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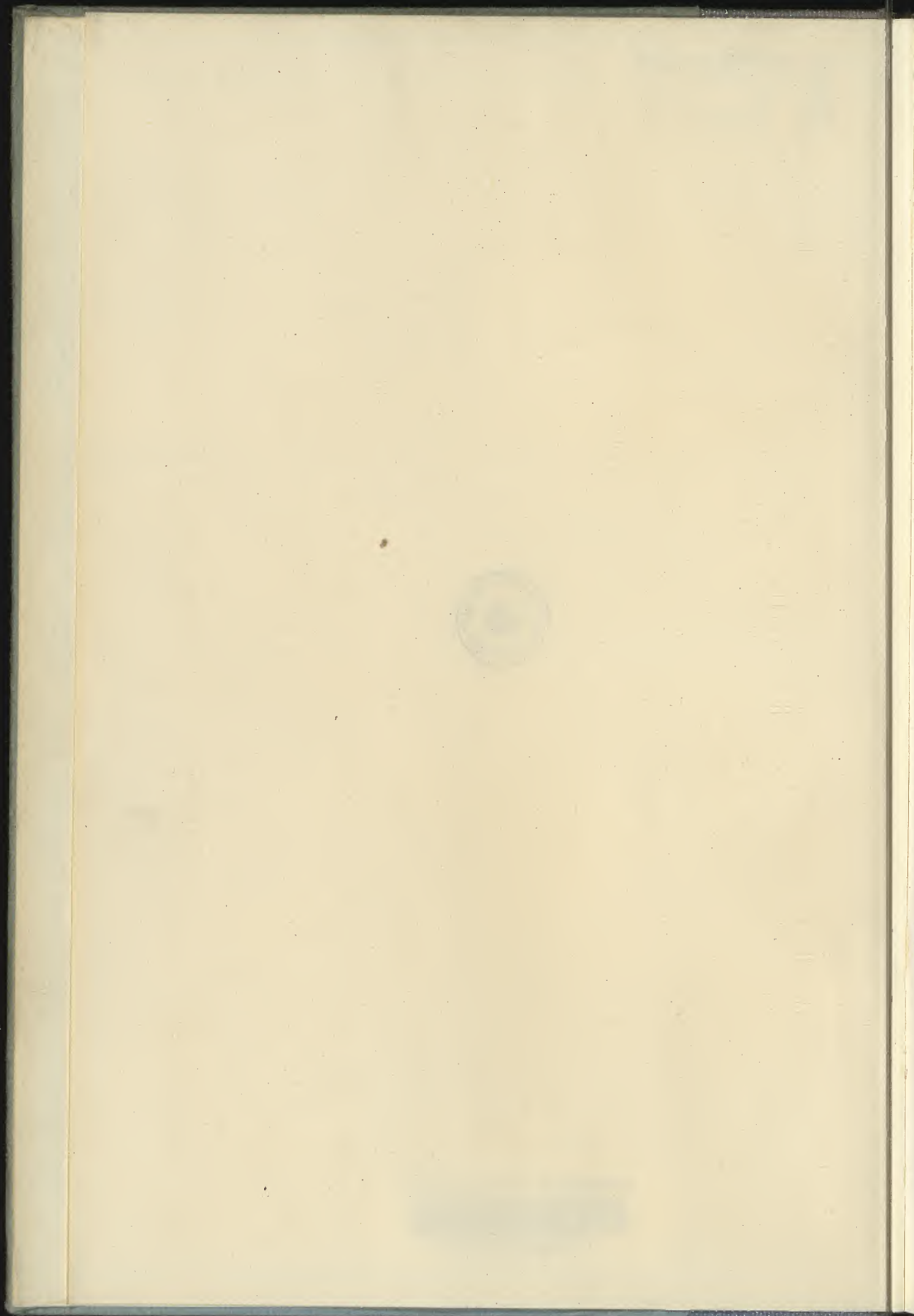
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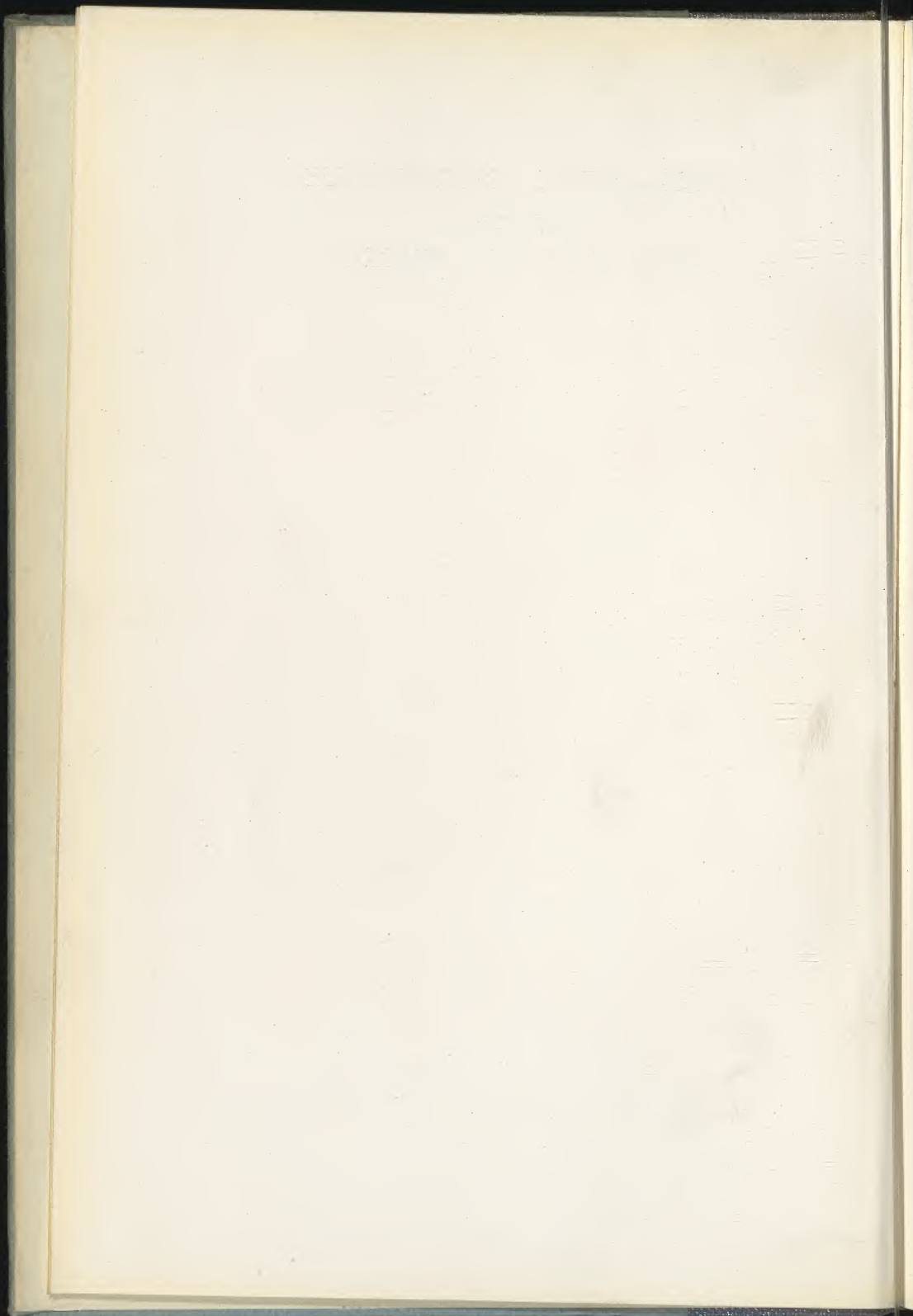




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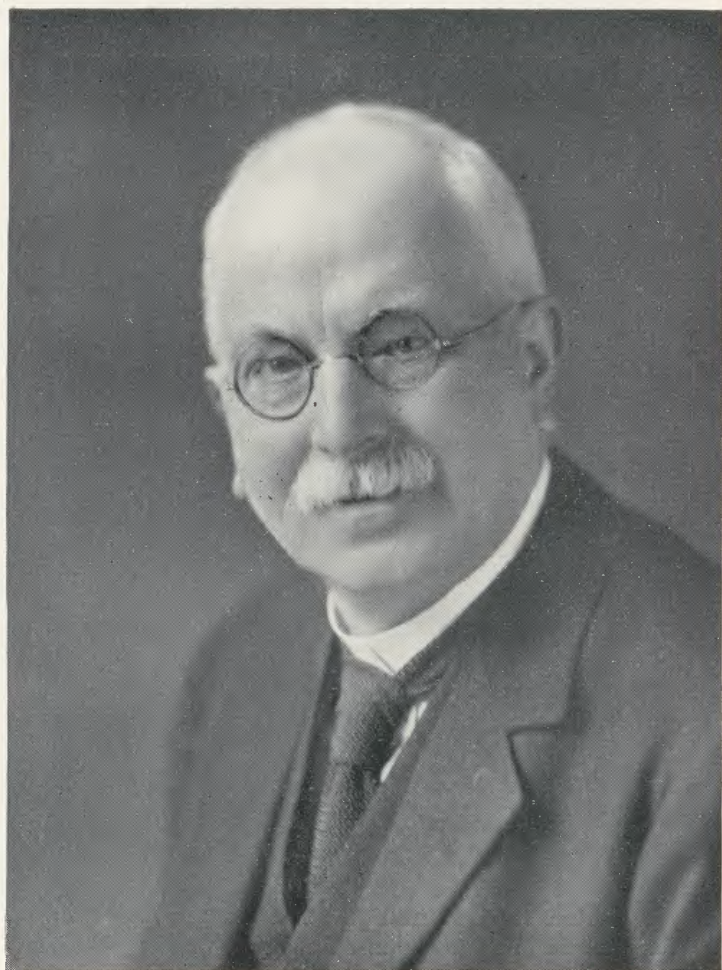
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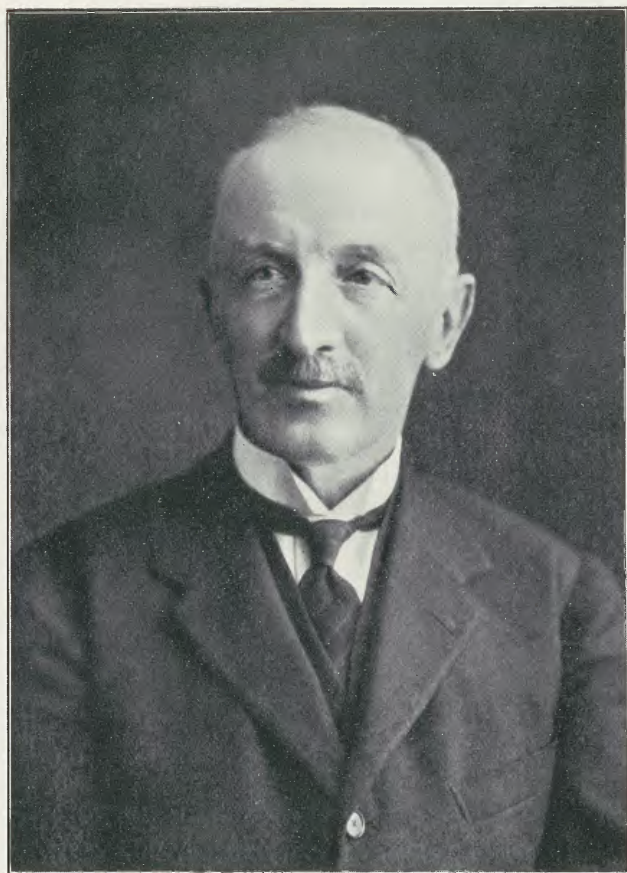
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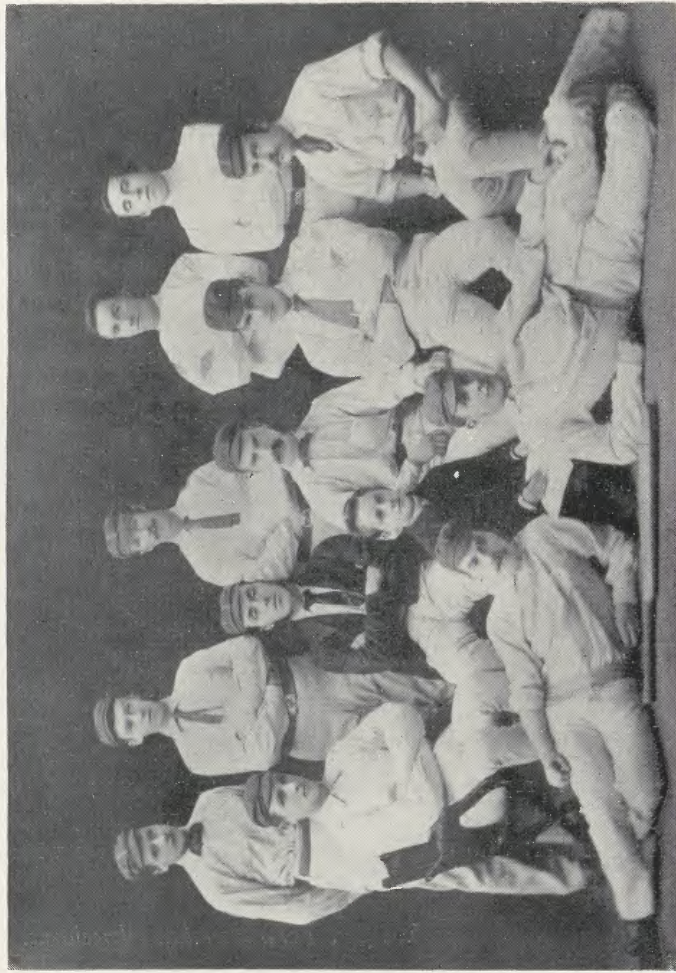


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"The Laird"

UDDINGSTON CRICKET CLUB, 1883.



(Top Row)—Joe Paterson; Wm. Grimshaw; Wm. Shearer; J. Williamson; Alex. Paterson.
 (Middle Row)—Jno. Scott; Walter Fursman; W. H. Paterson; D. Lindsay; John Paterson.
 (Bottom Row)—Robert Paterson; Alex. Paterson; W. M'L. Walker.

FOREWORD.

FIFTY years of Cricket. It seems a long time in the history of a club and there are few to-day, although happily some are still with us, who remember the early days of the Uddingston Club. We are proud of our Club, and our pride was well justified when, in our Jubilee Year, the first eleven won both the Western Union Championship and the Charity Cup. In achieving this the Club not only honoured itself but brought distinction to the village from which it sprang and which for two generations has given it loyal support. Thus it was a happy inspiration on the part of our Honorary Treasurer, Mr. James S. MacGill, when he proposed to gather together the records of the Club's history during its first half century. Our Honorary Treasurer never wearies in well-doing and for this special effort we are deeply indebted. In this little volume Mr. MacGill has placed on permanent record the early struggles and later triumphs of our Club, and may be said to have crowned his splendid work as Treasurer during six difficult years.

Grateful acknowledgment must be paid to Mr. John Scott of Springfield, the Honorary President. Without his generous financial assistance—only one of many instances—it would not have been possible for the Club to publish this history. Mr. MacGill is also indebted to Mr. W. H. Paterson for early records, not otherwise available; to Mr. A. C. Tennent for many valuable reports and interesting reminiscences; and to Mr. James Robertson (Ralston, Photographers, Glasgow), a former member, who prepared the photographic plates which form an attractive part of this publication.

W. M. MARSHALL, *President.*

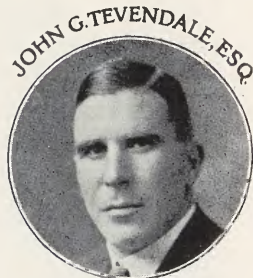
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UDDINGSTON CRICKET CLUB



CAPTAIN 1883

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I N endeavouring to trace the rise and progress of Uddingston Cricket Club it must be admitted that the writer is faced with many difficulties, but it is hoped that what is herein collated may be interesting to those who follow the fortunes of the club.

While thinking of the founding of the club it may not be out of place to mention the fact that, in comparison with some other clubs in Scotland, Uddingston is but a youngster. Cricket was played in Perth as early as 1812. Perth County Club was formed in 1827. The senior club in the West of Scotland is Clydesdale, founded in 1848. Drumpellier was founded in 1855, West of Scotland in 1859, Greenock in 1862, and it is on record that the game was played at Ayr in 1850, while in our neighbouring village of Bothwell there was an established club playing in 1873.

Looking over the achievements of the club we are forced to admit that those founders, who are to-day in our midst, must feel a deep sense of proud satisfaction when they look back over these 50 years that have gone. When we consider the uphill struggle which was endured in the earlier years of the club's history, the hard fight against the indifference

of the public, when attendances at matches could almost be counted on the fingers of both hands and when money was difficult to raise, we of to-day may well admire the pluck and perseverance of the pioneers who built the club on a sure foundation, and played only for the spirit of the game. The reward is theirs and we rejoice that so many were spared to see the result of their labours, and to mark the steady progress attained throughout these 50 years.

At the end of the summer season of 1882 a chance meeting between Mr. Alexander Paterson of Woodhead Farm and Mr. Wm. H. Paterson of Uddingston was destined to have an important bearing on the future of Uddingston cricket. Hitherto every effort had failed to secure anything like a decent field near the village, but the outcome of an interview between the above-named enthusiasts was the securing of a field on Woodhead Farm on Bredisholm Estate belonging to Mr. Alexander Paterson's father. This was considered a stroke of luck by the Scratch XI. who were so earnestly struggling to arouse an interest in the Royal Game in Uddingston.

At the beginning of the following season (1883) these two keen cricketers gathered around them a very good eleven comprising the following players :—Messrs. Alex. Paterson (Woodhead), W. H. Paterson, John Paterson, Tom Paterson, Robert Paterson, Joseph Paterson, William Downs, Walter Fursman, J. J. Williamson, James Brown and R. Brown.

Mr. W. H. Paterson undertook the duties of Secretary and was successful in arranging a card of 15 matches. Mr. Tom Paterson acted as Captain and Mr. Alex. Paterson (Woodhead) took charge of the ground, doing a lot of valuable work for the team. In this connection a special word of praise must be said regarding his work. To prepare a rough field suitable for playing cricket was no easy job. Many were the difficulties these pioneers had to overcome in cutting and rolling before they could commence practice. However, with Mr. Alex. Paterson keeping them at it, a playing pitch "of sorts" was obtained.



ALEX. PATERSON
Woodhead, now of Manchester

Of the 15 matches played, 12 were won and 3 were drawn, not a single defeat being sustained. The most important victories were over Parkhead, Motherwell, Hallside, Strathaven, Lanark and Tollcross. The win over Tollcross was by far the finest effort of the season. At that time Tollcross was considered one of the best 2nd eleven teams in the West of Scotland, and could ably hold its own with such teams as the United Northern, 2nd Drumpellier, 2nd Greenock, 2nd Clydesdale, etc.

It was, in fact, considered somewhat presumptuous of the Uddingston players to tackle such a strong team and the result came as a great surprise to cricketers in the West of Scotland.

Here is the full report of the match as published by the "Glasgow Herald" at the time.

UDDINGSTON *v.* TOLLCROSS.

"Played at Tollcross House on Tuesday, 18th August, 1883, and resulted in favour of the visitors by 29 runs. For Uddingston, Wm. Downs and W. H. Paterson played fine cricket for their runs, while for Tollcross, W. Dodds was the only batsman who could score against the bowling of Robert and W. H. Paterson. R. Paterson took six wickets for three runs."

SCORES.

TOLLCROSS.		UDDINGSTON.	
J. Redpath, b R. Paterson,	1	Alex. Paterson, c McFarlane,	
W. Dodds, b W. H. Paterson,	14	b Souter, ...	3
E. Henderson, b R. Paterson,	0	James Brown, c Souter, b	
M. McFarlane, st Wm.		McFarlane, ...	1
Downs, b W. H. Paterson,	0	John Paterson, b McFarlane,	0
T. Houston, b R. Paterson,	1	W. Fursman, c White, b	
R. Souter, b R. Paterson,	0	McFarlane, ...	2
D.F. McGhee, b R. Paterson,	0	W. H. Paterson, c McFarlane,	
G. J. Dunlop, b W. H. Paterson,		b Souter, ...	13
... ..	0	T. Paterson, b McFarlane, ...	3
W. White, not out, ...	1	Wm. Downs, b Souter, ...	18
J. Redpath, c Fursman, b		R. Paterson, b Houston, ...	0
R. Paterson,	0	Joe Paterson, not out, ...	4
T. H. McGhee, c T. Paterson,		R. Brown, c Dodds, b Souter,	1
b W. H. Paterson, ...	0	James Downs, c McFarlane,	
Extras,	1	b Houston, ...	0
		Extras,	2
Total of Innings, ...	18	Total of Innings, ...	47

The victory over Tollcross gave a great impetus to cricket in Uddingston, and the doings of the Scratch XI. began to be keenly followed by quite a number of local gentlemen, who hitherto had taken little or no interest in the Royal Game. It will be noticed that Mr. James Downs, who was later to play so great a part in Uddingston cricket, played in this match. Cricketers in the West of Scotland also began to take some notice of the rapid progress of the "villagers" in the cricket world, and matches with good clubs were much more easily arranged than formerly. Another mark of progress lay in the fact that several active players became associated with the team, and were ever ready to lend a hand when called upon. Prominent amongst these players come the names of two gentlemen who were loyal members for many years, Mr. Wm. Cullen of Blantyre Ferme and Mr. Wm. Shearer of Sheepburn Road. Mr. Cullen before coming to reside in Uddingston had taken an active interest in cricket in Motherwell and New Cumnock, and was a splendid all-round exponent of the game. Upon being invited to "have a game" almost the first question Mr. Cullen asked was "To whom do I pay my subscription?" and after being informed that the playing material was provided by the brothers Paterson and that there was nothing to pay, he determined, along with others, to have the Scratch XI. formed into a constituted club.

Thus at the end of the season 1883 a meeting was held and the Uddingston Cricket Club duly constituted. Mr. Alex. Paterson (Woodhead Farm) was elected Hon. Secretary and Mr. William Downs, Captain. The Committee included Mr. John Paterson, Mr. Wm. Cullen, Mr. D. A. Lindsay, Jr., Mr. W. Fursman and Mr. W. H. Paterson.

It was agreed to have a small portion of the field re-turfed and reserved for matches, hoping to have the wicket in good order when the next playing season began.

It will be noticed that no Treasurer was appointed. There did not seem to be any necessity for such an official in these early days. To play the game has always cost the players more than the spectators imagine.

1884.

The new Secretary, Mr. Alex. Paterson (Woodhead), at once set to work and was successful in arranging a splendid card of fixtures for this season. Twenty-one matches were played, fifteen of which were won, five drawn and only one lost.

The most important victories were over 2nd Drumpellier, 2nd United Northern, 3rd L.R.V. (twice), Whiteinch and Armadale (twice). The victory over 2nd Drumpellier at Coatbridge was the outstanding performance of the season. There was much rejoicing in the camp when the "villagers" were successful in this match. Here are the particulars of the score :—

UDDINGSTON.		2ND DRUMPELLIER.	
J. J. Williamson, c J. Brown,		A. Russell, c Brown, b R.	
b C. Brown,	5	Paterson,	7
Jas. Paterson, c Seaman, b		J. Anderson, b Williamson,	9
McLean,	0	T. L. Seaman, run out, ...	0
Jos. Paterson, b Scott, ...	26	S. Scott, c W. H. Paterson,	
W. H. Paterson, c Maskery,		b J. Paterson,	11
b C. Brown,	3	John Brown, b Williamson,	10
Wm. Downs, b McLean, ...	1	J. McLean, b W. H. Paterson,	6
P. J. Alexander, run out, ...	6	C. Brown, b W. H. Paterson,	1
J. Brown, c McLean, b C.		J. McEwan, b W. H. Paterson,	0
Brown,	4	A. Stewart, b J. Paterson, ...	0
T. Paterson, c Maskery, b		A. Maskery, run out, ...	3
Scott,	4	W. Swift,	0
R. Paterson, c C. Brown,		Extras,	2
b Scott,	8		
H. D. C. McLachlan, b			
McLean,	0		
W. Grimshaw, not out, ...	1		
Extras,	2		
Total of Innings,	60	Total of Innings,	49

It will be noticed that two new players appear in the Uddingston side, viz., H. D. C. McLachlan and W. Grimshaw. Both of these players proved themselves useful recruits, and took a very active interest in the Club's progress for several seasons. The most important names added to the list this season were those of John Scott and W. McLaren Walker. Both of these gentlemen were destined to make their mark in the pages of the club's history.

1885.

The season of 1885 opened with much promise. Mr. Walter Fursman was elected Captain, and a right hard-working Captain he proved to be. He was instrumental in enlisting several of the leading players of the Dennistoun Club (this club having ceased to exist) into the ranks of the Uddingston club. Prominent among these were Mr. J. T. Preston, Mr. N. N. Henderson, Mr. J. Rowatt and Mr. J. H. McLauchlan. Mr. Preston played for Uddingston for several years and at one time acted as Captain. A good slow bowler with a big "break back" and a punishing batsman, he proved a most useful and acceptable addition to the playing strength of the team. Mr. Rowatt and Mr. McLauchlan only played for two seasons, but Mr. Henderson was an active member, playing for the side for a good many years and distinguishing himself principally as a bowler.

Several new and important additions to the fixture card were secured this season, the most important being Kilmarnock (then, as now, a first class team), Poloc and 2nd Clydesdale. The match with Kilmarnock ended in the defeat of Uddingston by 27 runs. The Poloc match resulted in a win for the "villagers."

Although playing much stronger teams, the season closed with only two defeats sustained by Uddingston. Mr. John Paterson carried off the batting average and Mr. J. J. Williamson won the bowling average. Mr. Paterson batted in quite his best form, and played most consistently right through the season. Mr. Williamson was quite a terror in the bowling line.

At this time a determined effort was made to secure suitable ground near the village, and a Committee was appointed to interview the various landowners. This Committee consisted of Mr. Wm. Cullen, Mr. John Paterson, Mr. W. McLaren Walker, Mr. W. H. Paterson and Mr. Alex. Paterson. After many discouragements they were at length successful in securing the present beautiful field from the Earl of Home who granted the club a lease of the field for five years

at a rental of £25 per annum. The question of re-turfing had next to be considered, as the field up to this time had only been an ordinary grazing field. Estimates were taken, and an offer by George Nash (the professional to Poloc at that time) was accepted. Ways and means had next to be considered, and the Committee recognising the importance of the question, convened a general meeting of the club to discuss the matter. After many suggestions had been made, one by Mr. Cullen was unanimously agreed to, viz., to give a dramatic entertainment on behalf of the club funds. The subject chosen was "Rob Roy," and this turned out an unqualified success.

This was the first dramatic entertainment of any importance given by local talent, and was the first of a long series of representations given on behalf of the Cricket club. In searching among the old books of the club it is to be regretted that we cannot come across the early cash books showing what was added to the club funds by this entertainment. In fact, up to this point we cannot trace the appointment of a Treasurer to look after the funds.

1886.

This was the first year in the new ground within the policies. The first two games of the season were played from home to give the newly laid turf a chance of being in order before playing on it. The field was duly opened on 11th May, 1886, with a match against 2nd Clydesdale. The Clydesdale team was specially strengthened for the occasion, and they fairly outplayed their Uddingston rivals in this game. Here are the names of the players who took part in the first game on the new ground:—*Uddingston*—Wm. Cullen (Captain), W. H. Paterson, John Paterson, Alex. Paterson, R. Paterson, Walter Fursman, J. T. Preston, A. McLean, Wm. Shearer, W. Burden, and N. N. Henderson. *2nd Clydesdale*—W. Wilson (Captain), T. C. McLeod, R. Service, A. N. Hunter, T. Dagleish, W. Anderson, R. J. Souter, J. N. C. McLeod, J. Melville, A. Cunningham and J. Brownlie,

The most important addition to the playing strength of the side this season was Mr. Alex. McLean, who filled with much acceptance the vacancy caused by the removal of Mr. William Downs to Coatbridge. Mr. McLean proved himself to be a most capable stumper, a good batsman, and a fine change bowler.

The most important victories this season were gained over Stenhousemuir (twice), Vale of Leven, Helensburgh, Poloc and Kilmarnock.

The batting average was won by the Captain, Mr. Cullen, and the bowling by Mr. W. Fursman.

At the end of this season Mr. Andrew Howden was commissioned to re-turf another portion of the field, and also to relay two practice wickets so that the square might be kept for matches only.

To meet the expenses incurred thereby, another dramatic entertainment was given, "Rob Roy" being re-produced with even greater success than before. The Victoria Halls were again filled to overflowing, and a sufficient surplus was gained to cover the outlay incurred in the extension of the playing field.

1887.

At the annual business meeting of the club held in the ante-room of the Victoria Halls early in the spring of 1887, the following office-bearers were elected, viz. :—President, Mr. Wm. Cullen ; Captain, Mr. W. H. Paterson ; Secretary, Mr. W. McLaren Walker ; Treasurer, Mr. F. Douglas-Watson.

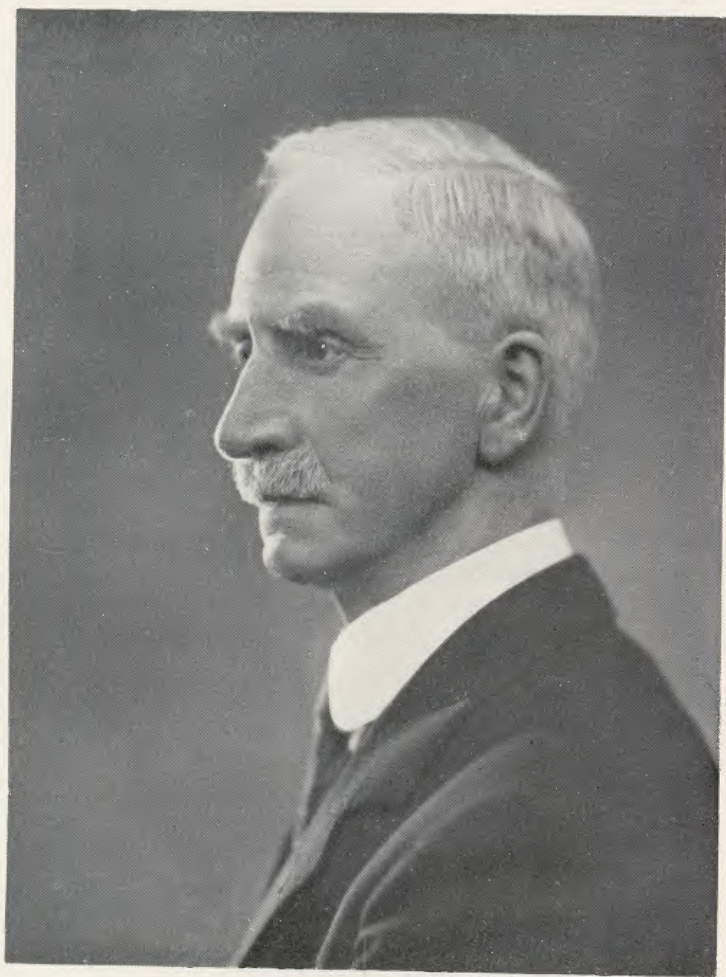
This was the first season that the club had an acting President, and the first time, as far as can be traced, a Treasurer. Formerly, there had always been an Honorary President and Honorary Vice-President, but it was felt by all the members that some distinctive honour was due to Mr. Cullen for the very successful way he had managed the dramatic entertainments,

which had proved such a source of income to the club funds, and so Mr. Cullen was elected the first President of the Uddingston Cricket Club.

The playing season of 1887 opened very auspiciously under the Captaincy of Mr. W. H. Paterson. The first match was against Helensburgh at Uddingston and resulted in a draw, greatly in favour of the home team. The "closure" rule was not in force at this time, and the visitors objected to Uddingston "declaring," and forced them to bat until the last man was dismissed. The scores of this match show that the last four Uddingston batsmen had received orders to throw away their wickets with a view to securing a victory for their side. "Time," however, came to the rescue of the visitors and saved them from a severe defeat—six of their best wickets being down for 29 runs. The total score was Uddingston 172, Helensburgh 29.

By far and away the most important match yet played by the club was the one that took place at Grange Loan, Edinburgh, against the Australasians, on 19th July, 1887.

This was the first first-class fixture yet secured by the Uddingston team (the Australasians at this time being a very powerful team, and occupying quite front rank amongst the best clubs in Scotland) and will yet be remembered by those who took part in the game. The visitors won the toss and batted first, all being dismissed for 54. The Colonials, thinking they had an easy task to perform, began confidently, but soon found that J. H. Paterson (then quite a boy) and Walter Fursman were more than they bargained for. Wicket after wicket fell until eight were down for 52. With three runs to win and two wickets to fall the excitement was intense. A splendid catch by J. F. Allan dismissed the ninth batsman without any alteration to the score, and the last man being caught by W. H. Paterson without scoring, the innings closed for 52—Uddingston being victorious by two runs. J. H. Paterson captured seven wickets for 20 runs, and W. Fursman three for 19. This performance attracted considerable



WM. H. PATERSON

attention to the club both in Edinburgh and Glasgow, and went a long way towards the securing of first-class fixtures in the following year.

During this season 17 matches were played, 6 were won, 4 lost and 7 drawn ; 143 wickets were taken at a cost of 939 runs, an average of 6.5 per wicket ; and 150 wickets were lost for 1446, showing the very respectable average of 9.6 per wicket.

1888.

The form displayed by the team during last season justified the secretary in arranging matches with several of the best clubs for this year.

It was, of course, a difficult matter for such a young club to get fixtures with first-class teams, but the performance against the Australasians at Edinburgh went a long way towards this end. The first team in the West to lead the way was Poloc, followed by Clydesdale. In view of meeting such teams as the Australasians, Clydesdale, Poloc, Kilmarnock, etc., it was thought necessary to further improve the ground by having another portion of it re-turfed. Then the question which had to be faced was the engaging of a professional to keep the ground in order and coach the players. All this meant money, so the question of ways and means had to be discussed, the result being that another dramatic entertainment was decided upon. "Guy Mannering" was the piece produced by the stalwart cricketers of these early days—this being, as you will have observed, their third appearance "on the boards" in as many years. This also was a decided success, and financially put the club on its feet for the time being. Thus encouraged, the Committee felt warranted in at once looking out for a professional.

The Committee of 1888, consisting of Messrs. Wm. Cullen (President), Alex. McLean (Captain), W. McLaren Walker (Secretary), D. C. Fisher (Treasurer), E. C. Cardy, J. T. Preston and W. H. Paterson were successful in securing the services of John Lindsay of Coatbridge as first professional of

the club. Lindsay learned his cricket in Drumpellier, and had so far distinguished himself as a bowler in Scottish Cricket as to secure the appointment of "pro" to the Leyland Club in Lancashire. He had many successes in England, but fell into ill-health, which necessitated his returning home to Scotland, so Uddingston thus secured his services. He was a left-hand medium bowler, also a good reliable bat and a splendid coach. Lindsay did much to bring forward some of the best players the club possessed in those days.

The season of 1888 opened with much promise. Quite a number of new members had joined, and the match committee, anxious to discover some new talent, tried several of the new players in the first five matches played, and, strange to tell, they decided not to play their professional in matches. The result was not satisfactory, as most of the matches were lost. An agitation by several prominent members resulted in Lindsay being included in the team along with several of the former players who had been passed over. The changes in the eleven were attended with the happiest results, as only one defeat was sustained after the side had been re-organised.

1889.

Early in this year another dramatic entertainment was carried through with great success. This seemed the best way of raising money in these days and it is pleasing to note how the people of the village rallied round the club and gave them, as they do still, a helping hand.

At the annual meeting this year Mr. W. H. Paterson was elected President, Mr. McLean (Captain), Mr. F. Douglas-Watson (Secretary), and Mr. D. C. Fisher (Treasurer).

Lindsay, the professional, had been in very poor health all winter and little hope was entertained for his recovery. He died at the end of the spring of 1889. His death rendered it necessary for the Committee to look out for a successor. They were successful in securing the services of Thomas Chadwick of Bury, who acted as "pro" during the season.

The new Secretary (Mr. F. Douglas-Watson) had been very energetic in his work, and had been successful in securing three additional first-class fixtures—Royal High School, Blair Lodge and Kelburne. The game with Royal High School was lost by 3 runs; against Blair Lodge, however, Uddingston won by 14 runs.

At this time Uddingston had secured a most important addition to their ranks in the person of Mr. Robert Love of the Whitby team. To Mr. D. C. Fisher was due the credit of securing for the club the services of this all-round cricketer, whose abilities were destined to play a most important part in the development of cricket in Uddingston. Another new member who joined the club at this time was the Rev. R. W. Seaver (the first appointed Episcopal Church Clergyman in Uddingston). Mr. Seaver proved himself a very useful player, being a fine, free batsman and smart fielder.

Mr. William Downs, having again returned to reside in Uddingston, at once threw in his lot with the team he had formerly captained, and became a valuable asset to the playing strength.

The return match with the Australasians was played this year at Uddingston in beautiful weather. Both sides played 12 men and the score was Uddingston 81, Australasians 53. Quite a good win.

The next match of importance was against Poloc at Uddingston. This proved an interesting and exciting game—Uddingston won by 21 runs.

Later in the season the Uddingston team visited Clydesdale at Titwood, inflicting a severe defeat on this first-class combination. The score was Uddingston 163, Clydesdale 88. In this match the chief credit went to Mr. Love, who took 7 of the Clydesdale wickets.

Out of 22 matches played, 13 were won, 4 lost, 3 drawn and 2 were ties.

1890.

After commenting on the form shown by Uddingston against the few first-class clubs who gave them fixtures in 1889, the "Glasgow Herald" ventured to predict that there should be little difficulty in arranging a card composed almost entirely of first-class fixtures. The prediction proved a correct one, for Mr. F. Douglas-Watson, the Secretary, was successful in arranging home and away fixtures with all the leading clubs in the West of Scotland, excepting Drumpellier. He was also fortunate in securing a fixture with Grange, to be played at Raeburn Place, Edinburgh, in addition to home and away fixtures with the Australasians, Royal High School and Blair Lodge.

Here are the fixtures as arranged :—

WEST FIXTURES.

Clydesdale, ...	...	Home and away.
Greenock, ...	...	" "
West of Scotland, ...	...	" "
Poloc, ...	...	" "
Kelburne, ...	...	" "
Kilmarnock, ...	...	" "
Ayr, ...	...	" "

EAST FIXTURES.

Grange, ...	...	At Edinburgh.
Royal High School,		At Edinburgh.
Australasians, ...	...	Home and away.
Lasswade, ...	...	" "
Blair Lodge, ...	...	" "

This fixture card would do credit to any club in Scotland to-day, and when we remember that the Uddingston Club could boast of obtaining such fixtures after being in existence for seven years only, it will at once be conceded that their rapid advancement was without parallel in Scottish Cricket.

The Committee had now to consider the advisability of erecting a new pavilion. Up to this time the small wooden pavilion erected at Woodhead, and removed to Uddingston when the new field was secured, had done duty as dressing rooms, but now, with first-class teams visiting the ground, a new pavilion was absolutely necessary. The Earl of Home was approached for permission to build on the field, and not only did he grant permission, but he also granted the Committee a lease of the ground for five years, at a nominal rent of five pounds yearly. This was equivalent to presenting the club with a gift of one hundred pounds sterling.

This generous gift by the Earl of Home enabled the Committee to make arrangements for the erection of a new pavilion. The Committee this year consisted of Messrs. W. H. Paterson (President), Robert Love (Captain), F. Douglas-Watson (Secretary), D. C. Fisher (Treasurer) with A. McLean, W. McL. Walker and J. T. Preston. After having plans and estimates submitted from several contractors they accepted the offer made by the Iron & Steel Building and Fencing Co., Ltd., Glasgow. The building operations did not commence until about the end of May. By this time the cricket season was in full swing.

The season opened with a match against Kelburne who were decisively beaten by about 80 runs. Poloc also succumbed to the "villagers," who turned them to the right about for 35 runs, and then scored 67 for the loss of 6 wickets. A very close and exciting match with the Australasians ended in favour of the Colonials by 4 runs only.

The principal match on the fixture card, however, was the one with Scotland's premier club, the Grange. This was the first fixture that Uddingston had secured with the Edinburgh cracks, and was played at Raeburn Place, Edinburgh. It was, of course, the ambition of all rising clubs to secure a match at the headquarters of Scottish Cricket, but few, if any, had the honour of defeating the champions at their first meeting. This honour, however, fell to the lot of Uddingston. C. Rothera of Bradford was the professional this season (1890).

FIFTY YEARS OF CRICKET

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It will be interesting to give the scores in this game :—

UDDINGSTON.	
R. Love, b Douglas Hamilton, ...	32
W. H. Paterson, b Hamilton, ...	14
W. Cullen, c Pearson, b Hamilton, ...	0
D. H. Allan, b Hamilton, ...	0
J. H. Paterson, b Marjoribanks, ...	15
J. F. Allan, run out, ...	29
Wm. Downs, c Hamilton, b Pearson, ...	6
W. Fursman, b Pearson, ...	27
John Paterson, c Patten, b Marjoribanks, ...	3
Rothera (prof.), b Hamilton, ...	14
R. Brown, not out, ...	1
Extras, ...	22

Total of Innings, ... 163

GRANGE.	
H. Hay-Brown, c Brown, b D. H. Allan, ...	1
C. J. L. Boyd, c J. F. Allan, b D. Allan, ...	20
Captain Birkbeck, c and b D. H. Allan, ...	9
H. F. Douglas Hamilton, b D. Allan, ...	2
A. G. Pearson, lbw, b W. H. Paterson, ...	0
R. Macnair, hit wicket, b W. Paterson, ...	3
F. B. Marjoribanks, c D. Allan, b Love, ...	27
A. Patten, c W. Paterson, b Love, ...	30
R. C. Campbell, not out, ...	1
W. H. Anderson, b Cullen, ...	0
A. S. McKerrell, b Cullen, ...	0
Extras, ...	9

Total of Innings, 102

Being over 60 runs behind, the Grange had to "follow on," but fared very little better in their second innings, losing five good wickets for 51 runs.

It is only right to mention here that the Grange had their revenge in May of the following year, when they defeated Uddingston by 34 runs. The score was Grange 99, Uddingston 65. This return match was played at Uddingston.

The new pavilion, being completed, was duly opened on Friday, 25th July, 1890, when a special match was arranged to be played with Lasswade. We read that Lasswade were specially strengthened for the occasion. The village was in a state of mild excitement, the reason being the official opening of the new pavilion. This building, the main room of which was 28 feet by 14 feet, contained 2 dressing rooms with lockers, etc., and served the club well until the present pavilion was erected in 1910. The cost was only about £200.

In the course of the afternoon a luncheon was served in the new pavilion, at which both teams, together with several

other members and friends of the Uddingston Club, spent an enjoyable hour, presided over by the President, Mr. W. H. Paterson.

The result of the game was a decided win for Lasswade by 41 runs—Lasswade 128, Uddingston 87.

Then, as now, efforts were put forth and money was asked for to defray these extra costs, and, as now, the public of the village were not slow to lend their assistance.

Another very good performance accomplished in 1890 was that against Clydesdale in the return match at Uddingston—the game earlier in the season at Titwood had been abandoned on account of rain. The wicket was in splendid order and the weather all that could be desired for cricket. It was, therefore, surprising that the visitors, on winning the toss, should send the home team in to bat first. Making fair use of their opportunity, the local men scored 128 before being dismissed. The visitors collapsed badly against the excellent bowling of D. H. Allan and Jas. H. Paterson, and were all out for 25—Uddingston being easy victors by 103 runs.

This brilliant performance against such formidable opponents brought a most successful season to a close. Here is the Secretary's report of the season's matches:—"The club has just concluded a very successful season. The first-class clubs in Scotland this year, recognising Uddingston's claim to attention, granted the club fixtures which went to make up a card the village club could never boast of before."

Twenty-two matches were played, of which eleven were won, nine lost and two drawn. The wins included Grange, Clydesdale, Kilmarnock (twice), Poloc (twice), Ayr (twice), Kelburne and Newmains; and the losses were against West of Scotland, Greenock (twice), Australasians (twice), Blair Lodge, Lasswade (twice) and Royal High School. The aggregates show that 182 opponents' wickets were taken at a cost of 1630 runs, an average of 8.9 runs per wicket, and that

191 wickets were lost for a total of 1699 runs, being very nearly the same average, 8.9. The outstanding feature of the batting averages was J. H. Paterson's record of 312 runs for 14 completed innings, an average of 22.4; and in the bowling D. H. Allan's analysis of 53 wickets at an average of 7.6 per wicket calls for comment.

The club at this point had risen to the foremost rank with steady rapidity.

The second eleven played 14 matches, won seven, lost 4 and drew 3—a very satisfactory record—defeating such teams as Clydesdale, Greenock, Blair Lodge and Cambuslang.

Junior members who were now beginning to flock to the membership of the Club, were being trained in the way they should go, and the prospects for continued prosperity were of the brightest.

1891.

The office-bearers and committee of this year were as follows:—President, Mr. W. McLaren Walker; Captain, Mr. J. T. Preston; Vice-Captain (a new appointment), Mr. R. Love; Secretary, Mr. F. Douglas-Watson; Treasurer, Mr. D. C. Fisher. General Committee—Messrs. D. C. Fisher, John Hodge (who became a Member of Parliament for Rochdale in later years, holding the position of Minister of Labour under Mr. Lloyd George in the Coalition Government), W. K. Lawson, R. Love, J. T. Preston, W. McL. Walker and F. Douglas-Watson.

C. Rothera (Yorkshire) was again professional. The Secretary was successful in arranging his card of fixtures *entirely with first-class clubs*.

Seventeen matches were played, and of these 6 were won, 7 lost and 4 drawn.

Although the list shows fewer wins than on some former occasions, it must be borne in mind that the fixtures were with the strongest clubs they had as yet been up against.

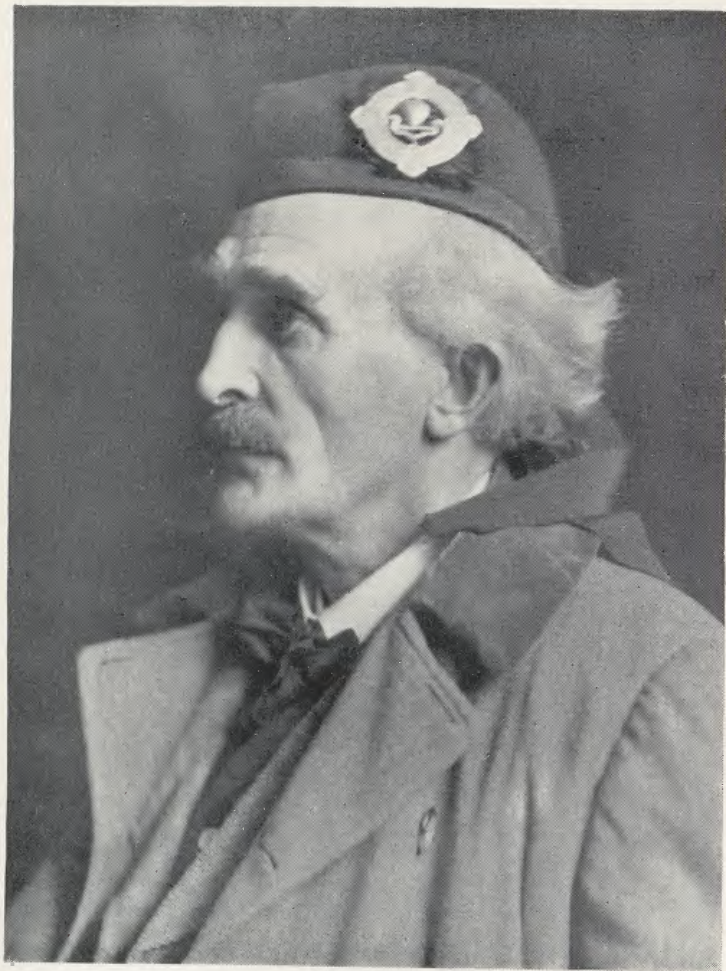
The second eleven this year played 14 matches, 8 were won, 4 lost and 2 drawn.

W. H. Dick won the batting average, and John Hodge the bowling average.

After their splendid performance against Scotland's premier team at Edinburgh last year, the "villagers" appeared at Partick to measure their strength against the West of Scotland. The West at this time were very strong, and in Butler had the assistance of the best professional bowler that had appeared at Partick for fifteen years. It was therefore a splendid performance accomplished by the Uddingston eleven to score 155 runs for the loss of only 5 wickets.

At this total they declared their innings closed, and then dismissed nine of the West batsmen for 66 runs before "time" arrived and saved the Partick men from a severe defeat. Here is the full score:—

UDDINGSTON.		WEST OF SCOTLAND.	
R. Love, b Chichester, ...	21	A. D. Dunlop, b W. H. Paterson, ...	15
J. H. Paterson, c Young, b Butler, ...	2	A. P. Dickson, c Fursman, b Dickenson, ...	6
W. H. Paterson, b Chichester, ...	9	Capt. Chichester, c Walker, b W. H. Paterson, ...	2
Rothera (prof.), b Chichester, ...	27	D. H. A. Dick, st McLean, b W. H. Paterson, ...	0
D. H. Allan, not out, ...	64	Butler (prof.), b Dickenson, ...	6
R. Paterson, b Chichester, ...	7	Capt. Young, c and b Allan, ...	12
W. McL. Walker, not out, ...	15	A. W. Evans, not out, ...	17
J. Downs, ...	Did not bat	W. Beckett, b J. H. Paterson, ...	0
A. McLean, ...		C. E. McEwan, b Allan, ...	5
W. Fursman, ...		P. R. Green, c J. H. Paterson, b Rothera, ...	0
A. Dickenson, ...		H. Beckett, not out, ...	0
Extras, ...	10	Extras, ...	3
Total of Innings, ...	155	Total of Innings, ...	66



F. DOUGLAS-WATSON

1892.

This year is the first in which we find the name of Mr. John Scott (Springfield House) mentioned in connection with the management of the club, he having been appointed Honorary Secretary at the previous annual meeting. This was the start of many years of good and useful work for the Uddingston club. Mr. F. Douglas-Watson having given up the duties of Secretary, a position which he had held for three years with marked credit to himself and much benefit to the club, was elected President. Mr. D. C. Fisher continued in the office of Treasurer.

The club was struggling along in sore need of financial help—in fact, it was in debt, and it is here that we would recognise the great and generous assistance rendered by the players and officials of this time. A Grand Prize Drawing was organised, many handsome prizes being gifted. Tickets were sold over a period of six months, the draw taking place in the Victoria Hall in July of this year. This realised the nett sum of £86 os 8d.

The Dramatic Committee produced successfully, and with marked financial profit to the club, that old piece, "The Octoroon." Once again the players were cricketers keenly interested in the prosperity of their club, and they received the whole-hearted thanks of all the members.

The year 1892 was not a very bright one for the club. In making their choice of a professional the Committee was not very lucky. They selected a player named Dunwell from one of the Yorkshire clubs, who proved rather disappointing. He was a fair bowler but could not be depended upon as a batsman. This was much to be regretted as Mr. Scott (Secretary) had arranged a strong list of fixtures. To make matters worse, several well-known players withdrew from the club during the season and their places had to be filled by recruits from the second eleven.

The most outstanding performances accomplished this season were against Drumpellier (who granted fixtures for the

first time) and Perthshire. *The first meeting with Drumpellier* at Coatbridge ended in an easy win for Drumpellier, but in the return game at Uddingston the local players had their revenge in defeating the Coatbridge champions by 15 runs. Perthshire were also defeated by Uddingston by 20 runs after an exciting game.

1893.

It was at the end of season 1892 that the Western Union League was formed, and much to the joy of the "villagers," Uddingston received an invitation to become one of the six clubs to take part in the competition for the Western Union Championship. The six clubs forming the Union at the start were :—West of Scotland, Clydesdale, Greenock, Drumpellier, Poloc and Uddingston, who were to play home and away fixtures. One point was to be counted for a win, one point deducted for a loss, and drawn games were not to count.

In view of such important fixtures for 1893 it was decided at the annual meeting of the club to endeavour to get a first-class professional to assist the team, and the new Committee was empowered to offer an advance of 10/- weekly upon the wages formerly paid.

The Committee was much more successful in its choice of a professional for this season. Alfred Thewlis, another Yorkshire man, received the appointment and a right good cricketer he proved to be.

The season opened with a league fixture against Drumpellier at Coatbridge on April 29th, when Col. Buchanan's crack team notched their first point at the expense of Uddingston. This was a disastrous start, Drumpellier scoring 155 runs for the loss of three wickets while Uddingston were all out for the small total of 40 runs. However, at the return game at Uddingston the home team had the pleasure of winning by 13 runs.

Against Grange at Edinburgh a good win was recorded. Uddingston won the toss and batting first on a slow wicket scored 159 before the last wicket fell. The Grange batsmen went in to hit off this score in double quick time, but Thewlis, bowling in deadly form, sent three of their best batsmen back to the pavilion before a single run was scored. This established a new record against the Grange club and Thewlis was warmly congratulated for his splendid bowling. The premier club managed to draw the game, but were in a hopeless position when time was called, 8 wickets being down for 64 runs. The score therefore was—Uddingston 159, Grange 64 for 8 wickets.

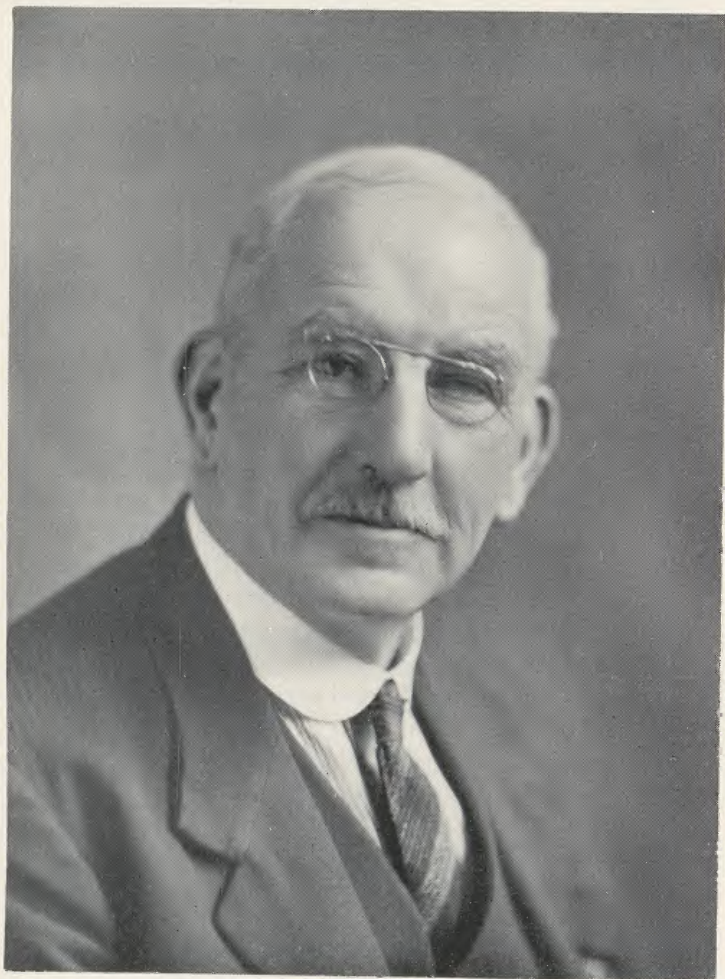
At the end of this season (1893) the honours of the Championship of the Western League were divided between Greenock and Clydesdale. Uddingston were singularly unfortunate in their League fixtures, and finished at the bottom of the table, so becoming the first possessors of the "Wooden Spoon."

They deserved a very much better position than this, and with a little luck might easily have been fourth on the list. West of Scotland finished second and were only one point behind the champions.

1894.

The office-bearers for this year were as follows :—President, Mr. R. Love ; Captain, Mr. Wm. Downs ; Vice-Captain, Mr. D. H. Allan ; Secretary, Mr. John Scott ; Treasurer, Mr. J. D. W. Stewart.

The first duty imposed upon this Committee was the finding of a new professional—Thewlis being no longer available. After careful consideration the choice fell upon Tom Parr of Nottingham to fill the vacancy. Parr made a most successful debut against Drumpellier in the opening League fixture of season 1894, capturing four wickets for 20 runs, and it is not too much to say that his effective bowling went a long way to securing for Uddingston their first League victory of the season. The scores were—Uddingston 58, Drumpellier 54.



JAMES DOWNS

In the League game this year against West of Scotland, Uddingston did not fare so well. West of Scotland obtained 104 runs, while Uddingston's score was 83.

History repeated itself in the return fixture with Clydesdale this season, and again the Titwood men were saved from a severe defeat by the arrival of "time." This was hard luck for the "villagers" who were anxious to avenge the defeat sustained in the early part of the season at Titwood. The game ended in a draw greatly in favour of Uddingston who had scored 142, while Clydesdale's total was 75 for 7 wickets.

The feature of the Uddingston innings was the batting of James Downs, who scored 66 by brilliant hitting. This was far and away the best innings which he had played in first-class matches.

The most severe defeat up to this point sustained by Uddingston was administered this season by Perthshire. Schofield Haigh (who later figured prominently in the Yorkshire County XI.) was mainly responsible for the collapse of the local players. The bowling of Haigh, the Perthshire professional, was apparently far beyond the Uddingston players, as when seven men were out, only one run had been scored. The innings closed for 22. Haigh's analysis read—7 wickets for 7 runs, and he also performed the "hat trick," clean bowling Wm. Downs, Parr and Gale with successive balls.

The Perthshire side gave the spectators a grand display of their batting powers and piled up 242 runs.

Another record was established this season against Uddingston by the Grange at Raeburn Place, Edinburgh, when the premier club scored 257 for the loss of one wicket. Uddingston's score on this occasion was 160 for 9 wickets.

At the close of the season (1894) the "villagers" could show a very good record in all matches. In League games, however, they were still unlucky, and together with Poloc shared the honour of the "Wooden Spoon," while Greenock won the Championship.

At this point the club was feeling the loss of several of its old and tried players. Messrs. Wm. Cullen, Robt. Love and Walter Fursman were sadly missed. Another great loss was felt in the absence of Mr. McLean who had so successfully captained the side for many seasons, in addition to keeping wicket in irreproachable style. Mr. Cullen and Mr. Love had practically given up active participation in the game, the former on account of the increasing cares of business and the latter on account of his removal to Glasgow.

The Committee had a very difficult task to find suitable substitutes to fill the places rendered vacant by the retiral of so many fine all-round players. Tom Parr, the professional, performed well with bat and ball this season. An excellent groundsman, he also took a great interest in the young lads and helped to bring out several of the prominent players who later made cricket history in Uddingston. The young men referred to were Tom Brown, H. C. Shaw, Wm. Thorburn, H. D. Herbertson, D. McNab and Wm. Cullen, Jr.

1895.

The first of the Western League Championship games for 1895 was played at Partick, where a splendid tussle between the West of Scotland and Uddingston was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators. The West, who batted first, made a bad start and lost 6 good wickets for 22 runs, but with the assistance of G. R. Muir and Beaumont, professional (formerly of Surrey County XI.) the score was quickly carried to 80 before a separation was effected. The West were all out for 95 runs.

T. H. Hirst, Uddingston's new professional, bowled extremely well and captured 5 wickets for 42 runs. J. F. Allan was even more successful, getting 4 wickets for 18 runs.

Uddingston started batting with Wm. Downs and J. H. Paterson who scored 15 for the first wicket, but 8 wickets were down for 70 when Robert Paterson and W. H. Dick got together and won the match before they were parted.

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The scores at the finish were—West of Scotland 95, Uddingston 103.

One of the best performances was the game against Greenock in the return match at Uddingston. The first game at Greenock was lost by a very small margin and Uddingston determined to wipe out that defeat. Fortunate in winning the toss, Uddingston batted first and scored 146. Greenock assumed the defensive, as their batsmen could not make headway against the deadly bowling of J. H. Paterson and Hirst, and five of them were out for 23. At this stage, after forty minutes play, rain began to fall in torrents and play was stopped. The rain continued until time would not permit of the game being resumed, and what would probably have been a splendid win for Uddingston, had to be declared a draw.

Clydesdale won the Championship this year, Greenock came second, Drumpellier third, West of Scotland fourth, Uddingston fifth, with Poloc at the bottom of the list.

1896.

The President for this year was Mr. Wm. Calder ; Captain, Mr. James Weir, jun. ; Vice-Captain, Mr. W. H. Paterson ; Secretary, Mr. J. G. Young ; Treasurer, Mr. H. Robertson.

The first League match of the season was against the West of Scotland and played at Uddingston. The game ended in a complete triumph for the local players, who scored 114 runs and then dismissed the West for the small total of 31.

D. A. Burnfield made his first appearance for Uddingston in this match and a most successful first appearance it was. Going in to bat when four good wickets had fallen for 15 runs, he was not dismissed until he had contributed the handsome total of 54. His batting was an excellent effort. James Downs also batted well in this match, scoring 27 when runs were badly wanted. The West batsmen again could not stand up against the bowling of Hirst and J. F. Allan. Hirst took 6 wickets for 14 runs and Allan 4 for 16 runs.

Against Drumpellier at Coatbridge a good game was witnessed. Uddingston batted first and "declared" with nine wickets down for 155. Drumpellier, when time was called, had lost 4 wickets for 88 runs. This was a bright and interesting game but had an undecided finish.

Clydesdale played against Uddingston at Titwood at the end of this season. This match also ended in a draw. The scores were Clydesdale 134, Uddingston 104 for 6 wickets.

This year Drumpellier and the West of Scotland tied for the Championship.

1897.

The Uddingston eleven had all along been striving hard to better their position in League matches but with only moderate success. True, they generally managed to defeat the Champions of the year (Greenock excepted) in one or other of their matches. Here is the form they displayed against the West of Scotland who became champions this year (1897). The first match was played at Partick and after a keen game the West came out with 17 runs to the good. In the return fixture, however, Uddingston inflicted a severe defeat on the champions. In this game the West only scored 64 runs while Uddingston put on 118 for the loss of five wickets.

The office-bearers for this season were as follows:— President, Mr. John Ferguson; Captain, Mr. D. A. Burnfield; Secretary, Mr. James G. Young; Treasurer, Mr. J. Cunningham. The professional was T. H. Hirst, Yorkshire.

Taken all through, the season 1897 was a very successful one. The averages are interesting as showing the number of young players tried in the 1st XI. this year, several of whom were destined to make a name for themselves in the near future. D. A. Burnfield made a very successful Captain and had the honour of heading the batting averages for the second year in succession. J. H. Paterson won the bowling average and was second in batting.

Early in the season the President, Mr. John Ferguson, had signified his intention of presenting a Gold Badge to the best fielder in the first eleven and a Silver Badge to the best fielder in the second eleven. At the annual meeting in October he declared Wm. Downs winner in the first eleven and J. G. Murray winner in the second eleven. At the same time he announced his intention of presenting similar prizes for next season but added that the players who had won the prizes in the past year would not be eligible to win them in the ensuing season.

For close upon 15 years the club had struggled along bravely, hampered for want of cash—it was a hand-to-mouth existence. Year after year some form of entertainment had to be held in order to pay their debts, dramatic or minstrel entertainments and prize drawings being held with monotonous regularity. The minute of 18th May, 1896, bears the following :—" Mr. J. Ross Young moved ' That a Bazaar be held for the purpose of raising funds to extend the pavilion and carry out improvements on the ground.' This was seconded by Mr. Alex. Downs and agreed to." A strong committee was formed, and the Bazaar was held early in 1897 which gave the club a financial start by yielding £509.

This money did not find its way into the general account of the club, but was expended entirely in accordance with the spirit of the motion as stated above.

1898.

This was a very successful year, 20 matches being played, of which 11 were won, 4 lost and 5 drawn. The wins were over Ferguslie, Drumpellier, Australasians, Poloc (twice), Perthshire, West of Scotland, Lord Eglinton's XI., Clydesdale, Kelburne and Cathcart. The losses were to Grange, Greenock, Drumpellier and West of Scotland. The drawn games were against Kelburne, Clydesdale, Leith Caledonian, Ferguslie and Greenock. The number of runs scored by the club was

2,136 for the loss of 161 wickets, an average of 13.26 per wicket ; and the number of runs scored against the club was 1925 for the loss of 198 wickets, an average of 9.72 per wicket. The highest score made against the club was 170 by Ferguslie and the lowest, 17, by Cathcart. The highest individual score was made by T. H. Hirst (professional) when he scored 108 against Greenock. The most outstanding performance this year was that by *the Captain, D. A. Burnfield, when he took 6 wickets at a cost of 6 runs against Clydesdale and won the game.* At the close of the game the supporters carried him shoulder high to the pavilion. This was truly a memorable match.

The club tied for second place in the Western Union Championship with Greenock and Drumpellier.

At the end of the notes on 1897, reference is made to cash troubles and to the fact that £509 was gathered from a Bazaar. This money having been all spent upon the extension of the pavilion and ground improvements, the "general account" was still in a very weak condition, for we read that at the annual meeting of October, 1898, when the Treasurer's statement was being considered, the question of clearing off the debt on the club was discussed. A motion was passed to the effect that the General Committee be empowered to try and raise money by a Concert "or arrange for anything else that will raise the money."

At this time there were 153 members on the roll, made up as follows :—Playing 36, Non-Playing 60, Non-resident 15, Juniors 42.

J. H. Paterson took first place in both batting and bowling averages.

The President's badges this year were won by Alex. Downs in the first eleven and John Cunningham in the second eleven.

Sam. Hirst was engaged as professional for season 1899. This was his first year. Hirst continued as "pro" until the end of season 1905.

1899.

The first item of importance in this year was the resignation of D. A. Burnfield as Captain and the unanimous election of James Downs as his successor.

The playing season of 1899 was a very successful one. The club this year won the Western Union Championship for the first time.

Twenty matches were played, of which nine were won, five lost and 6 were drawn. The number of runs scored by the club was 2,529 for the loss of 164 wickets, an average of 15.42 per wicket ; and the number of runs scored against the club was 2,129 for the loss of 159 wickets, an average of 13.38 per wicket.

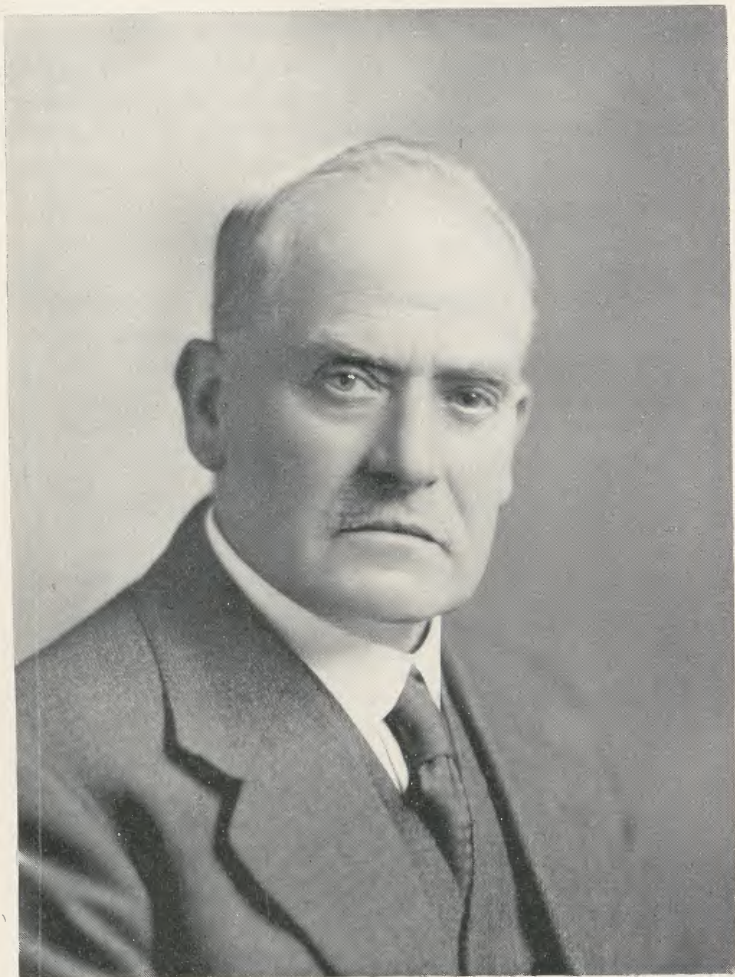
The highest individual score was 88, made by Wm. McDonald against Cathcart, and the best bowling performances were by J. H. Paterson when he took 6 wickets at the cost of 8 runs against Greenock, and D. A. Burnfield when he took 4 wickets for 4 runs against Cathcart. Wm. McDonald took first place in the batting with an average of 21.92 per innings, Wm. Downs securing the aggregate with a total of 294 runs. Thomas Brown took chief place in the bowling with an average of 8.18 per wicket.

An improvement in the membership is recorded this year, there being 174 members on the roll.

Mr. John Ferguson was re-elected President, also Mr. James Downs as Captain, Mr. John Cunningham, Treasurer, and Mr. Thomas Brown, Secretary.

1900.

The club again, for the second year in succession, won the Western Union Championship. This was a very successful year, 22 matches were played and of these 13 were won, 3 lost and 6 drawn. In these the club scored 3,335 runs for the



JAMES H. PATERSON

loss of 192 wickets, which works out at an average of 17.3 runs for every wicket lost. On the other hand the opposition scored 2,121 runs for the loss of 179 wickets, which gives an average of 11.8 runs for every wicket taken. The highest score made by the club was against Poloc, when no less than 347 runs were scored for the loss of 8 wickets, and the lowest, 29 for 8 wickets against Greenock.

Here we give the scores in the game against Poloc. This result constituted a record in League matches not yet broken.

UDDINGSTON *v.* POLOC, 25th August, 1900, at Shawholm.

POLOC.		UDDINGSTON.	
J. Henderson, c A. Downs,		J. Downs, b Arnott, ...	30
b Paterson, ...	30	Hirst, c Sproule, b Gill, ...	27
D. M. Eunson, c J. Downs,		Wm. Downs, b Redwood, ...	34
b Paterson, ...	0	J. H. Paterson, c Sproule,	
W. Redwood, st A. Downs,		b Eunson, ...	54
b Paterson, ...	15	A. Downs, b Eunson, ...	35
R. W. Orr, c Brown, b Hirst,	1	D. Burnfield, c and b Arnott,	83
J. Gill, c Brown, b Paterson,	16	H. C. Shaw, c Henderson,	
W. Arnott, c J. Downs, b		b Arnott, ...	61
Paterson, ...	2	H. D. Herbertson, not out,	10
R. Longley, c J. Downs,		Wm. Thorburn, c Henderson,	
b Paterson, ...	0	b Arnott, ...	0
F. W. Sproule, c Shaw, b		Extras, ...	13
Hirst, ...	5	J. Lee, did not bat.	
D. Kennedy, b Paterson, ...	0	Tom Brown, did not bat.	
J. Gilmour, not out, ...	1		
M. M'Quarrie, b Hirst, ...	0		
Extras, ...	2		
Total of Innings, ...	72	Total (for 8 wickets), ...	347

The outstanding batsman of this season was Alex. Downs, his score against Stirling County (88) being a very fine performance. His total runs gained were 500 in 18 matches played, showing an average of 27.7. The club at this time was also strong in bowling. J. H. Paterson again carried off the bowling prize, his excellent figures of 37 wickets for an average of 8 runs being outstanding. The membership again showed a slight improvement, there being 4 more members on the roll than at this time last year.

The office-bearers were again re-elected for next year.

1901.

For the third year in succession the club won the Western Union Championship. A new record was made by scoring 3,443 runs for the loss of 188 wickets, which gives an average of 18 runs per wicket lost. The opponents scored 2,222 runs for 180 wickets taken. Twenty-one matches were played this year and of these 12 were won, 4 lost and 5 drawn—altogether a very successful year.

At the end of this season the Uddingston eleven was entertained to Dinner in the Public Hall by the President, Mr. John Ferguson, to commemorate their fresh record in the Western League Championship. There was a splendid turn out to do the occasion honour and a representative company of fully fifty were hospitably entertained. Mr. Quintin Ferguson proposed the toast of "The Champions," which was responded to by Mr. James Downs. The other toast which followed was "The Western Cricket League," proposed by Mr. John Ferguson. "The Press" and "Honorary Members" were also duly honoured.

Dugald McNab, who was this year elevated to the first eleven, excelled himself with the bat and proved that the match committee had done the right thing in giving him promotion. He scored 340 runs in 18 innings. His performance against Stirling County, when by scoring 97 he almost reached the coveted century, was a delightful innings. H. C. Shaw also had an excellent record during the season with 386 runs in 22 innings. These were young men who were destined to be of great service to the club, and to make a name for themselves in the cricket world.

James Downs (Captain) and J. H. Paterson ably contributed to this year's success. J. H. Paterson's 73 against the West of Scotland must rank as one of the most finished displays of the season.

At the close of this season Mr. John Scott was elected President, Mr. James Downs, Captain, Mr. J. Cunningham, Treasurer, and Mr. Thos. Brown, Secretary. The retiring

President, Mr. John Ferguson, received from the members, at the hands of Mr. James Downs, a gold badge as a token of the club's esteem for his many excellent services and indefatigable labours during his long term of office.

1902.

This year must be ranked as one of the most successful and remarkable in the history of the club, and put even last year completely in the shade.

Broadly speaking, the season of 1902 was remarkable for three outstanding features ; first, the tackling single-handed by the club of a first-class English County team, Gloucester, captained by G. L. Jessop ; second, the creating of a new record of sustained brilliancy by the eleven which had never been equalled ; and third, by a season of five months of wretched cricket weather. The effect of the latter upon Scottish cricket was the distinct lowering of club aggregates and averages almost everywhere. From a glance at the Uddingston figures, however, it would seem almost that runs can be got, and plenty of them, in all kinds of weather and on any sort of wicket. Although the preceding season was almost an ideal one for run getting, during 1902, if we include the Gloucester match, the total runs scored were almost identical with last year, and the average number of runs per wicket was actually increased from 18 to 22.

In all, 18 matches were played and of these 12 were won and 6 drawn. Not a single defeat was sustained. *For the fourth year in succession Uddingston won the Western Union Championship.* This was indeed a great achievement and a record which would be difficult to break. The club was going strong at this point and many were the opinions expressed as to the reason for such success. The chief factor in the success lay in the youth of the majority of the team, coupled with the experience which most of them had gained. They were never failing in confidence to rise to the occasion whenever it was

wanted. There must have been an entire absence of jealousy among the players. They played for the club and not for themselves—hence their success.

The wins this season were against Ferguslie, Kelburne (twice), Drumpellier, Clydesdale (twice), Poloc (twice), Greenock, Royal High School, Edinburgh Acas, and Cathcart. The six drawn games were against Ferguslie, Drumpellier, Selkirk, Greenock, West of Scotland and Stirling County. Unfortunately, the return League fixture with Drumpellier and the matches with Grange and Selkirk had to be abandoned owing to rain.

The total number of runs scored, excluding the Gloucester match, was 3,088 for the loss of only 135 wickets, which gives the splendid average of 22 runs per wicket lost, whilst on the other hand the opponents scored 1,942 runs for the loss of 176 wickets, an average of 11 runs per wicket. J. H. Paterson again leads the batting (amateurs) list. His display against Gloucester was very good in the first innings, while in the second he astonished everyone by his magnificent forcing cricket at a critical point in the game.

Here are the scores in the Gloucester match :—

UDDINGSTON.		GLOUCESTER.	
<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>First Innings.</i>	
J. H. Paterson, b Paish, ...	26	R. W. Rice, run out, ...	0
Hirst, c Drysdale, b Roberts, ...	64	Wrathall, b Brown, ...	22
Wm. Downs, b Roberts, ...	3	Langden, c McNab, b Hirst, ...	73
D. Ferrier, b Jessop, ...	1	W. Troup, c J. H. Paterson, ...	
D. McNab, c Jessop, b Roberts, ...	12	b Brown, ...	0
A. Downs, c Langden, b Roberts, ...	4	T. H. Fowler, c A. Downs, ...	
D. A. Burnfield, b Jessop, ...	0	b Brown, ...	0
Jas. Downs, b Roberts, ...	53	Paish, b Hirst, ...	37
Wm. Thorburn, b Jessop, ...	7	G. L. Jessop, st Downs, b Paterson, ...	19
W. H. Paterson, b Roberts, ...	5	L. G. Brownlee, c and b Hirst, ...	5
H. C. Shaw, c Wrathall, b Roberts, ...	0	H. Jessop, run out, ...	1
Tom Brown, not out, ...	11	A. E. Nield, b Hirst, ...	0
Extras, ...	27	Roberts, not out, ...	0
		Drysdale, b J. H. Paterson, ...	0
		Extras, ...	1
Total of Innings, ...	213	Total of Innings, ...	158

Second Innings.

J. H. Paterson, c G. L. Jessop, b Paish, ...	56
Hirst, c Wrathall, b Paish, ...	1
Wm. Downs, c Paish, b Roberts, ...	7
D. Ferrier, b Paish, ...	0
D. McNab, c G. L. Jessop, b Paish, ...	8
A. Downs, c Rice, b Paish, ...	27
D. A. Burnfield, c Fowler, b Roberts, ...	4
Jas. Downs, b Paish, ...	0
Wm. Thorburn, c G. L. Jessop, b Paish, ...	3
W. H. Paterson, b Paish, ...	4
H. C. Shaw, not out, ...	4
Tom Brown, st Brownlee, b Paish, ...	7
Extras, ...	5

Total of Innings, ... 126

Second Innings.

Wrathall, c Wm. Downs, b Brown, ...	33
Langden, c J. Downs, b Ferrier, ...	0
W. Troup, not out, ...	35
T. H. Fowler, b Paterson, ...	1
G. L. Jessop, b Ferrier, ...	141
L. F. Brownlee, b Ferrier, ...	17
H. Jessop, st A. Downs, b Brown, ...	0

Extras, ... 1

Total of Innings, ... 228

Gloucester won by six wickets.

D. McNab came close upon J. H. Paterson's batting figures. Special mention should be made this year of his display against Clydesdale at Titwood, when he scored a splendid 73 at a time when a single slip might have lost the match and the Championship. Close on his heels this year came Alex. Downs, who had an excellent average as a batsman, while his ability as a wicket keeper was outstanding. It was agreed by everyone that he was well worthy of the honour bestowed upon him when he was chosen this year to play for his country against the redoubtable Australians.

A record of this year's play would not be complete without reference to the display made by Wm. Downs against Drumpellier at Coatbridge, on 10th May, when he only failed to reach the coveted century by one run. Surely "hard lines!"

In this match Tom Brown performed a feat in bowling seldom accomplished. He captured nine Drumpellier wickets and thus established himself as one of the best slow bowlers in our district. The score in the match was Uddingston 235 and Drumpellier 62. Here are the figures,



TOM BROWN

UDDINGSTON CRICKET CLUB

PLAYED AT COATBRIDGE, 10TH MAY, 1902.

UDDINGSTON.

Wm. Downs, b Lee, ...	99
Hirst (prof.), c Lee, b Brownlie, ...	61
H. C. Shaw, b Brownlie, ...	2
D. A. Burnfield, c Wother- spoon, b Lee, ...	23
Alex. Downs, b Hancock, ...	5
D. McNab, c A. McMillan, b Hancock, ...	6
T. Brown, c Mannes, b Lee, ...	0
Jas. Downs, not out, ...	29
Wm. Thorburn, b Hancock, ...	10
H. D. Herbertson and J. H. Paterson, did not bat.	

Total of Innings, ... 235

DRUMPELLIER.

C. T. Mannes, b Tom Brown, ...	16
W. J. Jardine, b Tom Brown, ...	4
J. Lee, b Tom Brown, ...	0
Hancock (prof.), c Hirst, b Tom Brown, ...	4
J. McMillan, c J. Downs, b Tom Brown, ...	11
A. McMillan, c McNab, b Tom Brown, ...	8
R. Shanks, c Paterson, b Tom Brown, ...	4
W. Wotherspoon, c Paterson, b Tom Brown, ...	14
Wm. Stevenson, not out, ...	0
A. Cleland, b Tom Brown, ...	0
D. Brownlie, run out, ...	0
Byes, ...	1

Total of Innings, ... 62

Of course the greatest event of a great season was the Gloucester match and it was a pronounced success. It is recorded that the financial gain to the Club was £145 9s 9d.

1903.

Mr. James Downs was again Captain of the Club, with Mr. John Scott as President, while Mr. A. Doak Smith was Secretary.

The result of this year's play was not so good as that of last year. The club again retained the Western League Championship, but the honour was held jointly with Greenock.

The first eleven played 20 matches, of which 8 were won, 7 drawn and 3 lost, while 2 were abandoned owing to rain. The total number of runs recorded was 2,274 for the loss of 144 wickets, giving an average of 15.8 runs per wicket lost. Opponents scored 2,163 runs for 164 wickets, showing an average of 13.8 runs per wicket.

The membership of the club this year was 205, made up as follows :—Playing, 60 ; Non-resident, 24 ; Honorary, 58 ; Non-playing, 13 ; Juniors, 50.

1904.

Towards the end of season 1903 a misunderstanding arose between the Drumpellier Club and the management of the Western Union. This resulted in the dissolving of the Union and the retiral of Drumpellier from the League. A new body was formed, to be called the Western District Union, comprising the other five clubs which had played in the League since its formation in 1893, with the addition of Kelburne and Ferguslie.

The President of the club for this year was Mr. W. H. Paterson and the Captain, Mr. Thomas Brown.

Again the club was successful in winning the Western League Championship—for the sixth year in succession. Twenty-one matches were played, eight of which were won, five lost and eight drawn. The runs scored were 2,576 for 150 wickets lost, making an average of 17.1 runs per wicket.

D. A. Burnfield was top of the batting averages with 25.2, while J. H. Paterson led the bowling once more with 57 wickets for 10.4 per wicket.

1905.

The opening of the season found everyone hopeful. Having won the Western Union Championship for the past six years, all the players were very keen. However, when the close of the season came, the chief honour did not come to Uddingston, but the standard of play was quite high.

Twenty matches were played, seven of which were won, nine drawn and four were lost. D. McNab came out on top in the batting averages with 22.5, with 400 runs as aggregate. The chief place in the bowling averages was taken by the Captain, Tom Brown—137 overs, 33 wickets, 399 runs, average 12.0.

The principal feature of the season was the match played by Uddingston against "Players of England," a side captained by H. Wrathall of Gloucester. This game was held on the

23rd and 24th June and proved a great success in interesting the people of the neighbourhood in cricket. The gross drawings for the two days were £180 17s 5d and the expenses £140 11s 6d, leaving a balance in favour of the club of £40 5s 11d.

Much hard work must have been put into this game by the management of the club. These men must have been workers. Here are the scores :—

UDDINGSTON.

First Innings.

J. H. Paterson, b Cranfield,	27
Hirst, c G. Gunn, b Cranfield, ...	38
D. A. Burnfield, b J. Gunn,	0
Jas. Downs, c Mills, b J. Gunn, ...	12
D. McNab, c Wrathall, b Cranfield, ...	5
Capt. Thresher, b Vogler, ...	17
A. Downs, c Iremonger, b G. Gunn, ...	18
H. D. Herbertson, b Vogler,	10
H. C. Shaw, c Cranfield, b Vogler, ...	24
A. Ford, c Mills, b J. Gunn,	7
W. Lee, c. and b J. Gunn, ...	4
T. Brown, c Wrathall, b J. Gunn, ...	22
W. Cullen, jun., not out, ...	13
Extras, ...	9

Total of Innings, ... 206

"PLAYERS OF ENGLAND."

First Innings.

H. Wrathall (Gloucester), b J. H. Paterson, ...	1
J. Iremonger (Notts), c and b Cullen, ...	14
G. Gunn (Notts), b Cullen,	81
J. Gunn (Notts), b Cullen,	107
A. E. Knight (Leicester), b Paterson, ...	10
A. E. Vogler (So. Africa), b Lee, ...	113
T. Langdon (Gloucester), lbw, b Brown, ...	38
H. C. Manners (Gloucester), st A. Downs, b Brown, ...	11
H. J. Huggins (Gloucester), st A. Downs, b Lee, ...	32
P. T. Mills (Gloucester), lbw b Lee, ...	1
B. Cranfield (Somerset), not out, ...	10
Extras, ...	17

Total of Innings, ... 435

UDDINGSTON.

Second Innings.

J. H. Paterson, c Vogler, b J. Gunn, ...	9
Hirst, lbw, b J. Gunn, ...	54
D. A. Burnfield, c and b J. Gunn, ...	19
Jas. Downs, c Vogler, b J. Gunn, ...	4
D. McNab, st Manners, b J. Gunn, ...	16
Capt. Thresher, lbw, b J. Gunn, ...	8
A. Downs, b Huggins, ...	19

H. D. Herbertson, st Manners, b J. Gunn, ...	0
H. C. Shaw, lbw, b J. Gunn,	0
A. Ford, c Cranfield, b J. Gunn, ...	9
W. Lee, b Mills, ...	13
T. Brown, not out, ...	5
W. Cullen, jun., not out, ...	4
Extras, ...	1

Total of Innings, ... 161

Match Drawn,

It will be noted that Uddingston played thirteen men. The "Players of England" batted one innings. Their score of 435 was obtained by delightful cricket and gave much pleasure to the spectators.

This was the last year in which Sam. Hirst served as professional. During his seven years work with the club he gained many admirers as a good all-round cricketer.

Towards the close of this season the Committee appointed Arthur Broadbent as professional for 1906.

1906.

This year saw Mr. James Downs resume the Captaincy of the first eleven. Mr. W. H. Paterson was re-elected President with Mr. H. E. Holton and Mr. H. D. Herbertson, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Another very successful year is recorded. After playing "second fiddle" in the League competition last season the club again returned to its former position as Champions.

Uddingston maintained an unsullied Union record and finished undefeated Union Champions. During the competition this year they won 10 out of 12 matches and recorded 2 draws. They were most consistent in their form all through the season, their pluck and perseverance and "no surrender" principles carrying them out of many tight corners.

Only in one game, a friendly against Stirling County, did they suffer defeat.

This was Broadbent's first year as professional. He headed the list in the League bowling averages by taking 60 wickets for an average of 4.63 per wicket, and over all the games played he took 116 wickets for 577 runs, an average of 4.9 per wicket. H. C. Shaw came out on top of the League batting averages.

Another record was made this year by D. McNab by scoring 105 against Greenock, this being the first time an amateur had reached three figures in a League or any other match for Uddingston first eleven.

Prizes this year were gained as follows :—1st XI.—batting, H. C. Shaw ; bowling, J. H. Paterson ; fielding, Jas. Downs ; Club aggregate, D. McNab.

1907.

The membership of the club at this point was steadily increasing. The total membership was 202, made up as follows :—Playing members, 62 ; Non-resident, 19 ; Non-playing, 17 ; Honorary, 74 ; and Junior, 30.

Mr. John Scott was elected President and Mr. James Downs again Captain. The season was a most successful one and compared well with those of the recent past.

The Western Union Championship was again won by the club. Only one match in the competition was lost. This was against Kilmarnock.

The outstanding batsman this season was H. C. Shaw who secured all the prizes in this department of the game. It is mentioned in the Secretary's report of this year that "it is a matter for congratulation to find the young brigade, as represented by Messrs. A. C. Tennent and Alex. Cullen, so high up in the averages." Coming events were casting their shadows.

As last year, we find J. H. Paterson and Broadbent leading in the bowling. J. H. Paterson seems to have been about his best this season, his left hand deliveries being very deadly. He took 12 more wickets this year than last.

In representative matches the ability of our players found recognition. H. C. Shaw and Broadbent were chosen to play against the South Africans at Glasgow, and A. Downs and Broadbent against the same combination at Edinburgh, and they all gave good account of themselves in their various departments.

27 matches were on the card this year, of which 17 were won, 3 lost, 4 drawn and 3 abandoned.

For the club 3,238 runs were made for the loss of 205 wickets, an average of 15.79 ; and against, 2,188 runs for 222 wickets, an average of 9.85.



H. C. SHAW

1908.

This year the club again tackled G. L. Jessop's Gloucestershire XI. The game ended in a draw, not altogether in favour of the visitors. In this match the batting of James Downs and A. C. Cullen calls for special mention, the former giving a hard hitting display for his 53 runs in the first innings, while A. C. Cullen's batting in both innings was much appreciated and commented upon both by spectators and the opposition. The bowling honours were carried off by Broadbent (prof.) who in the two innings secured 11 wickets for 88 runs. His dismissal of Jessop in the first innings created quite a sensation. The fielding of our players was excellent. On the visitors' side the bowling was very good, especially that of Hallam and Dennett, the former of whom was aptly described by one of our players as "three bowlers in one." Apart from the patient display by Payton and Dennett in the second innings, the batting of Jessop's XI. was rather disappointing. However, our players must have profited by what they saw in this game—how Payton kept his end up when things were looking very bad for his side, and the alertness of the slip fielders, particularly the standard set by George Gunn in this department. Here are the scores:—

UDDINGSTON v. GLOUCESTER.

19TH AND 20TH JUNE, 1908, AT UDDINGSTON.

UDDINGSTON.		GLOUCESTER.	
<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>First Innings.</i>	
Broadbent, c and b Dennett,	29	Iremonger, c Cullen, b	
A. C. Tennent, c Dennett, b		Broadbent,	29
Hallam,	12	G. Gunn, c McNab, b Broad-	
Alex. Downs, b Hallam, ...	7	bent,	16
Wm. Lee, c Gunn, b Hallam,	2	Langdon, st A. Downs, b	
D. McNab, c Payton, b		Brown,	2
Hallam,	0	M. M. Barker, b Broadbent,	9
H. D. Herbertson, b Hallam,	5	Payton, c and b Lee, ...	15
H. C. Shaw, c Gunn, b		G. L. Jessop, b Broadbent,	1
Dennett,	9	O. W. T. Jessop, b Broadbent,	0
A. C. Cullen, b Jessop, ...	48	J. A. Healing, c Shaw, b	
Jas. Downs, c Langdon, b		Broadbent,	27
Jessop,	53	C. C. Barker, b Herbertson,	1
Tom Brown, not out, ...	29	Hallam, b Broadbent, ...	17
Arch. Ford, b Jessop, ...	0	Dennett, not out,	0
Extras,	11	Extras,	1
Total of Innings, ...	205	Total of Innings, ...	118

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Second Innings.

Broadbent, b Hallam, ...	0
A. C. Tennent, c Gunn, b Dennett, ...	0
Alex. Downs, c G. L. Jessop, b Hallam, ...	0
Wm. Lee, c Iremonger, b Hallam, ...	14
D. McNab, st Barker, b Dennett, ...	15
H. D. Herbertson, b Iremonger, ...	0
H. C. Shaw, b Hallam, ...	15
A. C. Cullen, b Iremonger, Jas. Downs, c Dennett, b Iremonger, ...	24
Tom Brown, c Dennett, b Hallam, ...	8
Arch. Ford, not out, ...	5
Extras, ...	0
	14

Total of Innings, ... 95

Second Innings.

Iremonger, run out, ...	3
G. Gunn, lbw, b Broadbent, ...	1
Langdon, b Lee, ...	0
M. M. Barker, b Broadbent, ...	0
Payton, not out, ...	62
G. L. Jessop, c A. Downs, b Lee, ...	9
O. W. T. Jessop, b Broadbent, ...	7
J. A. Healing, c Lee, b Broadbent, ...	7
C. C. Barker, did not bat. Hallam, c Shaw, b Brown, ...	0
Dennett, not out, ...	6
Extras, ...	6

Total for 8 Wickets, ... 101

If Uddingston did not achieve an out-and-out victory over G. L. Jessop's XI., they came within reasonable approach of it, and another half hour would probably have seen them good winners. A moral victory does not count, but the honours lay with the home team.

The most notable victory this year was against Grange at Raeburn Place after a close and exciting finish. The scores were :—

UDDINGSTON v. GRANGE.

GRANGE.	23RD MAY, 1908.	UDDINGSTON.
W. G. Cobb, c Brown, b Broadbent, ...	7	Broadbent, b Keene, ... 63
R. F. Cumberlege, c Brown, b Broadbent, ...	3	A. C. Tennent, c Chapel, b Peel, ... 23
Hon. R. B. Watson, c Herbertson, b Broadbent, ...	8	H. C. Shaw, b Peel, ... 0
B. L. Peel, b Broadbent, ...	51	H. D. Herbertson, c Watson, b Chapel, ... 14
M. L. Martin, c Tennent, b Broadbent, ...	12	Wm. Lee, c Pringle, b Peel, ... 9
J. S. Pringle, c McNab, b Lee, ...	19	Jas. Downs, b Keene, ... 4
G. H. Keeton, run out, ...	13	D. McNab, b Keene, ... 0
D. Chapel, st A. Downs, b Lee, ...	3	Alex. Downs, c Cumberlege, b Peel, ... 9
Beet, c Tennent, b Lee, ...	12	A. C. Cullen, c Cumberlege, b Peel, ... 6
Kitchener, c Brown, b Broadbent, ...	0	Tom Brown, not out, ... 0
Keene, not out, ...	0	Arch. Ford, not out, ... 4
Extras, ...	5	Extras, ... 4
Total of Innings, ...	133	Total for 9 wickets, 136

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The club did not win the Western Union Championship, the honour going to the West of Scotland.

H. C. Shaw again took first place in batting. This year he scored two separate hundreds in League matches. Wm. Lee took second place in bowling, Broadbent leading the table.

Twenty-eight matches were played during the season, of which 16 were won, 3 lost, 7 drawn and 2 abandoned.

Mr. John Scott was President with Mr. James Downs Captain. The membership was 201.

1909.

The season of 1909 was another very successful one in many respects. For the ninth time in eleven years the club won the Western Union Championship. This remarkable position had not been attained without great perseverance in adversity, and pluck and ability in the playing field. Twenty-four matches in all were played and of these 16 were won, 7 drawn and 1 lost.

Perhaps the most notable victory of all was that over Forfarshire, the County Champions, at Broughty Ferry, when a side which was without Alex. Downs, H. C. Shaw, D. A. Burnfield and Broadbent defeated the strongest side Forfarshire had in the field throughout the season. The score was Uddingston 197, Forfarshire 147.

H. C. Shaw again was highest in the batting averages. Alex. McNab, in his first year playing for the first eleven, topped the bowling with the great figures, 48 wickets at a cost of 8.7 runs per wicket. He was invited this year by the Scottish Cricket Union to play for his country against the Gentlemen of Ireland, he being one of the very few chosen from the Western district to play in this game.

At the close of this season Broadbent left Uddingston and returned to his native Yorkshire where he spent the following season. This excellent professional, however, came back to Uddingston in 1911 for one year.

Broadbent was by far the most outstanding professional the club ever had. He came to Uddingston as a bowler, and while he steadily improved in that department, he also became an excellent exponent with the bat. At the termination of his engagement with the club in 1909 he was presented with a handsome gold watch in appreciation of his services during the preceding four seasons.

Towards the end of this season steps were taken in the matter of the erection of a new pavilion. The first action was to obtain the permission of the Earl of Home. This having been granted, the question of ways and means occupied the Committee very fully for some considerable time. At the annual general meeting held on 21st October, 1909, Mr. James Downs reported that he had gone into the offers received for the proposed new pavilion and had come to the conclusion that the cost would not exceed £720.

It was agreed at this meeting to proceed, and a strong committee of fifteen members was appointed to devise methods of raising the money to defray the cost.

A word of praise must be said here on behalf of this committee. They must have been hard workers, with stout hearts, for the balance sheet of a year later shows the total cost of the new pavilion, with incidental expenses such as furnishings, opening expenses, etc., at £769 18s 2d, which had all been met with the exception of a small balance of £30 6s 10d.

1910.

The new Pavilion was formally opened by Lord Dunglass (now The Earl of Home) on the 9th of April of this year.

The playing season was uneventful. The professional was A. E. Bailey of Somersetshire, one of the greatest slow left hand bowlers who has ever played the game in Scotland. Twenty-three games were played, of which 11 were won, 6 drawn and 6 lost. Among the victories the most notable was that over Grange for the third season in succession.

One of the most pleasant features of this season's play was the success of the "young brigade." A. C. Cullen led in the averages and aggregates. A. C. Macnab created a record by taking 79 wickets in a season. Geo. P. Burt and R. Bryson this year established their positions as batsmen by taking fourth and fifth positions in the averages.

1911.

As already stated, Arthur Broadbent returned from Yorks to act again as professional at Uddingston.

The club again won the Western Union Championship. During the season 24 matches were played, 14 of which were won, 8 drawn and 2 lost. Once more Grange were defeated, making the fourth successive victory for Uddingston against this powerful combination.

A. C. Cullen was top of both the batting and bowling averages and in addition he was at the top of the club aggregate, thereby creating a new record for the club.

Consistent players this year were D. McNab, Geo. P. Burt and A. C. Tennent in batting, and in bowling Alex. McNab and Broadbent, the latter achieving the distinction of taking over 100 wickets.

A special word of praise is due to Captain James Downs for the excellent manner in which the team was handled. There is little doubt that the great success of the club on the field at this time was in a large measure due to the efficient leadership of Mr. Downs.

At the annual meeting Mr. John Scott, Springfield House, retired from the office of President which he had filled for the past four years with much acceptance to the members. Mr. John R. Taylor was appointed President in his stead.

1912.

The club at this time was suffering from the old complaint, the want of funds. Accordingly, towards the end of this year a Bazaar was held in the Public Hall when the effort realised the sum of £739, after deducting expenses. This sum appears

in the revenue account of 1913 but in the balance sheet of 1914 an overdraft of £241 is shown. In fairness to the management of this time it should be explained that, from the accounts, it is evident that a goodly sum of loan money was repaid from the proceeds of the Bazaar of 1912. Several good friends of the club had advanced sums of money to enable the building of the new Pavilion to proceed.

The club did *not* win the Championship this year. It was not a very bright year from a playing point of view. The side had lost the assistance in its bowling department of Alex. McNab, he having gone to Canada. The club therefore lost a good amateur bowler to provide adequate support to Nash, who had succeeded Broadbent as professional. The loss of Alex. McNab was a serious handicap. Of the 22 games played, 9 were won, 8 lost and 5 drawn.

In the last four matches played between Uddingston and Grange, victory had rested with the "villagers," but on 18th May, 1912, in the game at Raeburn Place, the Grange had made up their minds to put things straight again. They had whipped up their strongest eleven and were rewarded with a substantial victory for their trouble.

The Grange batsmen did well on their fast wicket, putting on a score of 290 runs for 7 wickets. Uddingston were all out at 97. Here are the scores :—

UDDINGSTON.		GRANGE.	
A. C. Tennent, c Duncan,		A. G. G. Asher, b Nash, ...	0
b Keene, ...	0	P. S. Fraser, b Cullen, ...	51
J. Downs, b Cummins, ...	0	A. W. Duncan, lbw, b McNab, ...	5
G. P. Burt, lbw, b Cummins, ...	18	B. L. Peel, b Nash, ...	15
D. McNab, b Cummins, ...	3	H. S. Sanderson, b Cullen, ...	23
A. C. Cullen, b Keene, ...	42	C. L. Norman, b Shaw, ...	26
J. Paterson, b Cummins, ...	3	S. A. Jenkinson, lbw, b	
A. Ford, c Osborne, b		Cullen, ...	23
Cummins, ...	1	J. H. Orr, not out, ...	48
D. Kennedy, c Cummins, b		S. H. Osborne, not out, ...	74
Keene, ...	10	H. B. Cummins } did not	
A. Downs, c Fraser, b Keene, ...	6	Keene } bat.	
H. C. Shaw, not out, ...	4		
Nash, c Cummins, b Keene, ...	0		
Extras, ...	10	Extras, ...	25
Total of Innings, ...	97	Total for 7 wickets, ...	290

From the figures given here it will be seen that the game from an Uddingston point of view was disappointing, and it is doubtful if the team had ever been seen to less advantage in a match of this importance. A. C. Cullen with 3 wickets for 55 runs proved the most successful bowler.

A. C. Cullen, for the third year in succession, topped the batting and the bowling averages.

It is often asked "When did the West of Scotland last defeat Uddingston at *Hamilton Crescent*?" The date of this event was 10th August, 1912, and it was amidst a scene of wild excitement that "the West" beat Uddingston by a single run. It is true that since that date Uddingston has suffered defeat at the hands of "The West" at *Bothwell Policies* on several occasions. It is also a fact that several games have been drawn at *Hamilton Crescent* since August, 1912, and some of these draws were *not* altogether in Uddingston's favour. The figures of this game were:—

UDDINGSTON.		WEST OF SCOTLAND.	
A. C. Tennent, b Johns, ...	2	W. J. Thomson, b Nash, ...	0
J. P. Cruikshank, b Dunn, ...	0	W. W. Tennent, b Nash, ...	21
Nash, b Johns, ...	1	H. C. Barbour, not out, ...	32
G. P. Burt, c Earnshaw, ...		K. W. Warden, b McNab, ...	1
b Dunn, ...	5	J. H. Cassells, lbw, b McNab, ...	2
D. McNab, c H. C. Barbour, ...		Dr. Barbour, b Nash, ...	4
b Earnshaw, ...	31	R. L. Johnstone, b McNab, ...	7
A. C. Cullen, c Warden, ...		Johns, b Nash, ...	0
b Johns, ...	4	W. M. Dunn, c Burt, b ...	
J. Downs, b Earnshaw, ...	19	McNab, ...	1
H. C. Shaw, not out, ...	3	L. G. Tuke, b Nash, ...	2
J. Paterson, b Earnshaw, ...	0	H. Earnshaw, b Nash, ...	0
W. Rennie, lbw, b Earnshaw, ...	4		
A. Downs, b Dunn, ...	0		
Extras, ...	10	Extras, ...	10
Total of Innings, ...	79	Total of Innings, ...	80

1913.

During this season the club may be said to have done fairly well, and certainly an improvement was effected over 1912.

In all, 21 matches were played, of which 12 were won, 5 lost and 4 drawn.

One of the outstanding wins of this season was against Drumpellier, when the Coatbridge club was dismissed for the small total of 35 runs, one of the smallest, if not the smallest, scores made up to this point by our local rivals.

One of the notable games lost was against Greenock, where the Glenpark club succeeded in notching their first victory for something like 15 years.

The highest score made by the club this year was 246 for 4 wickets against Kilmarnock. Two members of the first eleven succeeded in recording three figure innings, viz., A. C. Cullen with 111 "not out" against Clackmannan County, and G. P. Burt with 101 "not out" against Kilmarnock. In the Kilmarnock game A. C. Cullen scored 97 runs. James Downs scored 93 runs this year against Ferguslie.

A. C. Cullen again led the list of the batting and bowling. His batting average was a record one for the club at this time. Here it is :—

No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Average.
19	2	111 "not out."	556	32.07

There is no doubt that the departure of Dugald McNab for Canada was a serious loss to the playing strength this season, Dugald followed his brother Alex., who had gone to Canada a few months earlier. The loss to the club by the departure of these two excellent and enthusiastic cricketers was regretted by players and supporters alike.

There was joy in the Uddingston camp over the results of the Grange match and there was good cause for jubilation. A victory over the Grange was something to be proud of.

At the start of the Uddingston innings it did not look bright for the home side as four good wickets were down for seven runs and half the side was out for 35 runs, but the next wicket completely altered the complexion of affairs and added 58 to the total. It was to A. C. Cullen that Uddingston were

chiefly indebted for their victory. He came in when matters were going badly with the side and withstood the attack for an hour and twelve minutes, scoring 47 in his best style. He was then unlucky to play a wide ball on to his wicket. A. C. Cullen seemed to have a liking for the Grange bowling and was a most consistent scorer in these matches. In the previous game against Grange, when things looked gloomy, he had stopped the rot and scored 42, saving his side from a debacle. A win by 22 runs greatly pleased the club's supporters. Here are the scores :—

PLAYED AT UDDINGSTON, 17TH MAY, 1913.

UDDINGSTON.		GRANGE.	
A. C. Tennent, b Peel, ...	8	P. M. Campbell, b Nash, ...	10
Nash, lbw, b Jenner, ...	0	Capt. N. D. Noble, c Tennent, b Lee, ...	7
Wm. Lee, b Peel, ...	3	Capt. F. Anderson, run out, ...	2
J. P. Cruikshank, b Peel, ...	0	S. H. Osborne, b Nash, ...	9
G. P. Burt, b Jenner, ...	1	B. L. Peel, c J. Downs, b Nash, ...	5
A. C. Cullen, b Whitelaw, ...	47	W. G. Weston, c Shaw, b Lee, ...	7
J. Paterson, c Capt. Noble, b Whitelaw, ...	28	R. Fraser, b Nash, ...	4
H. C. Shaw, b Whitelaw, ...	4	R. H. L. Whitelaw, run out, ...	5
A. Downs, b Jenner, ...	16	J. H. M. Robertson, c Shaw, b Nash, ...	22
Jas. Downs, b Jenner, ...	3	Jenner, c Cruikshank, b Cullen, ...	21
J. A. W. Kirk, not out, ...	1	H. S. Mackay, not out, ...	3
Extras, ...	11	Extras, ...	5
Total of Innings, ...	122	Total of Innings, ...	100

1914.

The club this year had another most successful season and the Western Union Championship was again secured. They played 19 matches, won 14, drew 3 and lost 2. Runs scored by the club were 3,180 for 179 wickets, an average of 17.76 per wicket; runs against, 1,832 for 181 wickets, average 10.12 per wicket.

A. C. Cullen was again at the top of the batting averages. In 19 innings his total runs were 462, an average of 25.66.



The late A. C. CULLEN

AUGUST, 1914—NOVEMBER, 1918.

Owing to the Great War no League matches were played during the seasons 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919. A few friendly matches were played during 1915 and 1919, but all play ceased during the other war years.

The club sent 63 men to join the colours. Of these eleven were killed in action. Their names were :—George Boyd, Wm. Bryson, Robert M. Cunningham, William H. Gandy, David Kennedy, Thomas Lander, L. J. Lightfoot, Thomas Nelson, Hugh Scott, James Watson and Alex. H. Young.

The members erected at the Pavilion a suitable Memorial to their memory. In this connection it is only right that reference should be made to the active part taken by Mr. W. M. Clow Ross who was instrumental in raising the money for the Memorial.

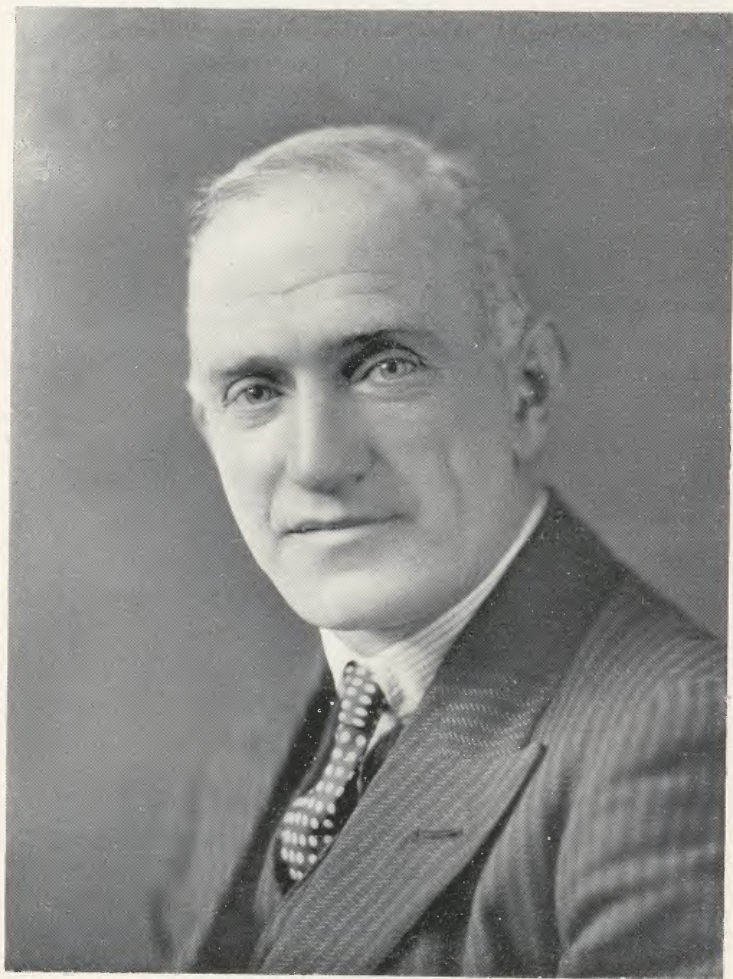
The two years following the Armistice were devoted to re-constructing the club's affairs. Interest had again to be aroused in the game. Many new members were added to the roll during 1919/20. Friendly games only were played in 1919, A. C. Cullen acting as Captain, and James Downs returned to the helm in 1920.

1920.

League games were resumed this year.

The first match of the season was against Glasgow High School F.P.'s. The F.P.'s scored 100 runs all out, A. C. Innes being "not out" with 42. Uddingston had two batsmen, A. C. Tennent and Geo. P. Burt, who each scored 45, A. C. Tennent being "not out" at this figure. Uddingston's total was 106 for 6 wickets. The bowling honours of Uddingston went to J. A. W. Kirk who captured four wickets for 37.

The best win this year was against West of Scotland. The "West" being all out for 110 runs, Uddingston gave a



A. C. TENNENT

stout reply by piling up 259 for 6 wickets. Geo. P. Burt had a great innings, being run out with 95 to his credit. Other strong scorers were A. C. Cullen 40, R. M. Bryson 40, and James Downs 35. This was the game in which J. G. Tevendale and Wm. H. Reid, having proved their worth in the second string, appeared for the first time in the senior eleven.

In the match against Ferguslie on 10th July a rather unusual thing happened on the Uddingston ground. When the umpires called time Ferguslie's score stood at 75 for nine wickets (Uddingston having obtained 83), and the game would therefore have counted as a draw. But the respective captains, Jas. Downs and R. B. Hastings, arranged to play to a finish, with the result that Uddingston were the winners. It was a fine sporting action and was much appreciated by the crowd.

The club this year played 18 matches (League), won 10, lost 5 and drew 3. The Championship was won by Clydesdale, Uddingston being fourth in the final list.

1921.

A season of lovely weather, good games and great successes, and again the club won the Western Union Championship. Every credit was due to the side as a whole for their consistency and enthusiasm and great praise was due to James Downs and his captaincy. How often A. C. Cullen saved his side from disaster! There was no doubt that he had been the most consistent batsman in recent seasons. In all the club matches this year he scored over 800 runs. Including representative matches his total was over 1000 runs.

A. C. Cullen's final position at the close of the season was 25 innings, 1 "not out," 103 highest score, 803 runs, giving an average of 33.45. Geo. P. Burt made a very good second, his figures being 27 innings, 1 "not out," 126 highest score, 700 runs, average 26.92.

It is worthy of note that this year the club played all its matches without the aid of a professional. As bowlers W. H. Reid and J. A. W. Kirk were, at this point, at the height of their form, and did much to secure the championship for their side. They received excellent support from J. B. Beattie, A. C. Cullen and Alex. McNab. These five bowlers shared amongst them 242 wickets.

From the 16th to the 23rd July the members of the first eleven went on tour to Lancashire and played four matches against Blackpool, Fylde, Kirkham and Fleetwood. The players had a most enjoyable holiday, two games being won, and two lost.

A grand two days' match was played against Notts County on Friday, 9th, and Saturday, 10th September of this year. Notts County batted first on the Friday and scored 249 runs, W. Whysall being top scorer with 57 "not out." Uddingston's innings on the opening day was 117 for 9 wickets. The side was without the batting services of W. H. Reid, who retired hurt during the play. On the second day his place was taken by J. G. Tevendale. Notts County scored on the Saturday 186 runs, while Uddingston only managed to scrape together 49 runs. However, a splendid display of first-class cricket was given to very appreciative spectators and the club profited handsomely by the venture.

Mr. J. R. Taylor, who had held office as President since 1911, retired at the end of this season and was succeeded by the Rev. G. S. Peebles, B.D.

1922.

Following the successful year of 1921, this year's work was not very encouraging. Early in 1922 the question of finance again gave the management great concern. The weather during the playing season did not help matters as it turned out a deplorably wet summer. Gate money was poor and several games had to be abandoned.

In many of the League matches the club failed to record wins. The most notable loss was against Greenock at Uddingston, when John Kerr carried his bat for 100 runs. Greenock won this match with the loss of only one wicket.

The bowling of W. H. Reid and J. A. W. Kirk in many of the games was of a very high order indeed.

Towards the end of the year the sum of £970 18s 8d was added to the funds by a Cake and Candy Sale, Watch Competition and Concerts, this being the result of a special effort to put the finances of the club on a sound footing.

This was the first year that the club had the assistance of Harry Mellor of Huddersfield as "pro." He was engaged as a coach but proved himself an excellent batsman in many matches.

1923.

Having secured the considerable addition to their finances, to which reference has just been made, the Committee of Management proceeded to make use of it. At this point there was an overdraft at the bank for £115 7s 3d, which had to be wiped out.

Having acquired a large addition to the playing field, and in order to prepare the ground, the sum of £236 was spent in laying down match and practice wickets. At a cost of £210 a large 36 inch motor mower was bought to overtake the cutting of the larger field.

Having done all this, it was thought advisable to put about £300 into reserve, and this sum was invested in the purchase of 3½% Conversion Loan.

Early in the year, to be exact on the 6th March, the club lost, by death, one of its most useful members and past President, Mr. John R. Taylor. Since his retiral from office as President Mr. Taylor had continued as a very interested and helpful member of the Committee of Management. The valuable services which Mr. Taylor had rendered to the club were much appreciated and deep regret was felt at his death,

It can be seen that owing to the securing of such a large addition to the ground it was necessary to approach the Earl of Home for a new lease. This was carried out and a 21 years lease, dated from Martinmas, 1922, was obtained. The new lease contained on option to the club to purchase, at any time, during the currency of the lease.

This year as far as play was concerned, was quite successful. The club was defeated on two occasions only. Bad weather again interfered with several games. The top scorer was A. C. Tennent. He played in 28 innings for 670 runs, an average of 23.26. G. P. Burt came next with 24 innings and 532 runs, average 22.4. In bowling, J. A. W. Kirk was highest with 94 wickets for 953 runs—truly a record for an amateur.

This was the first year of the Western District Charity Cup Competition. The trophy was secured by Uddingston.

FIRST FINAL TIE IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT CHARITY CUP.

Played at Hamilton Crescent, Partick, 14th August, 1923.

UDDINGSTON v. GREENOCK.

There was an attendance of 2000 spectators. Greenock won the toss and batted first on a wicket which had not fully recovered from recent rain, and which did not improve as the play progressed.

It was arranged that each side should bat for $2\frac{1}{4}$ hours. Uddingston seemed in a very promising position when Greenock were all dismissed for 93, but they had difficulty in passing Greenock's total and only reached 97 after eight wickets had fallen.

Geo. P. Burt's score of 43 was a masterly effort. The issue was still in doubt when he was joined by J. A. W. Kirk, and they carried the score to 92. Kirk made the win secure by a drive to the boundary, and stumps were drawn immediately afterwards, the innings having lasted an hour and a half.

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Throughout the game the fielding was keen and few mistakes were made. The scores were as follows :—

GREENOCK.			UDDINGSTON.		
W. N. Walker, b Kirk,	...	12	A. C. Tennent, c Johnstone,		
John Kerr, b Reid,	...	5	b Hope, ...	...	8
A. H. Crawford, b Reid,	...	16	G. P. Burt, c J. Walker, b		
D. A. Riddell, b Kirk,	...	0	G. Adam,	...	43
W. Hope, b Reid, ...	...	5	H. C. Shaw, c R. Adam,		
A. T. Carnie, b Reid,	...	6	b W. N. Walker,	...	5
J. B. Walker, not out,	...	24	R. M. Bryson, b Walker,	...	4
R. N. Adam, b Reid,	...	7	J. P. Cruikshank, run out,...		9
T. S. Tough, c Ford, b Reid,		6	A. C. Ford, c Kerr, b W. N.		
G. D. Adam, lbw, b Ford,		0	Walker, ...	...	1
W. C. Johnstone, c Teven-			W. H. Reid, c Johnstone,		
dale, b Reid, ...	...	3	b G. Adam,	...	1
			J. Downs, b G. Adam,	...	6
			J. A. W. Kirk, not out,	...	18
			J. G. Tevendale, not out,	...	1
			J. Beattie, did not bat.		
Extras, ...	...	9	Extras, ...	...	1
Total of Innings, ...	...	93	Total for 8 wickets,	...	97

The analyses of the Uddingston bowlers were :—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. A. W. Kirk,	20	4	37	2
W. Reid, ...	22	5	41	7
A. C. Ford, ...	2	0	6	1

1924.

At an early meeting of the Committee of Management Mr. James Downs intimated that he wished to be relieved of the Captaincy of the club. It was agreed to accept his resignation as Mr. Downs had definitely made up his mind.

Mr. Downs had served the club over a long period of years, not only as Captain, but in many other ways. Much of the club's success was due to his inspiring leadership. His resignation was accepted with great regret. Mr. Geo. P. Burt was unanimously appointed as his successor.

On the evening of 5th June there was a large gathering of players and spectators at the Pavilion when Mr. Downs was

made the recipient of a handsome Tea and Coffee Service on the occasion of his retiral. The handsome testimonial, which had been subscribed for by members and friends, was presented by the President, the Rev. G. S. Peebles, B.D.

The President spoke of the great assistance which Mr. Downs had rendered to the club during the past thirty years, for twenty-two of which he had acted as Captain. Mr. Wm. H. A. Dinsmore (Poloc) also spoke on behalf of the other clubs in the Western district, many of which were represented.

Mr. Downs in his reply, having thanked all those who had thus kindly thought of him at this time, mentioned that although he had relinquished the Captaincy of the club he hoped that he would still be able to assist in many ways.

The presentation took place at the interval in a friendly match between teams captained by Mr. Geo. P. Burt and Mr. W. H. A. Dinsmore. A most enjoyable game was played which ended in a draw. It will be remembered by some that at this game W. H. Reid took 6 wickets for 26 runs.

Few matches were lost this season in the League games, but the club was only third in the league final table. However, the club won the Western District Charity Cup for the second year in succession.

By the death of Alex. Downs in July of this year the club lost a valued member. Mr. Downs had served the club well for many years. He was a wicket-keeper of outstanding merit, and an excellent batsman.

At Hamilton Crescent, on the evening of 3rd June, 1924, an interesting Charity Cup tie was played against the West of Scotland. Over 2,500 spectators witnessed the game. Forty minutes were lost in starting on account of rain, and ninety minutes was the limit for each side. Uddingston opened the batting on a wet wicket. The early batsmen did not give promise of a score sufficient to win on time as six were out for 44, and 50 was not reached until the innings had been an hour

in progress. A. C. Ford and John G. Tevendale, however, scored at a great pace, adding 67 for the seventh wicket in twenty minutes.

The West of Scotland in this game played Mr. W. W. Armstrong who had captained the all-conquering Australian team which visited this country in 1921. His fame as a brilliant forcing bat and a most accurate slow bowler was world wide. The "West" had also secured the services of the Rev. H. F. T. Heath, who had just come from Australia, where, playing for South Australia, he took a prominent part in Inter-State cricket. He bowled medium pace left hand, was a fine bat and a magnificent fielder.

Armstrong and Heath bowled throughout the game. These two Australian visitors opened the batting for the West of Scotland in good style, but Armstrong was out to a brilliant catch by J. P. Cruikshank in the outfield. McGuire and Hawley also batted freely for ten minutes but a great single-handed catch by A. C. Ford near the leg boundary sent Hawley "home" and six wickets were down for 77. The tail failed and all were out for 90 in five minutes less than the time allowance. J. A. W. Kirk took four wickets for 53, W. H. Reid two for 22, and T. Watson four for 9 in four overs.

The following is a note of the scores :—

UDDINGSTON.			WEST OF SCOTLAND.		
A. C. Tennent, c Hawley,			W. W. Armstrong, c Cruik-		
b Armstrong, ...	1		shank, b Kirk, ...	16	
G. P. Burt, b Armstrong, ...	9		Rev. H. F. T. Heath, c Burt,		
W. H. Reid, b Armstrong, ...	18		b Reid, ...	13	
H. C. Shaw, b Armstrong, ...	0		F. S. McGuire, c Beattie,		
A. C. Ford, c Milne, b			b Watson, ...	22	
Armstrong, ...	49		F. O. Marr, c and b Kirk,	3	
W. C. Harris, b Heath, ...	2		W. M. Watson, lbw, b Reid,	0	
J. P. Cruikshank, b Heath,	3		F. H. Hawley, c Ford, b		
J. G. Tevendale, st Hawley,			Watson, ...	18	
b Armstrong, ...	34		W. J. M. Beardmore, lbw,		
J. A. W. Kirk, not out, ...	8		b Watson, ...	2	
J. B. Beattie, not out, ...	6		G. G. Milne, b Kirk, ...	1	
			J. C. Rennie, b Watson, ...	4	
			E. C. Caldwell, not out, ...	5	
			G. E. Pole, b Kirk, ...	0	
			Extras, ...	6	
Extras, ...	5				
Total for 8 wickets, ...	135		Total of Innings, ...	90	



GEORGE P. BURT

1925.

In the early part of this season five matches in succession were abandoned by reason of rain. This, of course, had a very bad effect upon the club's finances. In the League matches which were played to a finish the players acquitted themselves well. Uddingston played Greenock in the final of the Charity Cup competition at Hamilton Crescent and were defeated after having, during the other games, given an excellent display of their powers.

This was the last season in which H. Mellor of Yorks acted as professional. He was succeeded the following year by Irving Turner, also of Yorks.

On the 9th of September of this year Uddingston had a visit from Kent County who were touring in Scotland. The game was a great disappointment to those interested. After a delay of one and a half hours on account of rain, Uddingston were sent in to bat. Their innings was of very short duration and, the ground becoming unplayable, the game was abandoned without Kent going to the wicket.

I. A. R. PEEBLES.

About this time there appeared in the second eleven, and occasionally the first eleven, a remarkable young man, I. A. R. Peebles, the son of the President.

Very tall and bowling medium pace with an occasional very fast ball, he seemed certain to be the greatest bowler Scotland had produced for many years. Gifted with abnormally long fingers, he could spin the ball to an extraordinary degree.

When just about to make his presence felt in the Uddingston elevens, he spent a few days at the Faulkner School of Cricket in London. This visit led to his engagement as Secretary to Major Faulkner. His progress in first-class cricket in England was rapid—as a slow spin bowler. He played in Test Matches in South Africa on two tours and against Australia in England in 1930. Uddingston may claim to be his "Mother Club."



J. A. W. KIRK



WM. H. REID



TOM W. WATSON



JOHN ALLAN

Bowlers

1926, 1927.

The following two years might be summarised thus :— wet Saturdays, poor gates and worry to the Treasurer.

At the annual meeting in 1927 Sir Thos. F. Wilson, K.B.E., was appointed President. The club, however, did not enjoy his guiding hand very long. He died on 2nd April, 1929.

Something had to be done to make up for the lost gate money and at a meeting Mr. Wm. M. Clow Ross suggested that, if he obtained permission, he could by means of a Minstrel Entertainment raise sufficient to put the finances of the club right. A general meeting was called and a strong working Committee formed, and as a result of the effort the sum of £150 was handed to the Treasurer.

The season of 1927 found Uddingston again near the top, being in the first three on the League table. When one considers that for the last six years they had been second four times and third on two occasions, their consistency was remarkable.

For a number of years the club depended entirely on amateur bowling, but the loss of J. A. W. Kirk, without doubt one of the best right-handers Scotland has produced, somewhat affected their resources, although W. H. Reid proved once more what a great bowler he was, and J. P. Reid and Tom Watson gave useful help.

Five batsmen this year did very well. These were Turner, A. C. Tennent, J. C. Stark, M. R. Stark and D. B. F. McAndrew, who collected 1800 runs amongst them.

At the close of the season of 1927 the club was unfortunate to lose the playing services of Mr. D. B. F. McAndrew by reason of illness. Mr. McAndrew was a very promising batsman, with an excellent knowledge of the game in all its departments. Had he been given health he would have become one of the foremost batsmen in Scotland. Since his recovery, however, he has given the club every assistance in an administrative capacity as Honorary Secretary for five years. He has also devoted himself in a most admirable manner to the training of junior members.



D. B. F. McANDREW



J. P. CRUIKSHANK



R. M. MACFARLANE



J. C. STARK

1928—1930.

Four young batsmen, all excellent fielders, made their presence felt in the first eleven about this time. These were John C. Stark, M. R. Stark, Robert Macfarlane and T. A. Chambers. During these years they gained in experience and their skill matured until, in the later seasons of 1931-33, our club possessed the most reliable batting side in the Western Union.

In 1928 these young men materially assisted their club to win again the Charity Cup. On this occasion their opponents in the final were Kelburne.

T. A. Chambers, in the first game he played for the senior eleven, scored an excellent 41 runs against Kelburne at Paisley. It will be remembered how he partnered Geo. P. Burt, who also put on a good 41 in this match.

R. Macfarlane in his second match for the senior eleven scored in a Charity Cup tie at Coatbridge 55 runs, proving his ability in this class of cricket.

The brothers Stark had already been well tried and had established themselves as cricketers of the best type.

These young men worthily uphold the reputation of the Uddingston Cricket Club.

1931.

The Western District Championship was again secured by the club after a lapse of ten years, and very decisively with a final percentage of 75. In the Championship nine games were won and great credit was given to the bowlers. Indeed it was clear that our attack was the best in the League.

In the final tables our three bowlers were in the first seven. In Richard Howorth (professional) we had a very useful slow spin bowler. Howorth succeeded Irving Turner as professional, the latter having been reinstated as an amateur by the Western District Cricket Union.

T. W. Watson's average was as follows :—235 overs, 57 maidens, 476 runs, 56 wickets, showing an average of 8.55.

At the close of this season (1931) G. P. Burt retired from the Captaincy of the club, much to the general regret of the members and was succeeded by John G. Tevendale.

1932.

While not winning the Championship this year, it can be said that the Uddingston club fully maintained its position as one of the foremost cricket clubs in Scotland. In the early part of the season the players excelled themselves, but failed badly in the month of August, and only finished second to Greenock, which club carried off the honour.

A. B. Hipkin of Essex was professional and occupied the position also in 1933.

1933.

The last year of the half century of the club's record was admittedly the record year in its history. A season of the finest weather, play of the highest order, and honours heaped upon honours. Up to this point Greenock was the only club in the Western District which had won the Championship and the Charity Cup in the same year. Now Uddingston shares the honour with them. It was truly a great and successful season and must have given the Captain (John G. Tevendale) special satisfaction.

In the League games only one match was lost, that against Ayr in the early part of the season at Dam Park. The Championship remained undecided, however, until the last fixture, against Ayr at Uddingston, which the home team succeeded in winning.

The winning of the Charity Cup was a great achievement. Many excellent games were played against the strongest sides in the competition, in which the staying powers of the players were tested to the utmost. The semi-final tie against Greenock

at Uddingston on 14th June and the final against West of Scotland at Hamilton Crescent on 5th July were the games of the season. The game against Greenock was the most thrilling match seen at Uddingston for many years.

Greenock batted first and had lost three wickets for 38 runs. Runs came after this when Williamson got going. He was fifth man out after a stay of 51 minutes. W. N. Walker then proceeded to go for the bowling and was ninth man out when the score was at 173. Greenock, when time was called, had put on 180 runs.

Uddingston were set the task of scoring 181 runs in 105 minutes and started badly, losing two wickets for 25 runs. Then R. M. Macfarlane and M. R. Stark added 46 runs when Macfarlane was caught at mid-on. D. S. Cook came in and with M. R. Stark carried on to hoist the "100 up" after only 56 minutes batting. Stark being stumped, Cook carried on with T. A. Chambers, and when Cook was out, Uddingston required 30 runs for victory with 20 minutes remaining for play. A. C. Ford joined Chambers and they carried the score to 192. In an exciting finish Uddingston won with five minutes to spare, every run scored towards the close being greeted with tremendous applause.

The scores are shown as under :—

GREENOCK.		UDDINGSTON.	
John Kerr, lbw, b Watson,	10	A. C. Tennent, c Riddell,	
A. Neill, b Ford, ...	8	b Smith, ...	12
P. J. F. Williamson, b Ford,	37	F. I. Turner, c Tough, b	
T. C. Riddell, b Allan, ...	3	Hodge, ...	5
W. A. B. Smith, b Watson,	9	R. M. Macfarlane, c Walker,	
W. N. Walker, b Allan, ...	64	b Tough, ...	35
R. S. Hodge, c Ford, b		M. R. Stark, st R. N. Adam,	
Watson, ...	18	b Walker, ...	49
Geo. H. Tough, run out, ...	9	D. S. Cook, c Hodge, b	
T. H. McCrea, b Watson, ...	0	Smith, ...	34
R. N. Adam, not out, ...	10	T. A. Chambers, not out, ...	29
G. D. Adam, not out, ...	1	A. C. Ford, not out, ...	24
		J. G. Tevendale, } Did not	
		J. H. Lyle, } bat.	
		J. H. Allan, }	
		T. W. Watson, }	
Extras, ...	11	Extras, ...	4
Total of Innings, ...	180	Total for 5 wickets, ...	192

CHARITY CUP FINAL AT HAMILTON CRESCENT,
5TH JULY, 1933.

About 3000 spectators saw Uddingston win the Western District Charity Cup at Partick when they defeated West of Scotland in a game of good scoring.

Uddingston batted first and in the two hours allowed amassed 215 runs, the last 15 minutes adding 40.

The West of Scotland replied with 186. Their scoring was the best yet recorded by the losing side in any final in this competition. The best score in the game was by C. H. Buchanan, whose total was 70. He was run out in attempting an impossible run.

Uddingston's fielding was superb and in this they outclassed the opposition. A. C. Ford's work at cover-point was of great value to his side. Besides saving many runs, he caused the dismissal of Buchanan at the most critical moment of the game.

The batting, all through, was of a very high order. F. I. Turner of Uddingston was the leading scorer with 55. Much credit goes to M. R. Stark, T. A. Chambers, J. H. Allan and A. C. Ford. The young school were on their toes all the time, both at the wicket and in the field. The Uddingston bowlers' figures were:—Tom Watson, 5 wickets for 78; J. H. Allan, 1 wicket for 70; and A. C. Ford, 3 wickets for 16 runs.

The scores were as follows:—

UDDINGSTON.		WEST OF SCOTLAND.	
A. C. Tennent, st Leatherby,		A. C. Munro, b Watson, ...	0
b Downie, ...	15	C. H. Buchanan, run out, ...	70
F. I. Turner, b Elder, ...	55	G. C. A. Adams, c Tevendale, b Allan, ...	29
R. M. Macfarlane, c Munro,		W. Nicolson, c Turner, b	
b Black, ...	11	Ford, ...	6
T. A. Chambers, c Elder,		N. R. P. Bruce, st Tevendale, b Ford, ...	36
b Downie, ...	21	S. Bollon, b Watson, ...	2
J. C. Stark, lbw, b Bollon, ...	12	J. M. Black, c Tevendale,	
M. R. Stark, c Nicolson,		b Watson, ...	3
b Bollon, ...	26	R. D. Fairbairn, b Watson,	18
J. G. Tevendale, b Downie,	6	C. C. Downie, c and b Watson,	0
D. S. Cook, run out, ...	6	Wm. Elder, not out, ...	0
J. H. Allan, not out, ...	22	F. E. Leatherby, b Ford, ...	0
A. C. Ford, run out, ...	25	Extras, ...	22
T. W. Watson did not bat.			
Extras, ...	16		
Total of Innings, ...	215	Total of Innings, ...	186

UDDINGSTON AVERAGE OVER 100 RUNS PER HOUR.

Uddingston, winners of the Western District Charity Cup, averaged over 100 runs per hour during the course of the competition. They scored 705 runs in seven hours cricket, for the loss of 26 wickets, the totals being :—

139 for eight wickets against Motherwell.

159 for four wickets against Clydesdale.

192 for five wickets against Greenock.

215 for nine wickets against West of Scotland.

This gives an average of 27 runs per wicket.

It was fitting that the Jubilee year of the club, coupled with the victories gained during the year, should be celebrated in proper fashion.

A Dinner was held in the Masonic Hall, Uddingston, on the evening of Tuesday, 26th September, which was attended by 176 members and friends.

Mr. John Scott, Springfield House, occupied the chair, and he was supported at the platform table by The Right Honourable The Earl of Home, K.T., Mr. Alex. Paterson (Manchester), Mr. F. Douglas-Watson, Mr. Wm. Paterson, Mr. Geo. P. Burt, Mr. John Paterson, Mr. A. C. Tennent, Mr. J. H. Paterson, Mr. Tom Brown, Mr. Wm. Thorburn, Mr. John G. Tevendale (Captain), Mr. Wm. Morrison (Kelburne), and Mr. W. H. A. Dinsmore (Poloc), President and Hon. Secretary respectively of the Western District Cricket Union.

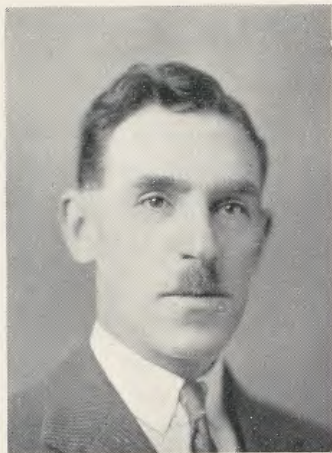
The duties of Croupier were discharged by Mr. James S. MacGill, who had with him Mr. Wm. Marshall (President-elect of the club), Mr. Norman R. P. Bruce of the West of Scotland Club, Mr. Donald A. S. McLeish, Mr. Wm. H. Reid and other members of the Committee of Management.

It is worthy of mention that representatives of all the other clubs in the Western District were present.

After dinner the toast of the King was given from the chair.



F. I. TURNER



A. C. FORD



D. S. COOK



T. A. CHAMBERS

The toast of the evening, "The Uddingston Cricket Club," was in the able hands of the Earl of Home who, in his characteristic manner, expressed the pleasure he had in being present and rejoicing with the members at the close of such a successful year. He congratulated the club on its steady rise during those fifty years and expressed the hope that it would continue in like prosperity for a very long time. He spoke of his father's connection with the club in its early days and of the good-will which had always existed between his family and the Uddingston club. It was a great delight to him to see the game giving pleasure to so many people within the Policies and trusted that the club would enjoy the privilege for many years to come. The Chairman replied.

Mr. Alex. Paterson (formerly of Woodhead, Uddingston, and now of Manchester), one of the founders, was in reminiscent mood and spoke in a most interesting manner of the early days and of the difficulties experienced in the formation of the club.

The toast of "The Team—Past and Present" was proposed by Mr. Donald A. S. McLeish, LL.B., in a speech containing recollections of former days and references appreciative and humorous to past and present players. Mr. W. H. Paterson, J.P., and Mr. John G. Tevendale replied.

Other toasts submitted included "Other Clubs," proposed by Mr. J. P. Cruikshank and replied to by Mr. W. H. A. Dinsmore and Mr. Norman R. P. Bruce, and "The Committee," proposed by Mr. D. B. F. McAndrew, which was acknowledged by Mr. J. S. MacGill.

The Croupier proposed "The Chairman," and a very successful evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Thus the curtain was rung down upon the great season of 1933.

At the Annual General Meeting of the club held in November, Mr. Wm. M. Marshall, J.P., of Knowehead was elected President in succession to the late Mr. William Campbell.

So much for the past. What of the future? Uddingston has never lacked enthusiastic young players anxious to win their spurs. At present there are 65 Junior members on the roll. In their hands lie the future destinies of the club. Will they worthily maintain the traditions of the game and the club? Uddingston has never been "let down" by either players or supporters, and those who at present carry the torch will pass it on to their successors with hope and with confidence.

It will be noticed that the foregoing records deal with the story of the First Eleven only. It has been found impossible to include the chronicles of the other elevens for two reasons—lack of proper data and space.

Winners of Western District Union Championship and Western District Charity Cup.



Hipkin (*Prof.*) R. M. Macfarlane. M. R. Stark, D. S. Cook. John H. Allan.
A. C. Tennent: J. C. Stark. F. I. Turner. J. G. Tevendale (*Captain*). A. C. Ford. T. A. Chambers. T. W. Watson.
John Murdoch (*Scorer*).

Biographical Notes.

JAMES DOWNS

First elected Captain of the club in 1895, Mr. Downs held the position from 1899 until 1903, and from 1906 until 1923, with the exception of 1919.

During the many years in which he captained the club he showed an ability to command and inspire which is given to few. The club's many successes over a long series of matches in which the strongest clubs in the country formed the opposition, were attributed mainly to his excellent captaincy.

He played in the very first match in which the "scratch team" took part before the club was properly constituted and shortly afterwards became a permanent member of the first eleven.

From his early days until nearly the close of his playing career, Mr. Downs was famed for his 'smiting' propensities, and many a good score he registered. As a wicket-keeper in the early days he was famous. For seven years he occupied this onerous position.

In James Downs the young players had a veritable champion. He was the W. G. Grace of Uddingston cricket. Quick to discern talent, he took care that no youngster missed an opportunity of distinguishing himself.

During his time many reasons were advanced in an endeavour to explain the continued success of the "village" eleven, but the real explanation was the handling of the team by the "skipper." The confidence of the players in their doughty captain—begotten of his confidence in them—was supreme. By his personality he created, or at least developed in a special degree, the team spirit for which Uddingston has been notable. The club's debt to him is incalculable.

JAMES H. PATERSON

In the early days of the club's history the star bowler was Jas. H. Paterson. A slow-to-medium left-hand bowler of the very best, he knew how to tempt the batsman to come out to meet him. He had all the wiles of a first-class bowler.

As a batsman he was also one of the best left-handers in the Western district, with a good defence and a wide variety of strokes.

He was a terror to his opponents and a grand man for his club. A good example of his bowling ability was seen at the match in 1905 against Greenock at Glenpark, when he took seven wickets for 28 runs.

It must not be forgotten that in the Gloucester game in 1902 he got rid of the great G. L. Jessop for nineteen runs.

H. C. SHAW

The first we hear of H. C. Shaw is in the year 1894 when the professional, T. Parr, took a keen interest in the young players and spotted a likely trier in our young friend. It was not until 1898, however, that we find him playing in the first eleven and giving quite a good account of himself. In his first year he scored 55 against West of Scotland at Partick and very soon became established as a member of the first eleven. He quickly became an accomplished batsman and the club cannot forget the many services rendered by H. C. Shaw on the field.

Let us particularise his work in the year 1908. This was a year of many successes for the club and much of the credit must go to H. C. Shaw. On two occasions he scored a century, both against Kilmarnock. In June, at home, he put on exactly 100 runs, and in August at Kilmarnock he recorded 102. Throughout the season he was in his best form and, batting brilliantly, accomplishing what was something like a record in Western cricket.

H. C. Shaw was not only a great batsman but on several occasions he proved himself a useful bowler. As a fielder he had few equals and in emergency occupied the difficult position of wicket keeper with success. He could well be called an excellent all-rounder.

THE LATE ALEX. C. CULLEN

On the evening of Saturday, 25th February, 1922, the news reached the village that A. C. Cullen had passed away very suddenly while on a visit to Glasgow. His death was due to heart failure.

A. C. Cullen was 31 years of age and was one of the best known cricketers in Scotland. Educated at Glasgow High School and Stanley House, he became associated with the Uddingston Club immediately after leaving the Bridge of Allan School.

His success as a player was immediate and during the many years that he was associated with the club his name figured amongst the leading averages with both bat and ball. His success was not confined to club matches alone. He played with great credit for his country against the Australians and other representative teams.

He was one of the most popular players in the country and his loss to the "village" club, and cricket in Scotland generally, was received with deep regret.

TOM BROWN

He joined the club about 1895 and was not long in making his way into the first eleven team. His young "companions in arms" were H. C. Shaw, D. McNab, H. D. Herbertson, Wm. Thorburn and Wm. Cullen, and for a number of years these recruits did great service for their club.

T. Brown was a slow right-hand bowler of the best type. His greatest effort was against Drumpellier in 1902 when he took nine wickets. He was also a useful batsman.

As showing the deep interest taken by the young players at this time, let it be noted that Tom Brown, Herbertson and Thorburn came hurrying home, when on holiday in the Isle of Man, to play an important match against Greenock. They greatly assisted their club on this occasion to victory. That is the proper "team spirit."

ANDREW C. TENNENT

Special mention must be made of the "active services" given to the club by A. C. Tennent over a period of nearly 30 years. He has played in every League match during his time, with only one exception.

As an opening batsman he has few equals, and it might be said of him that he was "the rock upon which many bowlers have dashed in vain."

He is a consistent performer, a sound batsman, good on both sides of the wicket, and his shot past cover is perhaps his favourite scoring stroke. Once he square cut a ball for six.

Among his many good scores may be mentioned an excellent 78 against Clydesdale at Titwood in 1931, while his highest was 97 against Cartha in 1927. In the final of the Charity Cup in 1924 against Greenock he put on 86 "not out,"—a great effort by this careful batsman in the Charity game style. He claimed half the score of his side and had eight boundaries and one six in his score of 86. He never played a finer innings.

He also served a term as Honorary Secretary. Throughout his membership he has taken a keen interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the club. It is hoped that the club may retain his assistance as a player and administrator for many years to come.

GEORGE P. BURT

It is recorded that at a meeting of the General Committee held on July 2nd, 1906, George P. Burt, Bothwell, was admitted a non-resident member.

On 6th July of this year (1906) we find 2nd Uddingston engaged in a match against Bothwell, played at Uddingston. Geo. P. Burt was top scorer for Bothwell with 61. The scores were Bothwell 144, 2nd Uddingston 64. It will thus be seen that Bothwell at this time was quite a strong side.

During his first season at Uddingston Geo. Burt played regularly for the second eleven and was a tower of strength to his side. In August of the same year he was chosen to play in his first League match for the first eleven against Poloc at Shawholm. Uddingston scored 150 runs for the loss of 3 wickets, and he was not called upon to bat. While next playing for the second eleven he scored 92 runs against 2nd Poloc.

His first good score in first eleven League cricket was when he played for his side in September, 1907, against Ayr at Uddingston, he being "not out" with 28 runs. At Aberdeen in the same year he surprised everyone by scoring 49—this being top score.

After this he was included regularly in the first eleven. It was not, however, until the season of 1909 that Mr. Burt seemed to get the confidence which was necessary to do himself justice. He scored 45 against Ferguslie and 55 against Kelburne this year. Against Kelburne his 55 included five boundaries. At Titwood, following upon his previous successes, he was top scorer for Uddingston, obtaining 36 runs by fine free hitting all round the wicket.

This was a great start and it might be said that he had "played himself in" as a permanency in the first eleven.

It is no exaggeration to say that the beauty of George Burt's handling of the bat brought many spectators to the

ground to see him play. One of his best innings was against Ferguslie in May, 1914, when he scored an excellent 77 which included eleven boundaries. He scored 126 against Fleetwood while on tour in 1921.

Let us pass over the intervening years and his many triumphs until the club, with one voice, acclaimed him Captain in succession to James Downs in 1924. In the first game which he played as the newly-elected Captain he scored a delightful 83 against Motherwell.

George Burt was a very popular Skipper, both with his own team and the other sides in the Western Union and elsewhere.

In International games he played against Yorkshire in 1924, Ireland in 1924, and Lancashire in 1925.

J. A. W. KIRK

The first match in which J. A. W. Kirk appeared for the club was against Cupar on 2nd August, 1911. He made his debut in League games for the first eleven in the match against Kelburne on 10th May, 1913. As a bowler on this occasion his efforts were not attended with much success, not because he himself was a failure, but because of the poor support he received on the field. The chances lost from his bowling were enough to upset a young player, but he bowled with great courage throughout the game.

In the game against the West of Scotland in the following month he captured three good wickets at a cost of 28 runs. Kirk was beginning to justify his inclusion in the side. In the match against Ayr in August of this year he proved himself to be an excellent batsman when required, finishing "not out" with a score of 32. He thus consolidated his position as a member of the team.

From 1920 until his retiral from the game in 1929 J. A. W. Kirk was a power to be reckoned with, and it is safe to say that no bowler of his time was so feared by Western batsmen.

After the War years, in 1920, at the game against Kelburne at Paisley he took seven wickets for 25 runs. A very good come-back after four years of rest from bowling. In 1923, as appears in the report of that year, he took 94 wickets for 953 runs.

Much more might be said of J. A. W. Kirk's good cricket but we are only left with the regret that he did not continue playing for a much longer period of time.

J. P. CRUIKSHANK

J. P. Cruikshank opened his career for the first eleven in a game against Perthshire at the North Inch on 23rd May, 1912, and it is pleasing to report that in this game he was top scorer with 25 to his credit. From this point onward until his retiral in 1928 he kept his place in the first eleven.

He was a batsman with many punishing strokes. On many occasions he was disappointing, but when things were going wrong there was no one better at "holding the fort" and turning a probable defeat into a splendid victory. He was an outstanding out-fielder, many a good catch being "held" under difficulties. His speed on the field was remarkable.

J. P. Cruikshank scored his first 50 (and did so in exactly 40 minutes) in a League fixture against Poloc on 3rd August, 1912. He scored at a terrific pace and yet had no bad strokes. His batting was of a high-class order, and he finished with 52 not out.

He served for many years on the various committees of the club, only retiring this year from the Committee of Management on which he had done yeoman service,

ALEX. C. FORD

Alex. C. Ford appeared in the playing strength of the club in 1922 and soon developed into a quick scoring batsman. He is an excellent bowler, getting many good wickets. As a fielder he is one of the most brilliant Uddingston has ever produced. He scored, in 1923, 102 "not out" against Dunfermline.

He gained two International caps, *v.* Ireland in 1924; *v.* Lancashire at Old Trafford, in 1925.

His business took him to England for a year or two and now he is settled in Linlithgow. However, his allegiance to his old club is as strong as ever and his services are available whenever his professional duties permit.

J. G. TEVENDALE

J. G. Tevendale, present Captain of the first eleven, became a junior member of the club on 5th May, 1913. Immediately after the War, in 1920, he found his place in the first eleven. From his experience gained in the second eleven, where he had proved himself to be a good wicket-keeper and a sound Captain, he quickly caught the eye of "Skipper" Downs. On the retiral of Alex. Downs as wicket-keeper, J. G. Tevendale was offered the position and a right good wicket-keeper in first-eleven cricket he has been all those years. Not only can he withstand knocks from the ball while guarding the wicket, but he is often called upon to stand something of a similar nature from some of the spectators.

As a batsman he can, on occasion, give a good account of himself. His top score is 46 which he made against Drumpellier on 27th July, 1929. He also scored 45 on two occasions, against West of Scotland and Greenock.

He is seen, however, at his best as a batsman in the Charity Cup games. He goes out to get the runs and very often succeeds.

His election as Captain was a very popular one and it is hoped that the club will retain his services for a long time to come. He is yet a young man.

WM. H. REID

He emerged from the second eleven into the first in 1920 and quickly developed his bowling at the sacrifice of his batting. From this time he became the leading fast bowler of his side and many were his successes.

In the match against Kilmarnock in 1921 at Kilmarnock he took five wickets for 28 runs, and in the following week he took five wickets for 18 runs against Kelburne. Thus early did he show his strength in bowling and his value to his side.

On his best days he could make the ball turn from leg to off wicket at a great pace, and on this form won many games. He represented his country *v.* Ireland in 1923.

For reasons of business he was compelled to give up playing at the end of the season of 1930.

T. W. WATSON

T. W. Watson appears as a player in the first eleven in 1922 in sundry games. The following year he found his place as a fast bowler and one to be reckoned with. In his first game in June, 1923, against Clydesdale he took four wickets. Next year he was entrusted with more work for his side. He was bowling in the final of the Charity Cup in 1925 and took two wickets for 33 runs.

He steadily improved his position and in one match in 1926 he took six wickets for 4 runs against Glasgow High School F.P. From this he never looked back and became established as a reliable bowler along with W. H. Reid and J. A. W. Kirk,

Not only is Tom Watson an excellent bowler but he has been known to hold his end up as a batsman, even in International cricket. He played for Scotland on five occasions : against Ireland, 1928 and 1929 ; South Africa, 1929 ; Australia, 1930 ; and New Zealand, 1931.

JOHN BEATTIE

The force of circumstances lost to Uddingston one of the most promising left-hand bowlers and batsmen the club had in later years.

The game at Titwood in 1921 is well within the memory of most of the members of to-day, when he held up his end until victory was gained and the Championship secured. As a bowler on this occasion he took five wickets for 31 runs. Moreover, he took 6 wickets for 47 against the powerful Notts County eleven, in the same year.

Everyone regretted the fact that business prohibited John Beattie from continuing in the game.

J. P. REID

Here is another bowler who did well for Uddingston but who, owing to business, was transferred by his firm to England. He was a bowler who kept the batsmen of the other side thinking all the time and in the few years during which he played for the first eleven he made quite a name for himself.

A game in which he figured successfully was that at Titwood when he took five good wickets for 13 runs. This match was played in June, 1928. In this game he was almost unplayable.

CLUB MANAGEMENT

On the administrative side of the club's affairs the members have every reason to congratulate themselves. In Mr. H. S. B. Young they have had a keen member of Committee who, for many years, has occupied the position of Ground Steward, his watchful eye ever on the ground to see that all is well for the players to step on to a well prepared wicket.

The club has had a long line of Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers who have devoted much time and labour to their work. Notably among these we must remember the services rendered by Mr. Donald A. S. McLeish, Mr. D. B. F. McAndrew as Secretaries, and Mr. Thomas Latta as Treasurer. Mr. Latta held office for nine years.

PRESIDENTS

No President appointed prior to 1887.

1887.	Wm. Cullen.	1911.	John Scott.
1888.	do.	1912.	John R. Taylor.
1889.	do.	1913.	do.
1890.	Wm. H. Paterson.	1914.	do.
1891.	Wm. McLaren Walker.	1915.	do.
1892.	F. Douglas-Watson.	1916.	do.
1893.	D. C. Fisher.	1917.	do.
1894.	R. Love.	1918.	do.
1895.	John Scott.	1919.	do.
1896.	W. Calder.	1920.	do.
1897.	John Ferguson.	1921.	Rev. G. S. Peebles, B.D.
1898.	do.	1922.	do.
1899.	do.	1923.	do.
1900.	do.	1924.	do.
1901.	do.	1925.	do.
1902.	John Scott.	1926.	do.
1903.	do.	1927.	Sir T. F. Wilson, K.B.E.
1904.	W. H. Paterson.	1928.	do.
1905.	do.	1929.	do.
1906.	do.	1930.	T. Dale Kerr.
1907.	John Scott.	1931.	do.
1908.	do.	1932.	do.
1909.	do.	1933.	Wm. Campbell.
1910.	do.		

CAPTAINS

1883.	The Scratch XI.	Tom Paterson.	1909.	James Downs.
1884.	William Downs.		1910.	do.
1885.	W. Fursman.		1911.	do.
1886.	Wm. Cullen.		1912.	do.
1887.	W. H. Paterson.		1913.	do.
1888.	Alex. McLean.		1914.	do.
1889.	do.		1915.	The Great War.
1890.	Robert Love.		1916.	do.
1891.	J. T. Preston.		1917.	do.
1892.	Alex. McLean.		1918.	do.
1893.	Wm. McLaren Walker.		1919.	A. C. Cullen.
1894.	William Downs.		1920.	James Downs.
1895.	James Downs.		1921.	do.
1896.	James Weir, jun.		1922.	do.
1897.	D. A. Burnfield.		1923.	do.
1898.	do.		1924.	Geo. P. Burt.
1899.	James Downs.		1925.	do.
1900.	do.		1926.	do.
1901.	do.		1927.	do.
1902.	do.		1928.	do.
1903.	do.		1929.	do.
1904.	Tom Brown.		1930.	do.
1905.	do.		1931.	do.
1906.	James Downs.		1932.	J. G. Tevendale.
1907.	do.		1933.	do.
1908.	do.			

PROFESSIONALS

1888.	Lindsay (Drumpellier).	1911.	A. Broadbent.
1889.	Chadwick (Bury).	1912.	Nash (Haslingden).
1890.	C. Rothera (Bradford).	1913.	do.
1891.	do.	1914.	do.
1892.	Dunwell (Leeds).	1915.	The Great War.
1893.	Thewlis (Yorks).	1916.	do.
1894.	T. Parr (Notts).	1917.	do.
1895.	T. H. Hirst (Yorks).	1918.	do.
1896.	do.	1919.	Syd. Dickens.
1897.	do.	1920.	do.
1898.	do.	1921.	A. Warner (Notts).
1899.	Sam. Hirst (Yorks).	1922.	H. Mellor (Huddersfield).
1900.	do.	1923.	do.
1901.	do.	1924.	do.
1902.	do.	1925.	do.
1903.	do.	1926.	F. I. Turner (Yorks).
1904.	do.	1927.	do.
1905.	do.	1928.	do.
1906.	A. Broadbent (Yorks).	1929.	do.
1907.	do.	1930.	do.
1908.	do.	1931.	R. Howorth (Bacup).
1909.	do.	1932.	A. B. Hipkin (Essex).
1910.	A. E. Bailey (Somerset).	1933.	do.

CHAMPIONSHIP WINS

(14 TIMES)

1899.	1904.	1914.
1900.	1906.	1921.
1901.	1907.	1931.
1902.	1909.	1933.
1903. Jointly with Greenock.	1911.	

WESTERN DISTRICT CHARITY CUP WINS

(4 TIMES)

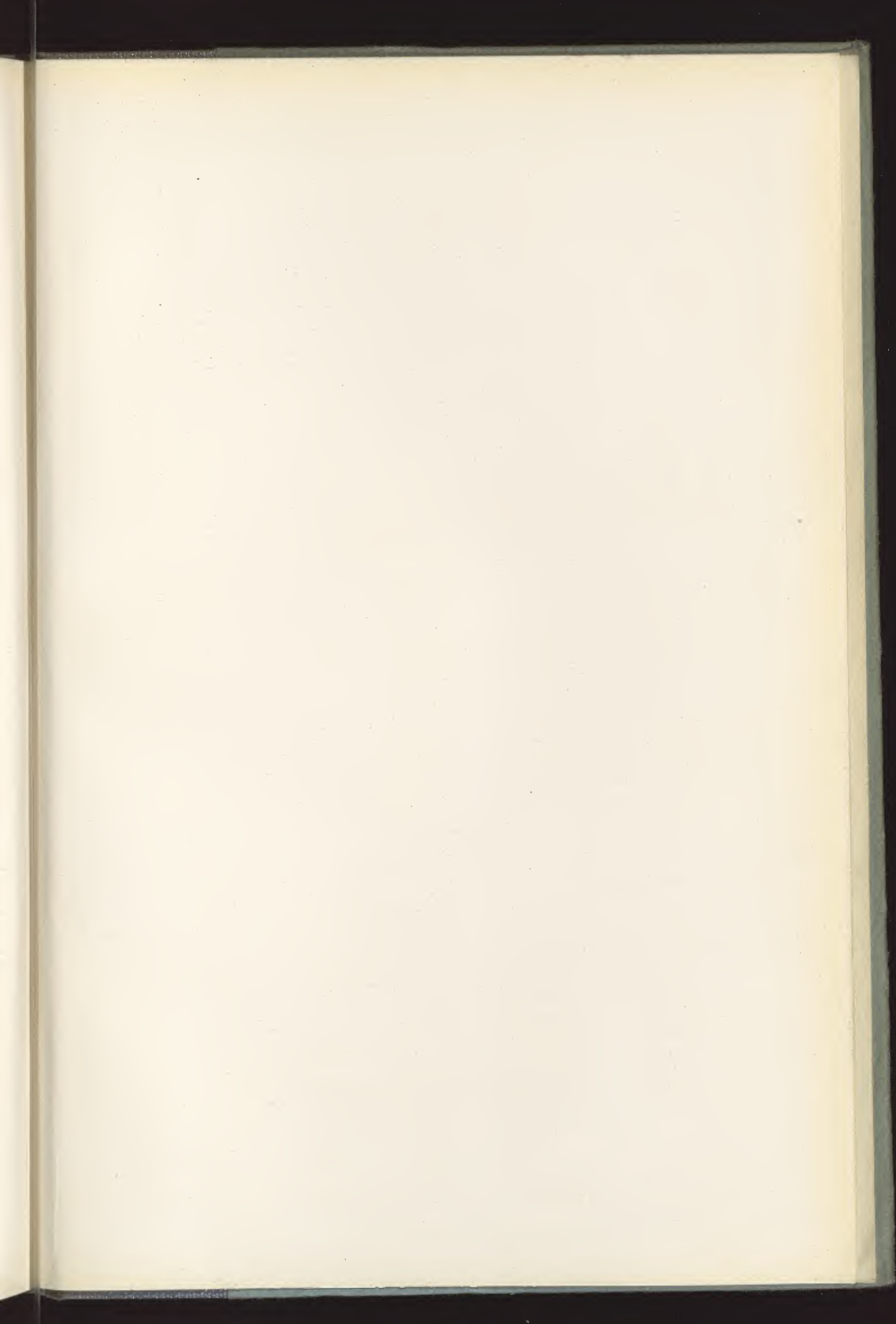
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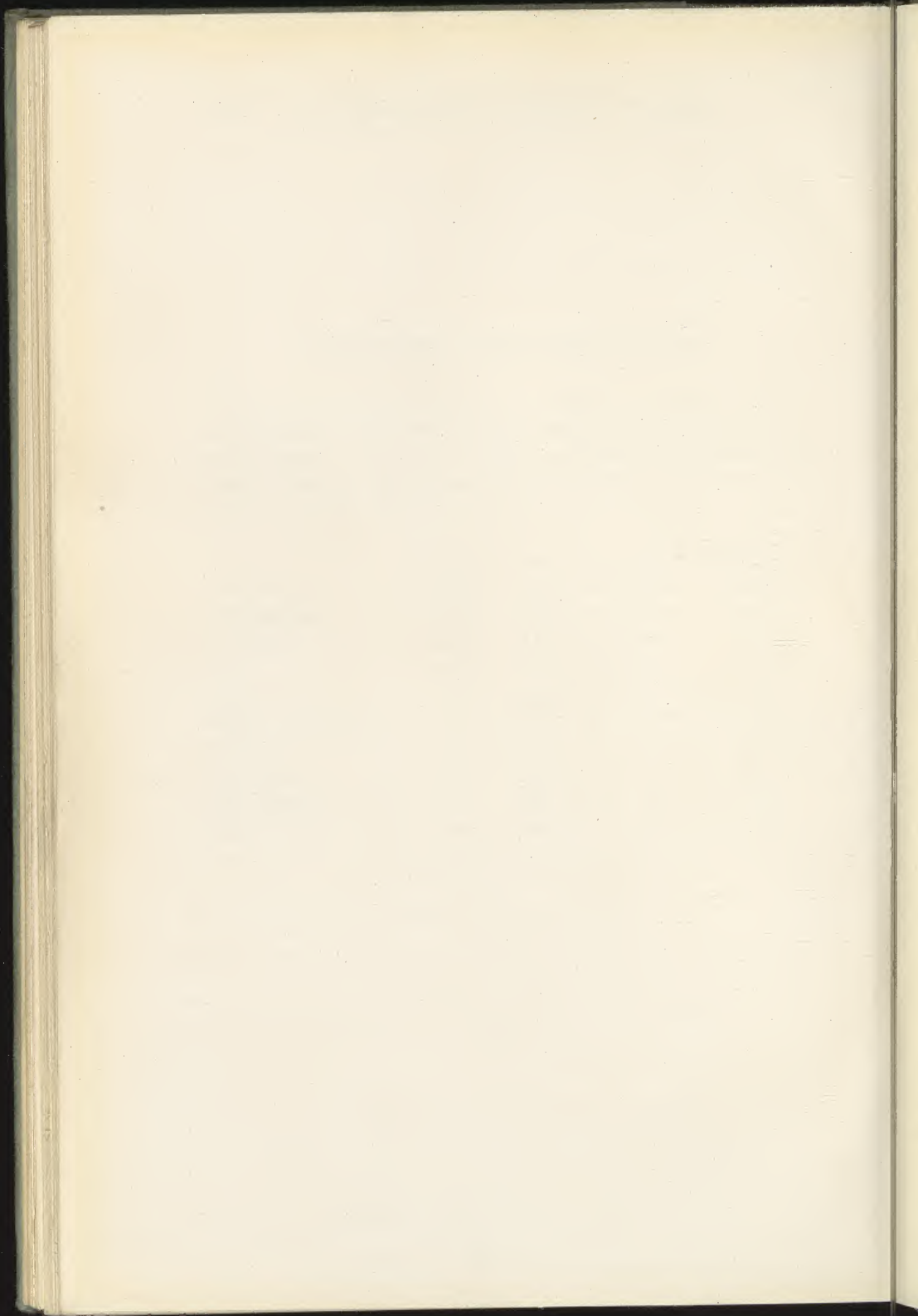


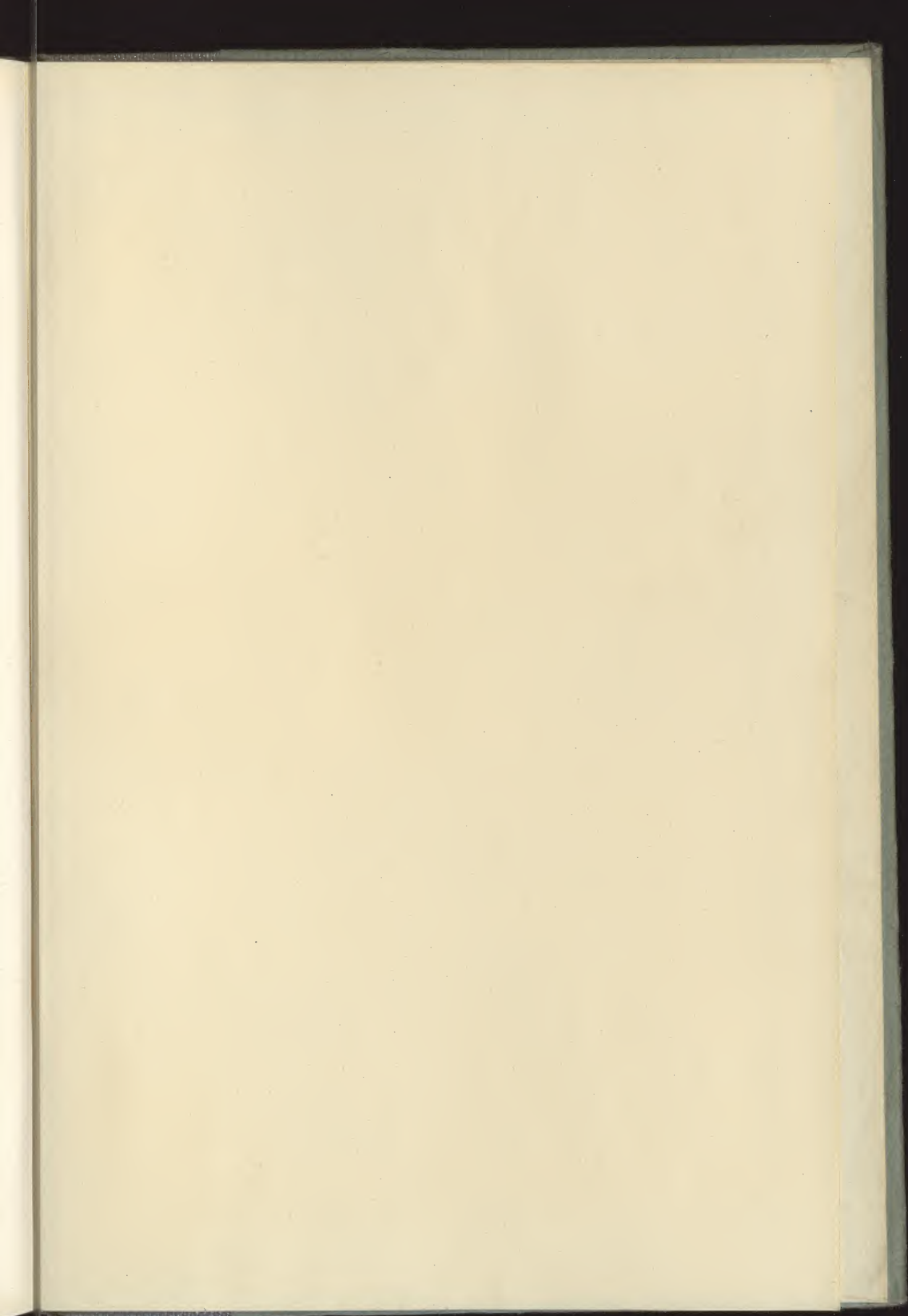
POST-WAR LEAGUE GAMES.

We think it will interest our readers to append a table in which all the post-war matches between the League Clubs are included. It will be clearly seen that Uddingston has been the most consistent side, having a lead of over nine per cent. over their nearest rivals.

		Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Percentage.
Uddingston,	...	195	112	35	48	69.74
Clydesdale,	...	186	89	50	47	60.48
Greenock,	...	179	73	60	46	53.63
Poloc,	...	198	88	75	35	53.28
Ayr,	...	196	77	79	40	49.48
West of Scotland,		193	73	82	38	47.66
Kelburne,	...	199	73	87	39	46.48
Ferguslie,	...	181	70	84	27	46.13
Drumpellier,	...	180	60	78	42	45.00
Kilmarnock,	...	163	30	115	18	23.92

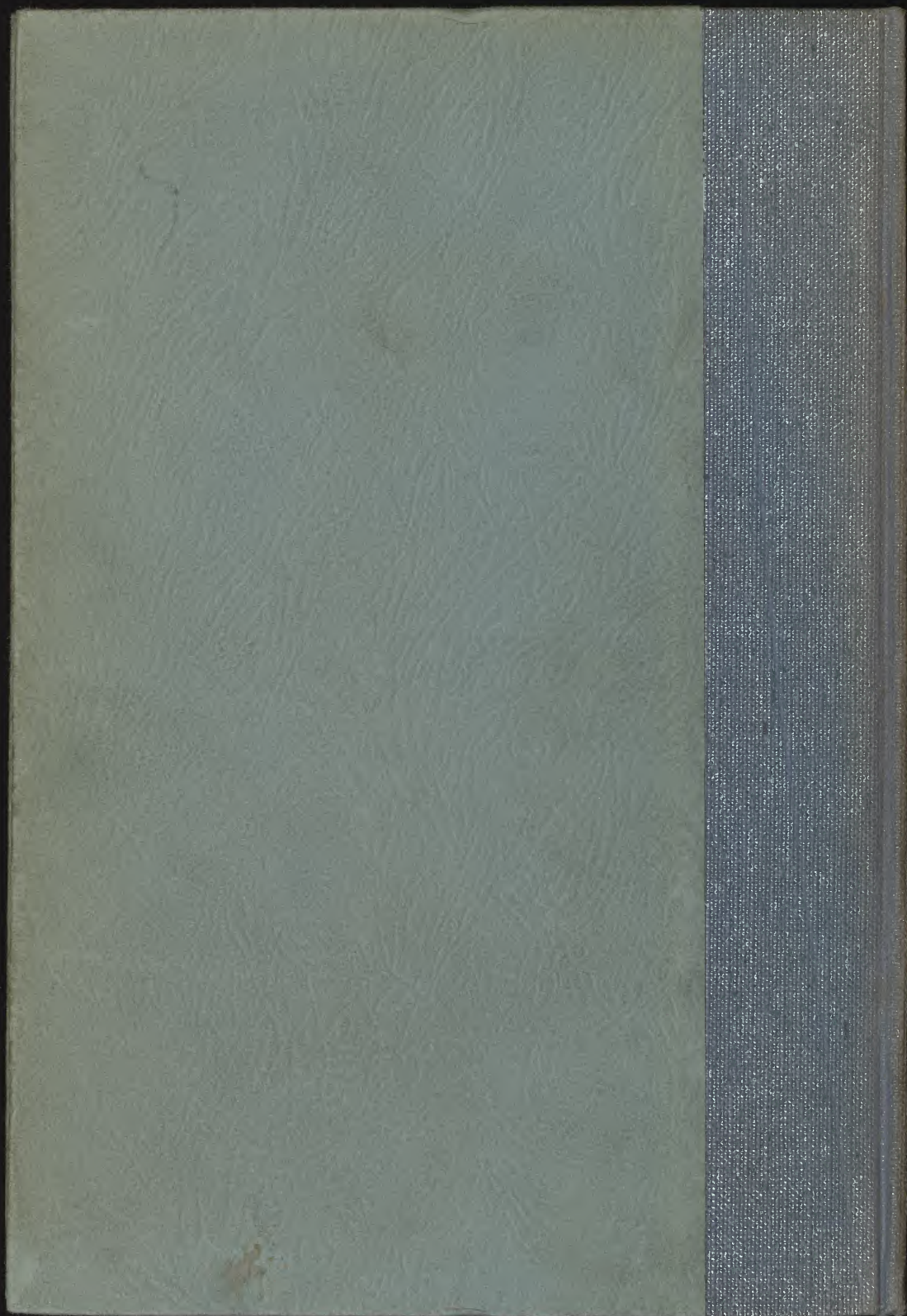




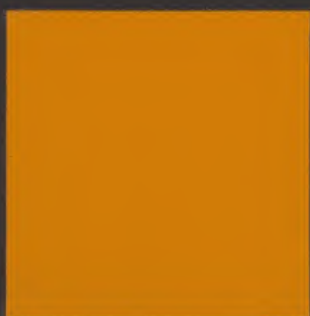
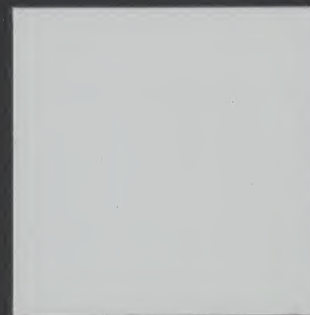
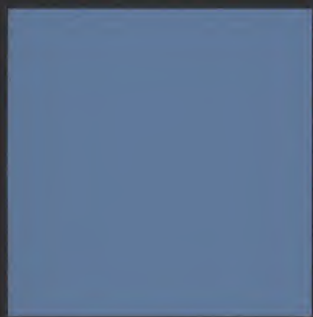




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