked out to field.

Then A. E. Patterson and C. Byers of the New-Yorks took their position at the wickets. F. W. Milligan, that very fast bowler, began the attack. His first ball over caused him to be very speedy, while his compatriot, J. C. Hartley, who took the over at the other end, was rather slow, but with a big break. The first few overs passed without any change. Patterson, starting and driving Milligan for singles. C. D. Robinson, the wicket keeper, pleased the spectators by his extraordinarily rapid manner in which he put the ball down on the wicket, bringing the fielding of the Varsity men was sharp and clean.

Play continued slow, and when twelve overs had been bowled, Myers was sent in on the telegraph by cutting Hartley for a single. A few minutes later Patterson was caught to the boundary for four with a beautiful drive. Both the New-Yorkers continued to play steadily, but not to increase apace, and when Myers was finally bowled with a cut for 10, Milligan was relieved by W. W. Lowe and a few runs later Patterson was bowled for 32 by J. Hartley.

Two byes for four and leg hits from Patterson brought up the century mark. Two runs more were scored, when Lowe deceived Patterson with a bowling ball, which the batsman spooned up to Wilson, who easily held it. Patterson's good play of 37 was an excellent performance, and of great service.

Tyers took his place at the wickets, and Byers continued to play steadily, but not for long, as he was relieved by Hartley, and when 62 runs were scored Milligan stumped Byers in a wonderful manner. A quick manner of a ball from Hartley. It was a fast one, and compelled three fours, two singles, and a run compiled without a chance. Wilson was sent down for K. New-York fell perfectly satisfied.

Byers was followed by M. H. Cobb, and H. A. Arkwright relieved Lowe at the west end. Cobb sent a passenger to the clubhouse for four, and again in the same direction for a boundary hit. Then one of 17 was reached, Arkwright clean bowled Tyers for seven.

Lohmann, the other professional, joined Cobb, who was playing magnificently, and sent eighty up with a four-leg hit off Hartley. The latter continued to be in good form, completing sixteen in short order, but unfortunately for the Staten Islanders, the fifties of 8 ball from Hartley, which was splendidly taken, and the innings was declared closed in the clubhouse after a short but pretty inning.

The next New-Yorker to go was Harold Rokeby, the leader of the Metropolitan District League batting averages. He only got a chance to bit, Lohmann was caught at the wicket by Robinson, off Arkwright, and was succeeded by J. Mort. Rokeby was soon disposed of by a fine catch in the field by T. Hill. Hartley again being the successful bowler.

The Successful Athletic Club man was next at the wickets, but Mr. Kelly only played two balls. Mr. F. W. Mort set up the century, but seemed unable to get the bowling. Mort's breaking balls with the wind, at first, the Manhattan cricketer was stumped by Robinson, and an interval of fifteen minutes with seven New-York wickets down, and only 183 to their credit, for a total of four, not the not-out man.

Considering the good stand made for the first wicket, this total was unexpectedly small. The splendid fielding of the Oxford men drew forth great applause

After luncheon Kelly, the not-out man, was accompanied by Howard MacNutt, the Captain of the cricketers, in the field. Frank Milligan dismissed Kelly, the latter sending an easy catch to Hartley, Byers in his place. Hartley joined his Captain, but again the fatal wicket fell, and another New-Yorker back to the clubhouse by catching him off Hartley.

F. C. Calder, who was put in the list of Substitute R. G. Ogilby, F. T. Shoes and Bearing pressed, had made a very fine block before MacNutt's middle stump was knocked clean out of the ground by Lohmann. The twelfth man, J. Rose, joined Calder and began to play a steady game, however, succumbed to Hartley, hitting up a high catch, which was taken by Cobb.

The small total of 112 was chiefly due to Hartley's excellent bowling. He took 6 wickets for 51 runs, and Lohmann secured 3 for 18. The one fielding shown by the visitors was also responsible for the small run chances being accepted.

Captain Mitchell and W. T. Hill opened for the visitors, against the bowling of Cobb and Kelly. The Oxford captain took the first over from Cobb, but was unable to score. Kelly attacked the Cambridge Captain, and Hill was relieved by Mitchell sent up an easy catch to Calder, who held it; the Cambridge four, no duck. C. E. M. Wilson joined Hill, whom Cobb clean bowled for another duck, and there were two of the best out for small scores.

When a round of applause was given as the Cambridge bat of England, F. Druce, walked to the wickets. His score from now on was made by attempting a close run Wilson was run out by Calder, who threw down a smart return from MacNutt. Byron Wharton, the New-York umpire, gave the decision, which was in great disfavor from the crowd, much like a verdict on board.

F. A. Phillips took Wilson's place, and, with Druce at the other end, they put on a good run's apace. Before 30 had been reached Druce had completed his fifty, and while Pool performed the same service for Phillips. When 80 was reached Mitchell replaced Cobb, and Pool took the ball from Kelly. Mitchell's first over was a maiden, but