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25. There are two main objects which will, we hope, be attained by the publication of this paper, which is called *The Papuan Villager*. The paper will certainly assist in the spread of the English language, which, in our opinion, is a very desirable thing, and, further, it will assist in the creation of something like a Papuan national spirit, which we think more important still. I have often looked for something like national or racial pride in Papua, and, until this year, I have never found anything beyond tribal jealousy*: but in this year something like the beginning of a Papuan national sentiment appeared on the occasion of a cricket match between a native team, coached by the Reverend C. W. Abel of Samarai,† and a Moresby team of Europeans. The white men won after a struggle, but I am told that the natives played an uphill game with pluck and determination which would have done credit to an Australian XI.