

A. B. C.S WILL VISIT CUBA.

Manager C. I. Taylor, of the A. B. C.s baseball club, has given it out that the club will start for Cuba in a few days, provided the present plans carry. A stay of not less than four weeks is expected, during which time the larger cities will be visited. In fact, those places will be visited where there is sufficient baseball spirit and support to make it worth while.

Manager Taylor will be accompanied by his wife. He says that it will be an extraordinary opportunity to see a bit of the outside of the United States, consequently he wishes companionship that is nearer than his fellow baseball players. He says that the trip will not be personally profitable to him, owing to the double expense, but nevertheless, he looks forward to it with much joy.

It is not certain at this time what clubs the A. B. C.s will engage. Taylor says that they will open at Havana with one of the two clubs in which he has been in communication for some time, after which arrangements will be made as are warranted by circumstances.

Taylor's men are also eager and anxious to go abroad to cross bats with the baseball "frats" of another country. It means much to them as individuals and as a club. Individually, the members will enjoy the sights of the new country; the club will profit in that it will gain prestige from the fact that it has been abroad. If the trip is successful, it will be greatly to the credit of the A. B. C.s.

As a thing of distinction the visit will push the A. B. C.s ahead of any other team of colored players in this

country. Rube Foster's team, the American Giants, has toured extensively, but all within the United States, if we are not mistaken. Twice this team has taken in California and other coast states, where it was cordially received. The A. B. C.s will outclass the American Giants in the matter of travel, and which doubtless increases the rivalry between the two clubs. And this will be for the best if the managers will see it that way. Popularity makes for financial success. Everything else being equal, the clubs that are most popular prove the best drawing cards. Of course, it will be conceded that the strongest club is generally the most popular, but there are other distinctions which help in making clubs popular. For instance, Ty Cobb adds greatly to the popularity of his club whether it is a penant winner or not.

The A. B. C.s as individual players have not reached the point where they attract greatly, although some of the players are coming up in the matter of individual distinction. Dismukes, the pitcher, is very favorably mentioned at this time. If he holds up at his present winning streak for a few years he will be a special attraction. Favorites were not made in a day. Mathewson, Hans Wagner, and that line were years in the making, but they were diamonds and stood the wear.

The A. B. C.s are particularly fortunate in having the opportunity to make this trip. It means that from now on they will be in the limelight. They have been very much in evidence since Taylor took charge, but from this time, owing to the trip, the public will expect much of them. The men will feel the greater responsibility, realizing that they stand for the very best in America's great game of baseball.

It has been definitely decided that the A. B. C.'s baseball club will visit Cuba, leaving this city about the 20th of this month. It is scheduled to play at Almendares Park, Havana, Cuba, October 30 to November 29.

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