

BOOKNOTES (Richard Cashman)

Ronald L Cardwell, *The M.C.C. Tour to Australia 1903-1904*, (Sydney: Cricket Publishing Company, 1988). Illus., statistics. pp. 56.

A 1984 auction purchase made by Ronald Cardwell included an album of fine cricket photographs from the 1903-1904 season by an unknown photographer, probably an enthusiastic amateur. Photographs from the collection - which reproduce very well on quality paper - are the centre piece of this handsome small volume.

The book begins appropriately with a Foreword by Bill O'Reilly since the series marked the launching of the googly into international cricket with the Test debut of BJT Bosanquet. Cardwell introduces some of the tour highlights which included a score of 287 by RE Foster and a great 'sticky wicket' innings by Victor Trumper. The Tour is also of interest as it was the first major one organised by the M.C.C.