**United Cricket Club Christchurch**

The club was formed in 1866 with the merger of the Christchurch club (no2) and the Canterbury club and became based at Hagley Oval on the former Christchurch club ground. United undertook arrangement of inter colonial matches and administered Hagley Park grounds on behalf of cricket clubs.

In the 1876/7 season the Midland club was formed to make a fresh start with a new club a few days before Christchurch (no 3) disbanded. Christchurch (no 3) had been formed in 1870 in response to the demise of the Albion club late in 1869, in order to provide opposition to United Canterbury. But it was in financial difficulties by 1876.

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Corfe, who has not played here before this season, is a great acquisition to the cricketing community. He is an excellent bat, a good field, and a fair change bowler. He comes from **Jesus** **College,** Cambridge, where he used to play in the eleven.

Christ’s **College.—** Mr C. C. Corfe, a gentleman of considerable repute, has arrived by the s.s. Rangitoto, under engagement as mathematical master at the **College.** Mr Corfe, a scholar of **Jesus’** **College,** Cambridge, was a Senior Optime in the Tripos in 1869, and for a year after taking his degree, he held a private tutorship in Ireland. Subsequently to that, he was temporary master at Rossall, in Lancashire, and was selected for Christ’s **College,** Christchurch, by the Rev. T. Stevens, Warden of St Andrew’s **College,**Bradfield, and the Rev. J, Merryman, head master of the Surrey County School. He came out to Melbou: ne in the ship Norfolk, and thence to Canterbury in the s.s. Rangitoto.