

Australian team, and if they reproduce the same form when they return home at the end of their Indian tour the core of Australia's new team will be there.

It is not the lack of batsmen that is worrying English critics so much as the problem of finding the bowlers to act on the Australian wickets. The loss of such campaigners as Verity and Farnes is a serious blow, for both would have been extremely valuable, given normal form. Some critics have a high opinion of a young player from Lancashire, W. Roberts, who may be the successor to Verity as England's left-hander, but doubts have been expressed as to the likelihood of his "coming off" in Australia. On the other hand, high hopes are entertained that D. P. Wright, a spin bowler who was nearing the top when the war came, will prove an ideal type of trundler for the coming tour. Add to that the bowling of such players as Pope, Pollard, Copson and Phillipson, and you have the measure of what is immediately visible of the English attack.

In the batting department England is better served. It has to be remembered that Hammond, Paynter and Leyland are now nearing the end of their cricket careers, if not actually past their prime, for all are well into the forties, but as against that there is the encouraging presence of such players as Hutton, Edrich, Compton and Hardstaff, all of whom figured in the last Test series in England in 1938. England will have no worries regarding her

opening batsmen, for Hutton and Edrich should be the regular openers for seasons to come, with Fagg and Washbrook in strong support, when the selection of the touring side is in hand. Ames, still under forty, gives the side a batsman-wicketkeeper of rare ability, and then there are Gimblett, Yardley, Robertson and Dollery, all batsmen who might be expected to do well under Australian conditions.

The whole position is very much in the air as yet, and until both England and Australia have a chance of getting their trial matches under way there can be no possibility of gauging their respective strengths. The winning of matches, even for the "Ashes"—as



the M.C.C. has shown by its sporting gesture—is not of paramount importance at the outset, though it will naturally be the goal of the teams which finally take the field. The great thing is that Test matches are again to be played as soon as possible, and enthusiasts on both sides of the world will watch the preparations for the coming struggle with intense interest.

It Has Been Said of Courage

To see what is right, and not to do it, is want of courage.—*Confucius*.

Courage from hearts and not from numbers grows. *Dryden*.

True courage is cool and calm. The bravest men have the least bullying insolence, and in the time of danger are found the most serene and free.—*Shaftesbury*.

Conscience is the root of all true courage; if a man would be brave, let him obey his conscience.—*J. F. Clark*.

Moral courage renders a man in the pursuit or defence of right superior to the fear of reproach, opposition, or contempt.—*S. G. Goodrich*.