

CRICKETERS' AUTOGRAPHS.

FAMOUS cricketers would not pretend that the pen is mightier than the bat, although in most of the examples of penmanship on this page there is a straightforwardness that is characteristic of the players. Mr. W. W. Read's handwriting is as stylish as his batting; Dr. Grace's signature with its flourish has a suggestion of a sudden hit to leg; Mr. A. N. Hornby, Lancashire's pride, is careful with his autograph, just as he was cautious as a captain. There is a dash about Arthur Shrewsbury's signature which recalls the brilliance of his early achievements for Notts. Mr. Stoddart's writing is steady and firm, as we expect his batting against the Australians will be. Surrey favourites like Lohmann and Abel need not be good writers so long as they are clever bowlers.

W. G. Grace

DR. W. G. GRACE.

Yours very truly
W. W. Read

MR. W. W. READ.

Louis Loub
Robert Abel

ROBERT ABEL.

Yours truly
Arthur Shrewsbury

ARTHUR SHREWSBURY.

Yours faithfully
A. E. Stoddart

MR. A. E. STODDART.

Yrs truly
A. N. Hornby

MR. A. N. HORNBY.

George Lohmann

GEORGE LOHMANN.