Volume two covers Canterbury’s first class cricketers from No. 101, John Denman to

No. 200, Frank Woods. It includes such famous names as Leonard Cuff who was one of

the twelve founding members of the International Olympic Committee in 1894 and James

Lawrence, who played in New Zealand’s first International cricket match in February 1894

against New South Wales at Lancaster Park. New Zealand lost the game by 160 runs.

Two other notables were Wallingford Mendelson who was an outstanding all round sportsman.

He gained an athletics blue at Cambridge University and defeated the great Charles Fry with

a long jump of over 22 feet to lead his University to a victory over Oxford. Dan Reese was

the most prominent cricketer of the period and considered the only player in New Zealand

who had the ability to play Test cricket for Australia.

Brian Adams, a life member and a former Chairman of the Canterbury Cricket Association,

has written this history of cricket in Canterbury highlighting the players and the contribution

they made to the success of the sport in the province. With individual photos of many of the

players and their teams, the book provides a valuable insight into cricket and life in the period

from 1886 to 1913. It contains not only the player’s match by match performances but also a

close analysis of their career and their life outside of cricket.