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A HOCKEY TROUBLE.

A CLUB DISQUALIFIED.

The Canterbury Hockey Association recently suspended the Sydenham Hockey Club for having laid certain charges, which were not substantiated, against an official of the Association. The official was a manager of a Canterbury team which visited the West Coast last season, and the members of the team subscribed to pay the expenses of the tour, making their payment to the manager. On the understanding that some of the members of the team believed that a refund was due to them, the Sydenham Club wrote to the Association asking for an inquiry into the matter. The club stated that each member of the team had paid the manager 5, and he had told them that the expenses were 4 2s 2d per man. They had not received a refund of 17s 10d, nor had any explanation been given. The Association sent the letter to the manager of the team, who produced a balance-sheet of the tour, audited by the Association's auditors. They stated that certain Sydenham players were in arrears, and until they had completed the payments for their expenses in connection with the tour, the manager could not be called on to repay a proportionate amount to other players. The refund would be about 7s 6d per man. The figures quoted by the Sydenham Club were wrong, as

the expenses were 5 12s 6d per man. The manager asked the Association to hold a full inquiry and to call upon the Sydenham Club to substantiate its statements or apologise for them. The members of the Sydenham Club were examined by the Association's executive on Wednesday, and the executive resolved that as the club had made false charges it should be suspended, unless it withdrew its letter and apologised to the official concerned and the Association. The suspension was endorsed by the New Zealand Hockey Association on Friday evening, and the Sydenham Club proposes to appeal against the decision. A special meeting of the club will be held this evening to consider the position.