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THE production of an Album of Scottish Athletic Celebrities, together with a series of vivid and reliable biographical sketches, is, we believe, the formulation of an idea which will conduce to the advancement of athletics and athletic literature. With this aim in view we have issued the present volume, and we are confident that, apart from its utility as a historical reference, it will meet with that measure of appreciation which the style and elegance of the work merit. The woodcuts are the work of Mr. George Harrison, of London, while the biographical sketches have been carefully compiled from the popular portrait and sketch articles which, for upwards of a year, have been a leading feature of the *Scottish Athletic Journal*. Every care has been taken to make the work authentic and at the same time a tasteful tribute to the splendid physical and mental qualities of those of Scotia's sons who, by their mighty deeds in field or in council, have become truly celebrated.

THE EDITOR.

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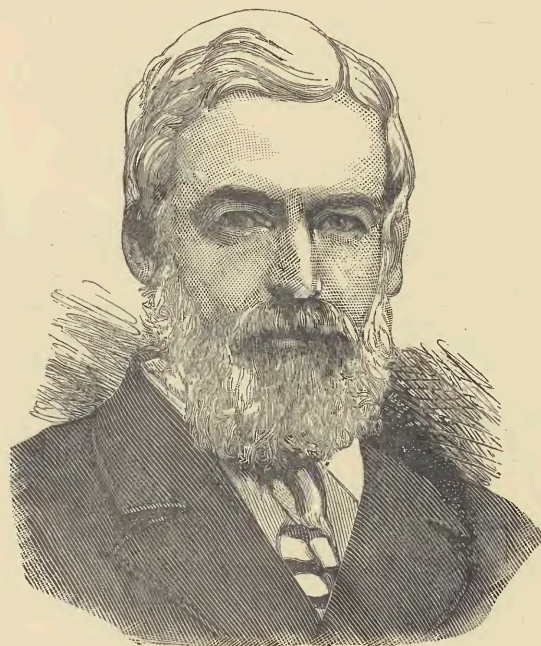
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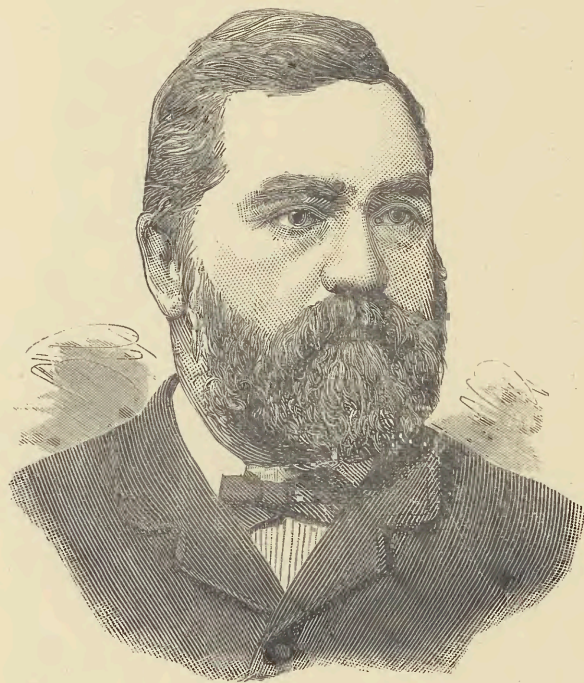


MR. H. H. ALMOND.

## MR. H. H. ALMOND,

LORETTO SCHOOL.

**T**HE subject of this sketch, Mr. H. H. Almond, was born in 1832. He began his educational career at the Glasgow University, from which he proceeded as a Snell Exhibitioner to Balliol College, Oxford, in 1850. At Oxford he distinguished himself by taking a double first-class in classical and mathematical moderations, and a double second in the final schools. He also had an oar in the College Eight. Since leaving Oxford he has been engaged continuously in educational work in Scotland. He began as an assistant master at Loretto, after which he had a preparatory school for a while. For three years thereafter he occupied the position of second master at Merchiston Castle, under Dr. Harvey (the present rector of the Edinburgh Academy), and in 1862 entered upon the headmastership of Loretto, where he has remained ever since. When he took Loretto there were only 12 boys in the school, and from that low ebb he has raised it gradually to its present position. Its scholars now number about 130; but, were it larger or smaller, Loretto would be unique as a school, and Mr. Almond unique as a head-master. It was said of the first pupils of Dr. Arnold who went up to Oxford from Rugby, that Oxford was amazed at what she was receiving from this little school in the small Midland country town. They startled Oxford by their uncommonness. In the high moral ground they took up they dared to be unconventional. It certainly is not too much to say that Oxford has been similarly startled by the introduction of the small band of Mr. Almond's pupils from the obscure little village of Musselburgh. Everyone who knows the Loretto boys knows that Mr. Arnold's pupils could take no higher moral ground than the pupils of Mr. Almond. The work of physical reform has been for the first time thoroughly taken in hand by Mr. Almond; but we wish emphatically to caution our readers against assuming that he is either himself merely athletic, or advocates mere athleticism at schools. Whilst he is himself emphatically an "out-of-door man," healthy, and hearty, and vigorous, he has a keen intellect, which he cultivates assiduously, and his moral glow is known in its fulness only to those who have felt it from personal contact. Moreover, his whole aim as head-master of Loretto is to educate *true men*—men with *all* their faculties—moral, religious, intellectual, and physical—fully developed. Whether he is preaching his stirring and eloquent sermons in the school chapel, addressing his boys with greater informality in the school hall, talking with characteristic eagerness to his friends, speaking before a Royal Commission on Education, or addressing the Edinburgh Health Society—always and everywhere the undercurrent is the same—the imperative and religious duty of obedience to the known laws of nature, as being also the laws of God. He has brought into greater prominence than had yet been done a previously neglected element in public-school education—the element of robust physical health, treated scientifically according to known physiological laws. And, *therefore*, it is—and *not* because an inordinate time is spent upon athletics at Loretto, which is not true in the smallest degree—that at the present time no less than five of the Oxford football team are old Loretto boys, and that Loretto is eminent all over the country for the vigour, energy, and splendid physique of its members. We do not think, therefore, that it would be possible for us to choose, to adorn the first page of our album, a more appropriate subject than Mr. Almond, the ardent and rational supporter of all out-door life and manly athleticism, the reformer of health and education.



MR. J. E. M'KILLOP.

## MR. J. E. M'KILLOP,

PRESIDENT SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

**A**LTHOUGH Mr. M'Killop in his younger days was better known in connection with aquatics than football, it is with the latter sport he is now more closely identified. Until two or three years ago he was very little known outside the bounds of his own county (Renfrewshire) except at the annual general meeting of the Scottish Association, where his word always had weight and he invariably carried his point. Though not an orator he speaks well, and his arguments are cogently put. Mr. M'Killop long laboured in Renfrewshire, and indeed the Renfrewshire Association owes its existence to him and to Mr. Hutton, of the Thornliebank. He had the honour of being elected its first president. Mr. M'Killop's services in the cause of football received substantial recognition when the general meeting of the Scottish Football Association elected him president. During his reign he has courageously tackled many burning questions, chief of which is that of professionalism, and we all know his opinions and his actions on that point. Mr. M'Killop, by his persevering efforts to improve the laws and rules of the game, has earned the title of a football legislator, a distinction to which he of all men is best entitled. We do not claim for him that he has succeeded in convincing the S.F.A. of the wisdom of all the alterations it has been his lot to lay before that august body; but of this we are persuaded, that every proposal he has made has been animated by one desire—the welfare and prosperity of the game. The alterations he has aided, and directly by his efforts added, to the S.F.A. code of rules, have been of such a kind as to place the Association on a firmer basis. He was prominently identified with a scheme for the better representation of clubs on committee, and though the scheme which he personally supported was not adopted, yet his advocacy of a change did much to bring about a better arrangement than that existing. Mr. M'Killop was born in Glasgow in 1847, and is therefore still a young man, though he looks older than he really is. His forte is organisation, and this he carries out effectually both in his business engagements and in his amusements. Mr. M'Killop first earned fame when he, with three friends, formed a crew, which at the time—somewhere about 1864—had few equals on the Clyde. The *Chance* crew, as it was called, often received the winning gun, and at no time was their victory more glorious than when they defeated the then celebrated Kingston-on-Thames four and several others. Thereafter Mr. M'Killop joined the Clydesdale Rowing Club, and was well known “above the weir” as a smart oarsman either in skiff, pairs, or fours. Association football soon after this began to take a hold on the youth of Scotland, and many clubs sprang into existence, determined to emulate the deeds of the mighty Queen's Park, of which club Mr. M'Killop was an ardent supporter. After he removed to Busby he did not give up his favourite pastime, but at once joined the Busby Club, and on its demise took a leading part in the formation of the Cartvale Club, with which he has been ever since identified. The club is worthy of the man. Mr. M'Killop is now resident at Dunfermline, though his heart is in the West, nor can he sever his connection with the scenes which have been familiar to him from his early youth, or abandon the pastimes which have proved the solace of his leisure hours.



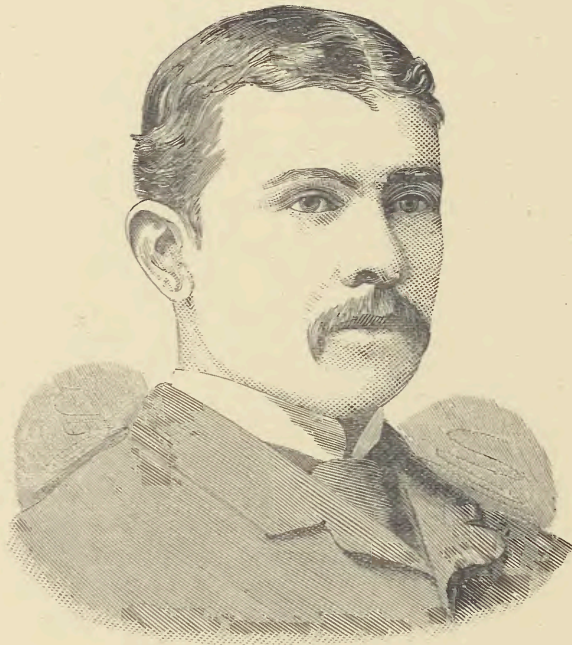
MR. N. T. BREWIS.

## MR. N. T. BREWIS,

PRESIDENT SCOTTISH RUGBY UNION.



EDINBURGH INSTITUTION has produced many well-known athletes, but, we venture to say, none more widely renowned and respected than Mr. N. T. Brewis. Mr. Brewis was at an early age sent to the Edinburgh Institution, but it was not until 1873 that his athletic career began. In that year he was elected captain of the school fifteen and cricket eleven, positions which he held until he left school. At the school games of 1873 he won five first prizes, and in the following year was appointed honorary secretary of the athletic club. His athletic qualities were further shown at the school games by his winning six first prizes, and, as on the former occasions, all for events open to the whole school. During his last year Mr. Brewis had under him the strongest fifteen the school has yet been able to turn out. They played all the leading schools, and never suffered defeat, a result largely due to their captain's energy as a half-back. In 1874-75 Mr. Brewis represented Edinburgh in the Inter-City, and played in the East and West match. In the following year he was unanimously elected captain of the Edinburgh Institution F.C., a club with which his name and fame as a football player have ever since been closely associated. In 1875-76, we again find him one of Edinburgh's representatives in the Inter-City. He also played in the East and West, and had the honour of playing for Scotland in the English International. This was the last occasion on which twenty a side was played. At the Edinburgh University Sports of 1876 he won the "Freshman" quarter easily from Mr. W. K. Morton, and during the sprinting season added to his laurels by winning several quarters at North of England meetings, as well as prizes at the Edinburgh Institution Games. Mr. Brewis in 1876-77 played very little for his club, and took no part in the big matches, but in 1877-78 he captained Edinburgh in the Inter-City, and played in the East and West, as well as the Irish and English Internationals. From this date until 1880 Mr. Brewis figured very prominently in most of the big matches and in all the Internationals. Besides being a brilliant forward, Mr. Brewis was a most successful captain, and this has been proved by the prominent position in which he left his club when he resigned in December, 1880. The hard work Mr. Brewis did for his old school, and the kindly encouragement he gave to all young aspirants for football honours, made him a general favourite with his own team and with every Institution boy, while by other clubs he was held in great respect. In appreciation of his valuable services, a handsome testimonial was presented to him by the Institution Football Club and his many admirers at their annual dinner in the spring of 1881. He was elected vice-president of the club in 1882-83, and president for the two following years. The Scottish Rugby Union appointed him vice-president in 1884, and at their annual meeting held in the beginning of the present season elected him to the president's chair, the highest honour in the football world that can be bestowed on an old player.



MR. CHARLES JAMES SIDEY.



## MR. CHARLES JAMES SIDEY,

CHAIRMAN EAST OF SCOTLAND LOCAL CENTRE N.C.U.



FROM the position and the interest he takes in the Scottish Meet, as well as cycling in general, the name of Mr. Sidey is well known to every cyclist throughout the kingdom. In 1882, he was appointed secretary to the Scottish Bicycle (now Cycling) Meet, and has been three times re-elected to fill that office. He became a member of the Edinburgh Amateur Bicycling Club at its formation in 1874, then the only bicycle club in Scotland, and has ever since continued one of its leading spirits. He was elected secretary on 4th June, 1874, and continued as such until his departure for Glasgow in 1876. In the following year he was elected captain, which office he filled with the greatest satisfaction until 1878, when he received an appointment in Montreal. In December, 1878, we find him, along with Mr. H. S. Tibbs, formerly of the South-London Harriers, founding the Montreal Bicycle Club, which at this moment is the second oldest club on the American continent. At its first annual meeting in 1879 he was elected captain, to which position he was twice re-elected. Along with four members of the M.B.C., he was present at Boston in May, 1881, at the Meet of the League of American Wheelmen, the only aliens in a gathering of 940 cyclists. Before departing from Montreal in December, 1881, he was entertained at supper by the members of the club, as a mark of their appreciation of the services he had rendered to the club during his short stay with them, and presented with a very large and beautiful photograph containing the cartes of all the officers. At the first meeting of the Edinburgh Amateur B.C. after Mr. Sidey's return to Edinburgh, the members, glad to have him secure again, elected him treasurer, and at the next general meeting we find him once more reigning supreme;—which post he holds at the present moment, and is still likely to hold for some time, considering the very active manner in which he conducts and leads the club. In August, 1883, he was appointed representative councillor for the Eastern Scottish Division C.T.C., and still holds that office. At the last election he was returned at the head of the poll. Mr. Sidey was never a great racer, but the little he did was very creditable. In Canada we find him winning a second prize in a two-miles race at the Bankers' Athletic Association Games; and again, a first prize in a ten-miles race at the Montreal B.C. Sports, on each occasion starting from scratch. Last, but not least, of Mr. Sidey's many honorary positions is that of chairman of the East of Scotland Local Centre N.C.U., a post which he fills with the greatest credit alike to himself and those over whom he presides. In conclusion, Mr. Sidey's disposition is of a genial and kindly nature, always ready to lend a helping hand to any of the various branches of athletics with which he is connected. On the occasion of his marriage, in December, 1883, he was presented with a magnificent salver by the members of the Edinburgh A.B.C. We are glad to say the matrimonial step, as yet, has not been the means of lessening the great interest which he takes in athletics.

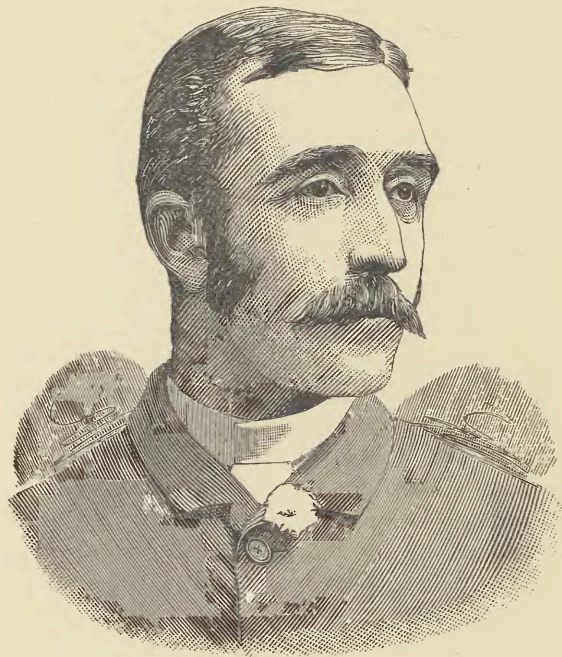


MR. LESLIE MELVILLE BALFOUR.

## MR. L. M. BALFOUR,

GRANGE CRICKET CLUB.

**S**COTLAND has produced two great batsmen, and Mr. L. M. Balfour is one of them. Comparisons are needless, and we shall not say whether Mr. Balfour or Mr. Thomas Chalmers, when he was in Scotland, was the better batsman. For present purposes, it is sufficient to know that Mr. Balfour is our champion cricketer—a title which no one denies him, and which is gracefully and unassumingly worn. Mr. Leslie Melville Balfour was born on 9th March, 1854, and has proved himself to be one of the best all-round athletes in Scotland. He entered the Edinburgh Academy in October, 1864, where he remained for seven years. At the early age of 14 he got into the school football twenty and the cricket eleven, and has since then taken a lively interest in athletics. He became captain of the Academy eleven in 1871. In the summer of the same year, the veteran George Parr brought to Scotland an All-England Eleven, comprising most of the notable cricketers of the age. They were met by twenty-two gentlemen of Scotland, of whom Mr. Balfour formed one, and was successful in making the highest score in the first innings, got by very patient cricket; and he again obtained double figures in the second innings. In the winter of 1872, Mr. Balfour played football for the Edinburgh Academicals, and occupied a place at back in the International match against England. In the summer of the same year, Mr. Balfour only played in one cricket match, which was the first Inter-City, and in this he played a splendid innings of 150. During this long innings, Mr. Balfour received an injury which prevented his playing throughout the remainder of the season. Mr. Balfour was unable to play much cricket in 1873; but in 1874 he played more regularly. He also scored heavily the following year. The Inter-City match of 1878 was made famous by the eastern city amassing the enormous total of 692, of which Mr. Balfour had 70. On the occasion of the visit of the famous Australian cricketers in 1882, Mr. Balfour captained the team of Scottish gentlemen, and set them a good example by making the highest score in both innings, viz., 13 and 24. Again, in the season of 1883, Mr. Balfour was in fine form, and in three important matches got double figures. During this summer, his average for the Grange was 57·4 for the whole season. In 1884, Mr. Balfour again showed up well, making the handsome contribution of 93 in the Inter-City match. Besides being a fine batsman, Mr. Balfour excels as a wicket-keeper, and also is a beautiful out-field and cover-point. Mr. Balfour is well known as one of the finest amateur golfers living, and is the only person who has ever won the King William IV. Gold Medal (the chief honour on the St. Andrews Green) four times. He has, in all, won eleven St. Andrews medals since joining the club in 1873. Over Musselburgh Links, too, he is well known in connection with the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, and out of the seven times he has competed for their medals, he has been first three times, and second the remaining four times. He is also the winner of the medal which the late Duke of Albany presented to the St. Andrews golfers on his visit. In lawn-tennis competitions Mr. Balfour takes a leading part, and on one occasion won the championship of Scotland. Mr. Balfour is an out-and-out sportsman, and whatever he puts his hands to he excels in. He is indeed a central figure in the athletic and social departments of Scottish life; and it is to be hoped he may long be permitted to charm those who take an interest in high-class cricket.

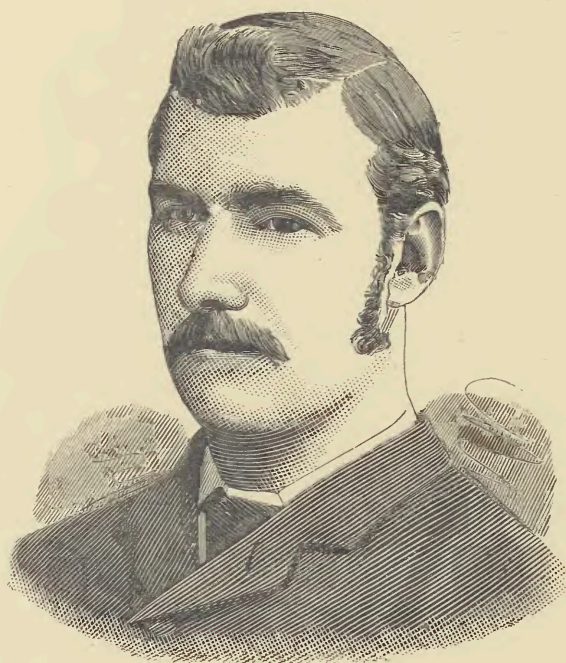


MR. CHARLES CAMPBELL.

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QUEEN'S PARK FOOTBALL CLUB.

**P**ERHAPS in Association football circles the personality of Mr. Charles Campbell bulks more largely than that of any other contemporary player. Mr. Campbell belongs to an athletic family, and several of his elder brothers when at school found places in both the cricket and football teams of Edinburgh Academy and Institution, and it was while at the latter the subject of this sketch was initiated into the mysteries of leather-hunting. In 1872 Mr. Campbell came into view in the second eleven of the Queen's Park, and in April, 1873, when an eleven of the West of Scotland, organised by Messrs. Evans and Kennedy, did battle with the senior Association club in the South-Side Park, he made his début in the first eleven, and, as every one knows, his position has never since been in the slightest jeopardy. Although but a stripling in his teens at that time, he was elected to the council board of his club, and there, too, he has remained in active service through a long course of years. He has been vice-captain, captain, and president of the Q.P., and at present he is on the Match Committee. When once he began, Mr. Campbell's progress was rapid. His stay in the second eleven was brief, and when the club opened its famous ground of Hampden Park—now no more—with the first tie for the Scottish Cup against the Dumbreck, we find Mr. Campbell playing half-back in the team. The men who played then have all passed and gone, but Mr. Campbell still plays as heartily and as vigorously as of yore. Like Wellington, Mr. Campbell found an important position in the cabinet as well as in the field, and to his long experience and clear insight his club is greatly indebted for its successful guidance in recent years. In the memorable International match played at Partick in 1874, when Scotland scored her first victory against England, Mr. Campbell appeared for the first time to do battle for his country. To enumerate all the matches Mr. Campbell has taken part in is much beyond the scope of this sketch. He is the hero of more than a hundred fights. 'Tis a striking comment on his ability that he has figured in the English International no less than nine times, which is the record for an individual player. Against Wales he has played three times. In the teams chosen to do battle against the English metropolis he has appeared twice; while we find he has played against the representatives of Sheffield no less than seven times. With such a brilliant career as this, Mr. Campbell may rightly be styled an International man. Of course, we all know that in the struggles of the Queen's Park for the English Cup he did his best to bring the trophy northward, and he felt keenly the disappointment which attended his own and the efforts of his comrades. Of Mr. Campbell's mental abilities and social qualities we cannot speak too highly. His fluency of speech upon all matters, whether at the festive board or in the council chamber, has secured for him the admiration and respect of all who have heard him, and we feel little doubt that, with the possession of such great capabilities, Mr. Campbell will, if spared, attain positions of the highest honour and importance in his future walk in life.

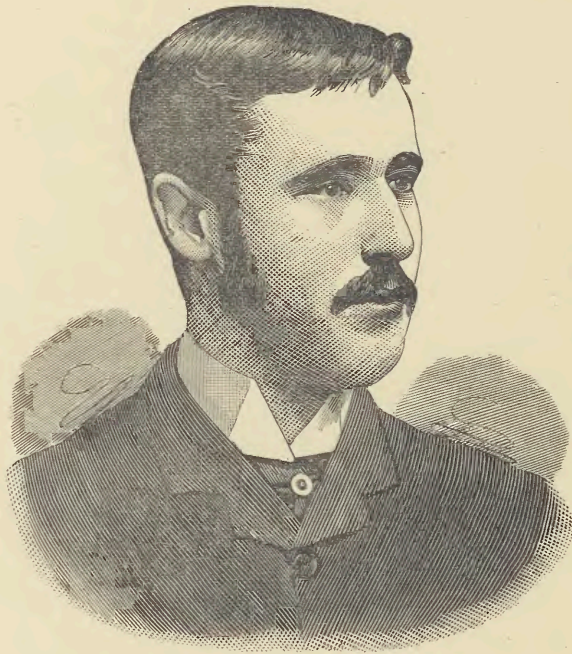


MR. ROBERT AINSLIE.

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EDINBURGH INSTITUTION FOOTBALL CLUB.

**B**Y every football-player wide and near, the name of Robert Ainslie is well known, and needs only to be mentioned to evoke plaudits of admiration. It is difficult to portray with any sense of justice the qualities of this brilliant athlete. Mr. Ainslie is the second youngest of six brothers, all of whom are famous for their feats of strength. Born in the year 1859 in the county of Mid-Lothian, he was early sent to the Edinburgh Institution. At that time his school had not developed sufficient eminence in its football-playing to captivate our young friend into taking part in its struggles. His life at school was noteworthy for his constant love of mischief-making, and it was not until 1877 that his football career began. From the first game he ever took part in, it was evident that he was destined to become a great player. He was indeed a born player, and the fact speaks for itself when it is mentioned that he was elected to play for Edinburgh in the Inter-City match of this, his first year of play. Next season we again find him playing in the Inter-City match, and also in the East and West, and in the International. From that time on to 1882, when he left Edinburgh, he played in all the International matches, and in all these contests his brilliant forward play was always a prominent feature. In the year 1882 he obtained the high honour of being elected captain of the Scottish Fifteen against Ireland. Mr. Ainslie was one of those who were the means of making his club famous, and along with such players as Messrs. Sorley Brown, W. H. Masters, and others, scored many victories for the Institution. As a forward he certainly was one of the best ever produced. He played a true forward game from beginning to end; his strength, speed, and knowledge enabling him to play it in a style surpassed by none. He did more than his share of the work in the mauls. He had also the happy knack of taking the ball through the centre of a crowd of his opponents, and brilliantly dribbling it down the field through the opposing backs. Always on the ball, there never was a player who followed up better, and who oftener brought down the backs before getting their kick. As a dribbler he had few equals. It is not only as a forward player that we have to eulogise him, but as one able, when necessary, to assume either the post of half or quarter back. On one memorable occasion, when his club was engaged playing a strong team of the Glasgow Academicals, Masters becoming disabled, Mr. Ainslie took his place at quarter-back, and filled it with great distinction. As already mentioned, he left Edinburgh in 1882 for the South of Scotland, but he frequently assisted his old club in its more important matches. In the winter of 1883 he sailed for Mexico, his departure causing great regret among his many friends. As can be readily understood, his return at the end of 1884 was the source of great rejoicing to his many admirers. Last season Mr. Ainslie was seen regularly in the field, and took part in the East v. West and Inter City matches. Such is a short sketch of the career of a player whose like we may not see again, and whose brilliant achievements have gained him enduring renown,



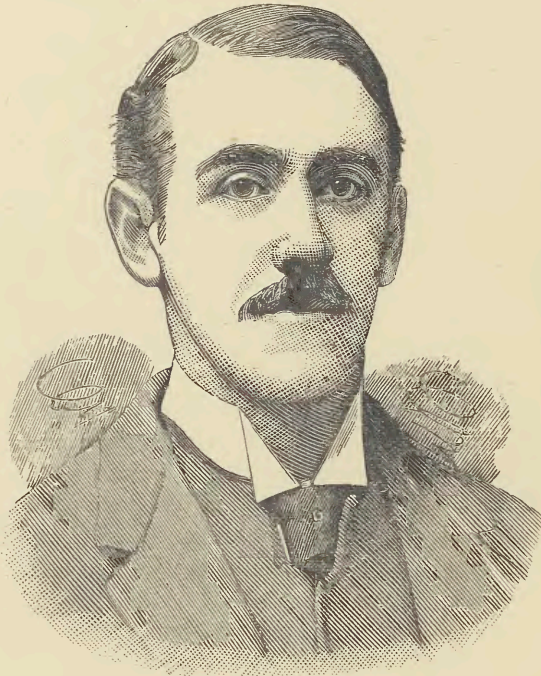
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## MR. J. F. FERGUS,

CAPTAIN OF LANARKSHIRE BICYCLE CLUB.

**F**OVERS of wheel events in the West of Scotland know that the name of Mr. J. F. Fergus is now a household word, and all will readily acknowledge that his popularity is thoroughly deserved. Beginning his career with the more ancient type of bicycle, his powers have evolved almost as rapidly as the improvements of the machine. Chrysalis like, both have thrown off their old coverings, and stand before their admirers—the one a perfection of mechanical art and mathematical science, and the other a quick-witted, far-seeing, sport-loving man. His first love was a 49-in. socket-headed machine; but, becoming more fastidious, he transferred his affections to a 55-in. “D.H.F. Premier,” on which he scoured the country, and even went upon the racing-path. Recognising at last that a fast machine tends to make a fast man, Mr. Fergus procured a 56-in. “Rudge” racer, which has been the delight of his many friends ever since, and not infrequently the dismay of his rivals; and the goodly array of trophies that have fallen to his lot speak alike in favour of the man as well as the famous make of machine. Before reaching his majority, Mr. Fergus had over fifty prizes. Honours such as are dear to the heart of man have fallen to the lot of Mr. Fergus. After filling the office of vice-captain of the Lanarkshire B.C., he succeeded to the golden badge that had adorned the brow of the ever-popular Mr. Pirie, and under his reign the “Ha! ha!” war-cry has lost neither in quantity nor quality. As consul of the C.T.C. for Glasgow, and a delegate to the N.C.U. (Local Centre), he has been of use to others, at the same time widening the scope of the cycle as a feature of society. He is also a member of the General Committee of the Glasgow University Athletic Club; and while taking a primary interest in the track (on which, by the way, he won at last year’s gathering five prizes for wheel events), he is always willing to give advice when asked, and equally ready to put his shoulder to any wheel that may need a push. Although pre-eminently a cyclist, Mr. Fergus has occasionally donned “spikes” in public, and showed that, with but a very little practice, he might develop into a good long-distance runner. From his goodly size and weight, he should make—as a Hibernian newspaper puts it—“a good hand at football,” but in bygone years he lacked somewhat in speed, and so wisely made way for others who excel in this favourite pastime. Coming as he does from a stock of *professionals*—men not of the path, but of the more peaceful pulpit and pulse—Mr. Fergus has made a good start in the race for a busy and useful life. At the age of 17 he obtained his degree of Master of Arts, and since then has been fully occupied in the “valley of dry bones,” at which he works with a zeal and energy characteristic of all that he undertakes. Taken all round, he is a good example of a Scotch cyclist—genial, warm-hearted, sometimes pig-headed, and that generally in the right direction. “J. F.” jealously guards the rights of the men of the wheel; and, in turn, wherever he goes, he finds himself in a circle of friends, who wish him sincerely a long, a useful, and a happy life.

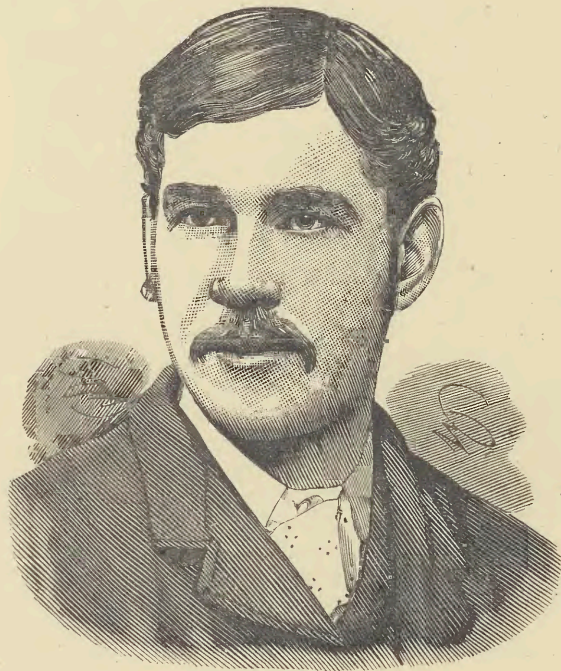


MR. A. S. BLAIR.

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LORETTO AND OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

**A**MONG the many young Scotchmen who have lately made a name for themselves in the athletic world, none has come more to the front than Mr. A. S. Blair. Born in Edinburgh in June, 1865, Mr. Blair received the earlier part of his education at Chanonry School, Aberdeen, which he entered in 1874. The season of 1879-80 found him in the school fifteen, and in the summer of 1880 he gained a place in the cricket eleven, and had at the end of the season the creditable average of 14. Mr. Blair again played in the Chanonry fifteen in 1880-81, while in the summer he again gained an average of 14 for the school eleven. In October, 1881, Mr. Blair went to Loretto, and at once took his place in the school fifteen as three-quarter back. When the athletic season opened, Mr. Blair soon showed signs of ability as a runner, which he fully maintained at the Edinburgh University school games, where he won two handsome prizes. When the cricket season came round, it was evident that Mr. Blair could turn his hand to this form of amusement with skill equal to that which he had displayed in football and athletics. At the end of the season he had the highest average (22), while his bowling had been of the greatest service throughout the season. In the football season of 1882-83 Mr. Blair again distinguished himself, and when the athletic season came round he still continued his victorious career, winning the 100-yards and quarter-mile at the Scottish school games, in 10 4-5 secs. and 53 secs. respectively; while at the West of Scotland sports he won the 100-yards (10 4-5), the quarter-mile (52 secs.), and was second in the 200-yards. During the cricket season of 1883 Mr. Blair was the mainstay of the Loretto eleven, gaining the highest average (26), and at the same time bearing the brunt of the bowling. In the North v. South match during the same year he played for the North, and took 7 wickets for 38 runs. October, 1883, found Mr. Blair in residence at Brasenose College, Oxford, where he soon made his name famous by winning the Freshmen's 100-yards and quarter-mile. In the succeeding term, besides winning several events at his college sports, he ran second in both the 100-yards and quarter-mile at the O.U.A.C. sports. He represented Oxford against Cambridge in the quarter-mile, and, though only third, was within a yard of the winner. During his first cricket season at Oxford Mr. Blair was hardly so fortunate as his friends had hoped he would be, though for his college he had the creditable average of 29. At the beginning of the football season of '84, Mr. Blair gained a place in the all-conquering Oxford University team, and by his brilliant running and tackling proved a great acquisition. During the season of 1885, Mr. Blair gained for himself golden honours on the running-path. At the Wadham College (Oxford) sports he won the strangers' 150-yards handicap, from scratch, in 15 secs. dead, a performance equal to that of W. P. Phillips in 1880; while at the Oxford University sports he won the quarter-mile in 51 2-5 secs., and the 100-yards in 10 4-5 secs. In the Inter-Varsity sports, held a few weeks later, Mr. Blair added additional glory to his name by winning in splendid style the quarter-mile, and he only missed getting first place in the 100-yards by a foot. Altogether we look upon Mr. Blair as one of the athletic marvels of the present age.

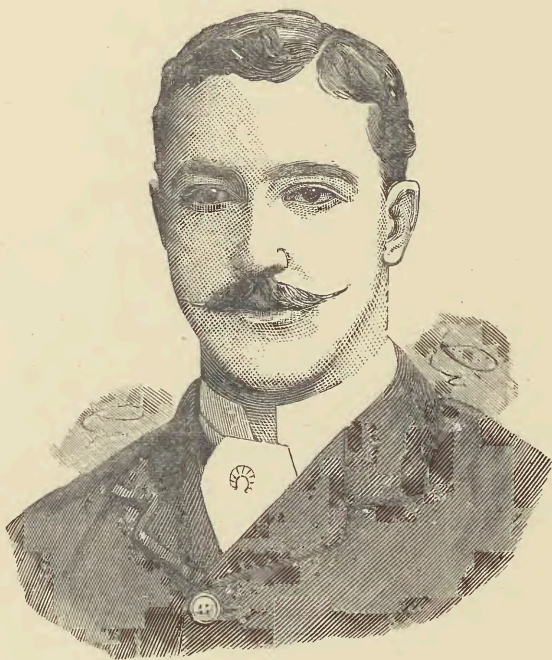


MR. THOMAS VALLANCE.

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PRESIDENT RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB.

**H**ERO-WORSHIP is as strong in the keen sportsman as it is in him who is constantly searching after knowledge. Every day furnishes us with examples of the truth of this. For instance, when Mr. T. Vallance was a player, he was worshipped by a very large section of the football community, and that worship at times had in it all the fire and enthusiasm which are commonly bestowed on a hero. Mr. Vallance was born in the Vale of Leven, near Renton. When budding into manhood he was removed to Shandon, where the breezy waters of the Gareloch led him to form a love for aquatics; and from that time onward he developed a taste for many kinds of athletic exercises. There being no form of industry at Shandon to which Mr. Vallance could turn his attention, he came to Glasgow, and at once joined the Clyde Amateur Rowing Club. In 1872, when football was in its infancy, he renounced aquatics and became a devotee of the former. Along with Messrs. Peter and Moses M'Neil and others he formed the Rangers, a club which he, by his giant prowess, has helped to raise to its present exalted position. Mr. Vallance was not heard of till the final tie with the Vale of Leven, and the wonderful ease with which he crushed rush after rush of the Alexandria forwards was at the time flatteringly commented upon. Mr. Vallance's abilities as a player were first recognised in 1877, when he was chosen to play in the International against England. A similar honour was given to him in 1878-79 and '81. He played twice against Wales and twice against Sheffield; and it was he who, along with the late Mr. Dick, secretary of the S.F.A., tried to organise a Canadian football expedition, but the speculation fell to the ground. Soon after this Mr. Vallance went to Assam, but when there his health broke down, and he had to return home. He still had a fancy for the game of football, and donned the jersey several times; but his play was not even the shadow of its former self. Having done so much for his club as a player, he was solicited to become president—a position to which he was unanimously elected, and which he has held ever since with honour to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. Besides aquatics and football, Mr. Vallance figured at many athletic meetings, his forte being high and broad jumping. He established a record which is yet unbroken for Scotland, in the broad jump, at the Queen's Park sports in 1881, his distance being 21 feet 11 inches. Mr. Vallance seemed by nature cut out for this kind of competition, though the perfection to which he attained was to a large extent due to constant and plodding practice. He could do a little in hurdle-racing, too, and the victory to which he refers with most pride is the one over Cunliffe, of St. Helen's, at the Queen's Park festival in 1881. In the short time he devoted to athletics he won over 60 prizes. From these particulars it will be seen that Mr. Vallance, when actively engaged in athletic pursuits, was a man of considerable note; and if any one has succeeded in having his name emblazoned in the history of the Association game, it is the genial, courteous, and able president of the Rangers Football Club.



MR. W. E. MACLAGAN.

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LONDON-SCOTTISH FOOTBALL CLUB



UNLIKE most athletes, fame in the case of Mr. W. E. Maclagan has been gradual in its development, and the renown which now encircles him may therefore be said to be of that kind which does not dim by age. Mr. Maclagan was born in Edinburgh, and after attending a small preparatory school, entered the Academy in 1869. Here, ere long, his taste for athletics and his uncommon capabilities for their pursuit began to develop. He was elected captain of his class, and held that post successively in all the other classes of the school. For the last four years of his academical career he played in the school fifteen, while he was for three seasons in the cricket eleven, and was captain of both teams for the year 1876. To refer briefly to his cricket career, we may say that he left school in 1876, and, of course, like every true sportsman, joined the ranks of the "old boys." A steady and thoroughly sound bat, he frequently made his century, and had for four years the highest average of his club. He had the honour, also, of representing his country on the only two occasions when Scotland has played England eleven a-side. In 1880 he left his native city for London, and since then he has been unable to devote to its practice the time which cricket absolutely demands. In that year, however, he played for the Gentlemen of Scotland against M.C.C. and Ground, and made the highest score on the Scottish side. It is, however, as a football player that Mr. Maclagan will be longest remembered. In 1877 the Edinburgh Academicals were in the zenith of their fame. These were, indeed, their palmy days, when, under the able and genial captaincy of Mr. J. H. S. Graham, and with Messrs. Maclagan and Ninian Finlay at half-back, they were the premier club of Scotland, and achieved success such as they have not since known. Owing chiefly to his marvellous tackling powers, Mr. Maclagan was chosen in 1878 to play full-back for Scotland; and it is worthy of note that he was the first to play alone in that position—this being the first International contest played with fifteen men a-side. Since then, until 1883, he did not miss one of these important fixtures—indeed, we cannot remember any back in Scotland, England, or Ireland who has played for his country more than five years. When he went to London he joined the London-Scottish, marking an epoch in the history of the club with which his name is now mostly associated. In 1881 they made him captain, and under his leadership they rose rapidly to that position in the front ranks of the metropolitan clubs which they now enjoy. He has since captained the International team; and in the last match against England, two years ago, very nearly led it on to victory in one of the finest matches ever played. We think it no mean praise, and we intend to pay a very high compliment, when we say that Mr. Maclagan belongs to an old and gradually dying school of football-players. In him, to our mind, are preserved the very best traditions of the real game—a game which demands head as well as physique, and not merely the qualifications of a sprinter. Our rising players could not do better than study and copy, as far as possible, his style; for while such as he are to be found, the game will remain at its highest standard.



MR JAMES STEEL.



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CHAIRMAN WEST OF SCOTLAND LOCAL CENTRE.



None can be taken as a better type of all that is best in Scotch cycling than Mr. James Steel, chairman of the West of Scotland Local Centre of the National Cyclists' Union, whose name is now, as it has been for a considerable time, a household word in cycling circles throughout Scotland. Mr. Steel was educated at the Glasgow Academy, and while at school gave some indication of the direction in which his talents lay by winning a first prize in gymnastics. After leaving school Mr. Steel commenced his commercial career, and, like many others, soon found that exercise of some kind was necessary to keep up the store of needed health, and turned to bicycling, which was then but in its infancy. Accordingly, in 1876 we find Mr. Steel for the first time mounted on a bicycle proper, and it is from this time that his career as a cyclist dates. In the year 1878 we find him chiefly instrumental in organising what is still the leading club in the West—viz., the Lanarkshire. Mr. Steel was its first honorary secretary and treasurer, and was afterwards elected captain—an office which he held twice, and he still holds a place in the club's committee. In 1879, Mr. Steel convened a meeting of the captains and secretaries of the six clubs in the West of Scotland, and the upshot of the meeting was the West of Scotland Cyclists' Meet, which was held in May of that year. In the autumn of the same year Mr. Steel was largely instrumental in organising the Race Meeting held by the three leading clubs of Glasgow. It is, however, in connection with the Cyclists' Touring Club that Mr. Steel has attained that prominence which has rendered his name one of the best known among the cycling fraternity of Scotland. In 1879 he joined the Bicycle Touring Club, now the C.T.C., and shortly afterwards was appointed first chief consul of the Western Scottish Division. He fulfilled the duties of this position with so much skill that in 1883 he was elected vice-president of the Touring Club, being the only Scotchman who has attained that high honour. After the year 1883, Mr. Steel, on the formation of the West of Scotland Local Centre of the N.C.U., was at once chosen by his club, the Lanarkshire, as one of its delegates on the centre, and rendered good service in gaining for the body an establishment on a firm basis. In recognition of his services in the cause of cycling, the members of the centre did themselves the honour of electing him chairman, and this post he has held ever since. As a racing man, Mr. Steel, though by no means devoid of talent, never figured so prominently as in the more strictly legislative branches of the sport; and it is not going too far to say that to him, more than to anyone else, cycling in Scotland owes the position it now holds. Besides being an ardent cyclist, Mr. Steel is an enthusiastic Volunteer, and is at present colour-sergeant of A Coy. 1st L.R.V., where he is as much respected and liked as he is in other spheres. On his social merits there is no need to dwell,—he has a versatility which is peculiarly his own; and no one contributes more to the harmony of any of his club "socials" than does the subject of our sketch. An enthusiast in the sport, working solely for its best interests, and from no selfish motive, Mr. Steel unites in himself all the attributes which make Scottish cyclists respected wherever they are met.

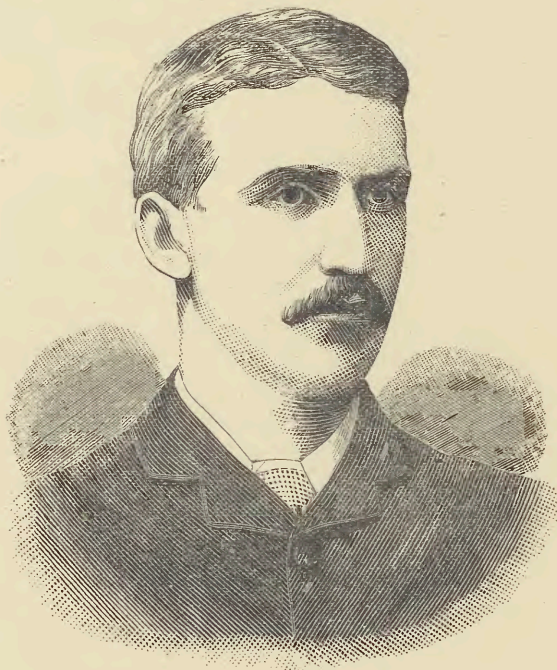


MR. PERCIVAL KING.

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EDITOR "SCOTTISH CRICKETERS' ANNUAL."

**U**NGLAND claims Mr. Percival King as one of her sons, although this gentleman for almost a quarter of a century has played a prominent and more than ordinarily useful part in the development of cricket in Scotland. Born at Stockwell, Surrey, on the 9th December, 1835, he has almost completed his fiftieth year. He has long been a naturalised Scotchman, and is happily yet an active and effective cricketer. 'Twas in 1848—the year in which the giant "W. G." was born—that the noble game took possession of young King's fancy, and he seldom lost an opportunity of fielding out at practice till he succeeded in attaining the object of his ambition—a trial in a match. In '55 (still following his trade), he proceeded to Brombro' Pool, near Birkenhead. He remained there till 1859, playing successfully for Brombro' Pool against many noted Lancashire clubs. In 1861 he returned to London, where he was engaged in matches with the Battersea Institution, Wandsworth, and other clubs. In 1861 the committee of Surrey County deemed it desirable to secure an infusion of fresh blood, and Mr. King was included in the Colts' team. The general good form he showed in the trial match brought him the immediate offer (which was accepted) of a four months' engagement with the Birmingham club; and in the following year (1862) the late Fred Lillywhite gave him the choice of going either to Oxford or Merchiston, and he chose the latter. Mr. King rapidly effected a vast revolution in the form of his pupils, who faithfully followed his instructions, and, as far as possible, copied his style, many of them even improving upon it. One great factor in King's success in teaching the game undoubtedly lay in the fact that each season, on finishing at Merchiston, he was at liberty to go south, where he took part in many important matches. This had the effect of very greatly widening his experience, as the best players of the day were then either playing with or opposed to him. Not a few of the most prominent players of the West of Scotland in recent years passed through his hands at Merchiston, such as the Tennents, the Crosses, the Grieves, the MacKeans, and others. King himself in those years also frequently made his mark to some tune on the score-book. No veteran of to-day who attended or took part in the Gentlemen and Players' matches can have forgotten the four hours' stand he made at Partick, along with Painter, against twenty changes of bowling. He played at Merchiston Castle for thirteen successive seasons; but the large business, which all this time had been gradually growing up under his energetic management, demanded more and more of his personal supervision, and his long connection with the Castle had to be severed, with not a little regret. He soon, however, became more closely associated than he had hitherto been with the now somewhat famous artisan club—the Brunswick—whose fortunes he has helped greatly to enhance. For several seasons he held the onerous position of captain. A word should also be said of his well-known publication, the *Scottish Cricketers' Annual*. The first edition was published in 1871; and since then it has been a trustworthy yearly record of Scottish cricket and cricketers. Mr. King has done much to raise the standard of Scotch cricket, and his name will long be associated with all that is good and honourable connected with it.



MR. WILLIAM TURNER.

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POLLOKSHIELDS ATHLETIC CLUB.

**T**O those interested in the growth of athletic genius and ability we can recommend no more fitting study than Mr. W. Turner, of the Pollokshields Athletic Club. He has been gifted with all the youthful strength and symmetry which a lavish Nature could bestow on him, and to what use he has put these faculties our readers may judge by the following details of his career: Mr. Turner began his career in a junior club in the 'Shields, which in a short time amalgamated with the now famous Athletic club, with the result that the playing resources of the latter were considerably enriched. But while the foundation of Mr. Turner's football career was undoubtedly laid in the club which afterwards became part of the Pollokshields, the yearning for athletic pursuits—which has always been a marked characteristic of our subject's life—was fostered and gratified at the Glasgow Academy—a school which has turned out more football-players, perhaps, than any other school in Scotland. Football is the sport at which Mr. Turner has distinguished himself most. He has played cricket, but with little success; even the game of lawn-tennis, which has found so congenial a resting-place in the 'Shields, does not come to him naturally. He is a specialist out-and-out, and his speciality is football, which he plays with great skill and beauty. Mr. Turner's ability is not widespread, but it is none the less genuine because of that. Those who are capable of pronouncing an opinion—who have studied football practically and theoretically—are loud in their praises of the distinctive features and embellishments that characterise Mr. Turner's efforts. Were he in a club whose Alpha and Omega was the cultivation of the higher phases of football, he would have enjoyed greater and more widespread renown than he now does. Followers of club matches have long been familiar with Mr. Turner's play; but a prejudice—born of ignorance—kept him in the background till last season, when he was elected to play for Glasgow against Sheffield. The manner in which he played in that contest won for him golden opinions from the public press, and loud cheers and appreciative remarks from those who witnessed the game. It is worthy of note in connection with this game that Mr. Turner scored five goals out of the nine gained by the Glasgow team—a feat which has not been excelled in any Inter-City contest, and one which proves that he is a most deadly shot. Mr. Turner, though a mere youth, being only 20 years of age, is powerfully built, and his weight that day was of great value against the ponderous Sheffield forwards. Having impressed the powers that be, he was elected to play against Ireland; and though less showy in that game than in the one against the "Blades," his wise passing, bold, daring charging, and vigorous shooting, contributed not a little to the brilliant success of the Scottish eleven. On more than one occasion he has played against Edinburgh. These form the leading features of a career which is only beginning to blossom; but they are pronounced and brilliant enough to mark Mr. Turner as a celebrated and at the same time most promising player.

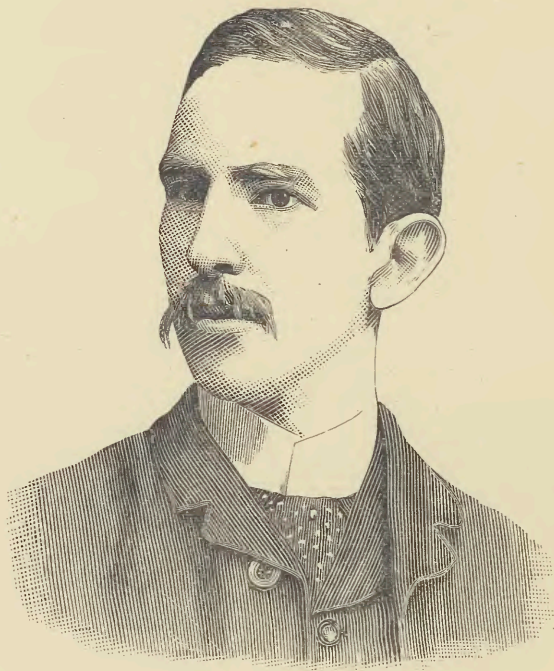


MR. A. R. DON-WAUCHOPE.

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FETTESIAN-LORRETONIAN CLUB.

**Q**UALITIES of head and heart, independent altogether of athletic powers, tend to make the name of Mr. A. R. Don-Wauchope widely known and highly respected in many circles. Mr. Wauchope's popularity is not only due to his innate ability as an athlete, but also to his gentlemanly bearing towards all with whom he comes in contact. Mr. Wauchope is the son of Sir John Don-Wauchope, well known in the Scottish Metropolitan County, in which he has a beautiful estate. The Wauchope family is an ancient and distinguished one; but the characteristic which concerns us most seems to have been dominant for many generations back, and in the person of our subject it may be said to have reached its highest development. Mr. Wauchope was educated at Fettes College, which has long been looked upon as one of the principal athletic nurseries in Scotland. Early in his school career he made his mark in the cricket and football fields. He was elected captain of the cricket eleven in 1878, and the team of that year was one of the best Fettes ever had. When at school Mr. Wauchope was a safe and at times a brilliant batsman, while as a fielder he excelled all others. But it was as a football-player that Mr. Wauchope was destined to shine and eclipse all contemporaries. In 1878-79 he had the honour of captaining the school fifteen. After leaving Fettes he went to Cambridge University, where he soon became a great favourite among the athletically-inclined of that great seat of culture. He played for his 'Varsity against Oxford three times, and also competed once in the hurdle race at the Inter-Varsity Sports contest. When at Cambridge he was elected by the Scottish Rugby Union to play against England in the match of 1880. An accident prevented him taking part in the International of 1883; but in that of 1884, at Blackheath, he played brilliantly. Since he came to the front, Mr. Wauchope has taken part in almost all the Inter-City and Inter-District matches. In the formation of the Fettesian-Lorretonian club, Mr. Wauchope took a large part. He was elected captain of the fifteen, and has held that position since the club was established. The success of this wonderful organisation is too well known to need recapitulation here, but we may remark in passing that this wonderful combination has not been defeated for three seasons. Mr. Wauchope is a central figure in Scotch cricket circles; he makes good scores against the best bowling. Mr. Wauchope's popularity is not confined to Scotland: his fame has spread to the uttermost corner of sport-loving England, and we know of no personality that bulks so large in the eye of footballers as the versatile captain of the renowned Fettesian-Lorettonian club.



MR. D. S. DUNCAN.



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ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL CLUB.

**K**INDLY words must be used in sketching the career of Mr. D. S. Duncan, so much and justly esteemed by the athletic world at large. From the very outset of his school life he identified himself with its sport, and entered heartily into both cricket and football. On leaving school he entered Edinburgh University, but it was not till 1880 that he took part in open competitions. During his first season he met with little success; but he persevered notwithstanding and, from the form he exhibited towards the end of the season, was looked on as a coming man. This was verified in 1881, in which season he ran seven times, gaining two firsts and one second. Season '82 was chiefly remarkable for the exceptional form he displayed in the half-mile. Early in the season, at the Inter-Scholastic Games, with a start of 25 yards, Mr. Duncan won the open half-mile. In quick succession followed victories at the R.H.S., Collegiate, Institution, and E.U.B.C. festivals, each time from a smaller mark; and, as a crowning feat, although brought back to scratch, he won the half-mile at St. Bernard's Sports in 2 min. 5 secs. At the University Games he was placed third to H. E. Jones and W. M. Gabriel in the mile, but turned the tables on the latter at Granton, where he won off five yards. In the beginning of 1883 Mr. Duncan was very unsuccessful; but in a short time he regained his form, and won the mile at the Heart of Mid-Lothian Sports, and the same race at the first recognised Scottish Championship Meeting in 4 mins. 35 secs. Before the close of that season he won the mile at the University Sports, the mile at Dunfermline, and the half-mile at the Greenock Morton Sports. In the early part of 1884, Mr. Duncan won the mile at Larchfield, and the mile and half-mile at the Glasgow Academical Sports; but thereafter his form was disappointing, until, at the Championship Meeting, he won, for the second time, the mile in 4.32 3-5ths. This grand performance was, however, eclipsed three weeks later at the St. Bernard's Sports, when he won in 4.32 2-5ths (*Scotch record*). During this season he did what many consider his best performance—viz., 4.34 1-5th on grass at the E.U.C.C. Sports. In the half-mile (his first love) he was equally successful, winning at the Craigielea and West of Scotland gatherings. During this season he won twenty prizes, eleven of which were firsts. Last season Mr. Duncan was also very successful. At first he seemed a little off colour, but as the season advanced he continued to improve; and from the date of winning the mile at the Edinburgh Amateur C.C. Sports until his grand performance at the autumn meeting of the Queen's Park, he proved himself to be the best man at his distance in Scotland. At the former of these he won in 4.34 1-5th, but at the latter he improved on this—doing, despite the heavy going, 4.34. His best performance, however, was undoubtedly at the St. Mirren's Sports, where, off 12 yards, he won the half-mile from a field of thirty-two in 2 min. 2 secs. Last season Mr. Duncan took a new departure, and, for the first time, crossed the Border to measure himself against the English cracks. He ran four times, and each time made a creditable appearance. Mr. Duncan's prize-list comprises 38 firsts, 18 seconds, and 10 thirds. No notice of Mr. Duncan would be complete if reference were not made to the high respect in which he is held by all with whom he comes in contact. Generous in the extreme, he has made "friends of all, and foes of none;" and to him, more than to any other, is due the high position which sport has attained in our Modern Athens. By the birth of his latest offspring, "The Edinburgh Harriers," Mr. Duncan has left a name which time itself will not efface; while his recent election to the secretaryship of the S.A.A.A. shows the extreme appreciation in which he is held by the great body of Scotch athletes.



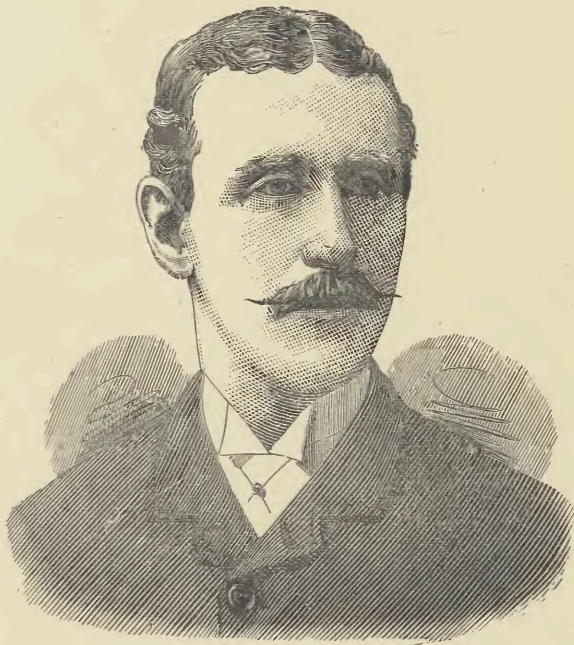
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## MR. A. ROWAN,

QUEEN'S PARK FOOTBALL CLUB.



EAL and versatility, in their higher and grander forms, are imposingly illustrated in the career of Mr. Rowan. When actively engaged in cricket, Mr. Rowan was known as a model and effective batsman, a brilliant fielder, and successful bowler. Keen eyesight is one of the essential qualifications for a good cricketer — as Mr. Rowan's optics are good, it is not to be wondered at that he was also a successful goalkeeper. In these two great branches of field sport—cricket and football—Mr. Rowan is widely known; but it is probably in connection with the first-named that he has earned his highest reputation. Mr. Rowan's active career as a cricketer may be dated from 1877, when we find him a member of the famous Caledonian Club. It was at this period that the rivalry between the Clydesdale and Caledonian Clubs was keenest and closest. In the inter-club encounters, Mr. Rowan proved himself one of the mainstays of his team. When the Caledonian was forced to give up its ground at Kelvinside, Mr. Rowan, with several other members of the club, joined the West of Scotland Cricket Club. It was about this time that the Caledonian formed a football club playing the Association rules, and here the start of Mr. Rowan's football career was made. In the team he found a place at back, where he played both steadily and well. When the Australian team of cricketers paid their second visit to Glasgow in 1881, Mr. Rowan assisted in the opposition to the renowned colonials. In 1882 the All-England Eleven visited the West of Scotland Club at Partick, and inflicted a severe defeat upon our local champions. Mr. Rowan was unfortunate in his first innings, but in the second essay he made the highest score on his side. In time we find Mr. Rowan figuring as a member of the Dumbarton County Cricket Club. His best performance in connection with this interest was when he played for the County against the West of Scotland at Partick, when he compiled the magnificent score of 92, not out. Mr. Rowan's football career has been brief, but highly successful. It was in the year 1880 that he became an active member of the Queen's Park Club, who soon recognised his marked ability at goal. A quick eye, a sure hand, and steady nerve are required for this position, and Mr. Rowan soon showed that he possessed these qualities in the highest degree. His accession to the Queen's Park was a decided acquisition to that club, as (at that time) they felt the want of a really first-class custodian. His success in the first season was so great that the Association Committee conferred upon him the high honour of keeping goal that year in the International match against England. In 1882 he was captain of the Scotch team which played against Wales, and he also represented Glasgow twice in the Inter-City matches with London and Sheffield. In 1883, Mr. Rowan was elected to the presidency of the Queen's Park Club, in succession to Mr. Richard Browne. As the head of the club administration, Mr. Rowan proved himself well worthy of the confidence which was reposed in him. It is seldom that presidents of the club retain the office for more than one term, owing to the pressure of the duties attached to it, and also to the understood custom of distributing the honour as much as possible; but Mr. Rowan's first reign proved so successful that he acceded to the solicitations of his colleagues, and took the position again at the annual meeting of 1884. He speaks fluently, and at the head of the social board makes one of the best chairmen we have listened to. We need only add, in conclusion, that Mr. Rowan has gained for himself a large number of friends, and that in every quarter he is as highly popular as he is respected.



MR. W. A. PETERKIN.

## MR. W. A. PETERKIN,

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC CLUB.



EVERY few there are whose athletic performances redound with such infinite credit as do those of William Arthur Peterkin. Born rather more than a quarter of a century ago, Mr. Peterkin early showed athletic tendencies, and while at school in Nairn he did much to further the good cause by organising the Nairn Football Club, one of the earliest Rugby clubs in the North. In London, where we next find him, he turned a considerable amount of attention to rowing, and was a member of winning eights and fours on several occasions. Here he played Rugby football as a three-quarter-back, and was looked upon as a most dangerous man in that position, his speed and strength being of great service. In 1881 he went to study at Edinburgh, and under the popular captaincy of Mr. R. S. F. Henderson, he showed himself the most effective forward in the East v. West and International matches of that season. In 1882 he had the misfortune to break his collar-bone in the match Edinburgh University against Cambridge, and so lost his place in the big matches. In the following year he was again to the fore, but although universally acknowledged to be in the very first flight of Scotch forwards, he unaccountably did not get his place in the English match. In 1884 and 1885 he was in all the matches, and assisted greatly in the scoring that was done. After declining the honour of captaining his club in 1883, he was prevailed upon to take it in 1884. The distinguishing feature of Mr. Peterkin's play has always been its earnestness. No player was ever so brilliant outside the scrummage, and so painstaking in a tight pack. In athletics proper, Mr. Peterkin was even more successful than on the football field. At every E.U.A.C. meeting from 1881 to 1884 he carried off the hammer and shot-throwing—his best-recorded performance for the latter being 39 feet 10 inches. He only began to run in 1881, but from the first he was usually placed, and in 1882, when he systematically practised for the first time, he took six firsts at the Edinburgh University Athletic Club Sports. In 1883, at the same meeting, he took three firsts and two seconds, but made his best records at Powderhall. There, at the first Scottish Championship Meeting, in the quarter, he beat T. Moffat (Montreal) after a close race, amidst great enthusiasm, in 51 3-5ths secs. A fortnight later, on the same track, the St. Bernard's F.C. Sports gave him the opportunity of doing the quarter in 51 1-5th secs., the then fastest record in Scotland. All these were accomplished with comparatively little attention to training or practice. What his record of wins would have been had he gone out of Edinburgh to compete it is impossible to say, though the record of J. W. Parsons may help to give an indication. To cricket he only devoted the summer of 1881, and then he batted and bowled to some purpose with the University eleven. The Association football team of the University also scored occasionally by his services, and his style of covering the ground as a left wing made it impossible for opposing forwards to follow him. In swimming, and in almost all other manly exercises not detailed above, he was at least proficient, and in boxing he found opponents difficult to get. He left Edinburgh and medicine at the end of the season of 1884 for a new life in Texas; and we venture to say that of all the students who have ever left Edinburgh, with or without a degree, none has ever gone who held so large a place in the hearts of his fellow-students. Generous to a fault, his good-nature and his talents made him everywhere welcome. His place will not easily, if ever, be filled in Edinburgh; and our wish for him is that he may reap worldly advantage abroad as plentifully as he gained respect and affection at home.



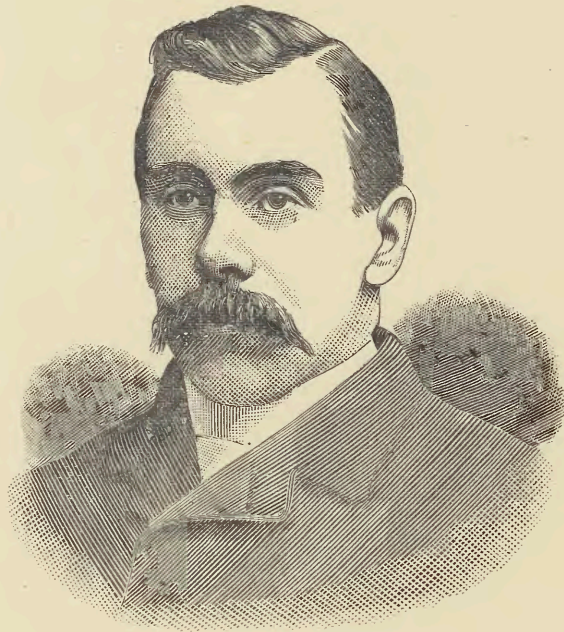
MR. ALEX. M'A. KENNEDY.

## MR. ALEX. M'A. KENNEDY,

DUMBARTON FOOTBALL AND CRICKET CLUB.



IN all the walks of athletic life, it would be difficult to find a more enthusiastic, consistent, or energetic worker than Mr. Alex. M'A. Kennedy. By judicious tact, indefatigable exertion, and untiring energy, combined with fixity of purpose and straightforwardness, he has gained a very high reputation in the athletic world. When at school he manifested great interest in all out-door sports, and along with others started a football club under the title of "The Wanderers," which had a very successful career. Mr. Kennedy played as a forward in the team. The Wanderers, however, was not long-lived. Getting together a new following, Mr. Kennedy promoted "The Rock of Dumbarton," and assumed the position of secretary, besides taking a place in the first eleven. After a time the name of the club was changed to "Alclutha." Mr. Kennedy's organising abilities were now beginning to attract attention, and several members of the Dumbarton became convinced that the only one required to make their club a success was the then secretary of the Alclutha. At the annual general meetings of the Dumbarton and the Alclutha, held the same evening, Mr. Kennedy was unanimously elected honorary and match secretary of both, although he had not the slightest knowledge of his name being put forward at the Dumbarton's meeting. When acquainted with the facts, he had some difficulty in deciding; but ultimately, on the advice of some of his friends, he accepted the position in the Dumbarton club. No one has ever regretted the appointment; and as showing the power he exercised over the members of the Alclutha and the share he had in keeping them together, it is sufficient to say that immediately he became connected with the senior club, the junior organisation joined the Dumbarton in a body. Under the first year of Mr. Kennedy's direction, the Dumbarton club won the Scottish Challenge Cup. Although in subsequent years they have not obtained the same honour, they have maintained their position as one of the leading clubs of Scotland. Besides being honorary secretary to the Dumbarton Football and Cricket Club, and match secretary of its football section, Mr. Kennedy represents the club on the Scottish Football Association Committee. Mr. Kennedy is also a member of the Charity Committee and the Sub-Committee on Professionalism. On the latter subject he is very clear and decided, and is strongly opposed to the introduction of the professional element. Through Mr. Kennedy's assiduity, the Dumbartonshire Football Association was established in March, 1884. He was its first secretary, and is now its president. In 1881 the Dumbartonshire Art Club was formed, the subject of our sketch being one of the promoters. Here again his abilities were called into play by his unanimous election to the secretaryship. He still retains this office, performing the duties in a most satisfactory manner. Mr. Kennedy is by profession a naval architect in the shipbuilding-yard of Messrs. Archibald M'Millan & Son, Dumbarton, where he is second in command in the department. Some years ago he devoted most of his spare time to the study of naval architecture, and passed the Government examinations (three in number) with highest honours. He holds a medal, the only one of the year, for passing his final or "honours" examination, and which speaks volumes for his genuine capabilities. Mr. Kennedy is possessed of a warm and generous disposition, is kindly and obliging, and is esteemed by all who know him. He has many admirers throughout the country, who respect him in a manner vouchsafed to few officials. Let us hope that such an able and popular gentleman may long be found willing to aid in all athletic efforts,



MR. M. SINCLAIR.



## MR. M. SINCLAIR,

MID-LOTHIAN CYCLING CLUB.

**S**INCE the days when Edina's youth first bestrode the wobbly wheel of the bygone bon shaker, the features of Mr. M. Sinclair have ever been familiar to cyclists in the East, and are now equally well known in the West and North of Scotland, the North and Midlands of England; in short, wherever wheelmen most do congregate. "Mat" Sinclair is not a cycling celebrity of to-day. As long ago as 1872 he astonished the fair promenaders of Princes Street by his giddy evolutions on the "velocipede" of the period, and from that time to the present, on two wheels or three, he has always been a most ardent votary of the sport. When the Mid-Lothian B.C. was formed in 1876, Mr. Sinclair was one of its earlier members. The only bicycle races he took part in then were the championships of his club in 1882, when he won, and in 1883, when he had the misfortune to fall while well placed. To recapitulate Mr. Sinclair's successes on the tricycle would occupy far more space than we can afford, but we may mention a few. First mounted on three wheels (barring the perambulator of infancy) in 1880, he was one of the first to bring the tricycle into notice in Scotland. He at that time rode an old Salvo, which was his mount in the championships of 1881 and 1882, running second to Mr. Lamb in the latter year. In 1883 he took to the Coventry Rotary, and on this machine, which he has done so much to popularise in this end of the island, he won the road championship of Scotland in good time, although in very bad weather. In that year he also took a prize every time he started, which was not seldom. Two seasons ago he was again to the fore, adding many more wins to his already long list, and, along with Mr. D. H. Huie, proving the capabilities of the tandem tricycle, then newly introduced, by doing 30 miles on the road in 1 hr. 48 min. on a Coventry Rotary Roadster Tandem, besides having many successes on the path. He was, however, beaten by a few inches for the mile championship by his old antagonist, Mr. J. Hay, after a grand finish. Last year he only started once, when he won from scratch, showing the old form still to be there. As one of the "wise men" of the sport, Mr. Sinclair has played a prominent part. Secretary for some time of the now defunct "Scottish Bicyclists' Association," he was the first member of the N.C.U. in Scotland, and is now delegate of the Mid-Lothian B.C. on the Local Centre Committee. Appointed manager of Messrs. D. Rudge & Co.'s Scottish branches when opened last year, the extensive use of this firm's machines in Scotland testifies to Mr. Sinclair's business energy and abilities; and most riders of these machines, and their name is legion, will remember the pleasantly-plausible way in which he convinced them that "the Rudge is the best." The agency of the far-famed cycles of Messrs. Marriott & Cooper is also in his hands. These are evidences of Mr. Sinclair's popularity. His *bonhomie* and good-fellowship are too well-known to need reference, and have earned for him the sobriquets of "Skitee" and the "genial Mat;" while Harrogate, the "Home of the M'Scorchers," tenanted by him and some kindred spirits, has been a centre of jollity for the past three years. May his shadow never grow less!



DR. JOHN SMITH.

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QUEEN'S PARK FOOTBALL CLUB.



ANY great men in this age of advanced learning and culture would have us believe that there is an incompatibility between physical and intellectual training. Were we inclined to argue the point with these sophists, we could easily "smash and pulverise" their unsound teachings; and our method of doing so would be the introduction to them of such men of the mental and physical calibre of Dr. John Smith. Dr. Smith was educated at Ayr Academy, which has turned out many well-known athletes, including Mr. W. W. Beveridge and Mr. T. Highet. Leaving school in the autumn of 1872, Mr. Smith commenced his studies at Edinburgh University, where his athletic tastes were further developed. From 1874 till 1877 he was a regular member of the Rugby fifteen, and was several times chosen for the Inter-City and East v. West matches. Shortly after this, while on vacation at Mauchline—his native place—Mr. Smith started an Association eleven, and in this club it may be said he laid the foundation of his after fame. In 1876 he was chosen reserve back in the Scottish International Twenty, and in the following year obtained a place in the International Association Eleven. For some little time after this Dr. Smith was little heard of owing to an injury, but 1879-80 saw him back in the thick of the fight, and perhaps at his best as an Association player. He again represented the Thistle at the Oval and at Wrexham, and in each of these games increased his reputation as a player. His connection with the Queen's Park dates from the spring of 1880, when he played in the Charity ties, and assisted greatly towards the winning of the Cup for that year. To detail Mr. Smith's distinctive achievements in the football field would entirely overrun the limits of this sketch. There is, however, one very pleasant feature in Dr. Smith's career, and it is this: that all the time he was engaged in athletics, he never lost sight of the main object for which he had been sent to college; that he was an industrious and earnest student is proved by the fact that the session of 1881 found him a qualified medical man, having taken the degrees of Master of Arts (first-class science honours), Bachelor of Medicine, and Master of Surgery. Besides being a distinguished footballer, Dr. Smith is a very fair cricketer and a distinguished "ped.," and his famous 100-yards struggles with his old schoolmate, W. W. Beveridge, will not soon be forgotten. In the manly art of self-defence the doctor is no novice, his great reach and commanding height making him as much dreaded by an opponent as he is trusted by a friend. From what we have said, it will be seen that Dr. Smith is one of the most versatile athletes of the present age, and we have not the slightest hesitation in saying that none excel, and certainly few equal him.

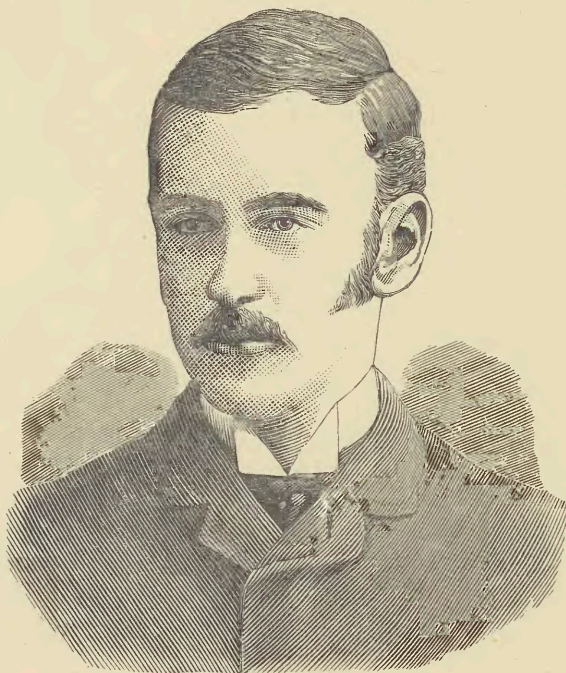


MR. J. H. S. GRAHAM.

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EDINBURGH ACADEMICAL CLUB.

**G**F the many first-rate football-players trained in the Edinburgh Academy, none has won greater fame than Mr. J. H. S. Graham. A player from his earliest years, he had not long been at school till he worked his way into the school "twenty" (for "twenties" were played in those days), and in 1873-4 he held the honour of school captain. During that and the succeeding season, when he again held the captaincy, he had the satisfaction of not losing a single match—a result due no less to his brilliant play and indefatigable exertions than to his remarkable skill in training and leading his men. During the latter season, such was the excellence of the Academy team, that three out of their number—J. H. S. Graham, L. J. Aitken, and N. F. Finlay—were selected among the representatives of Edinburgh in the Inter City; while Finlay was also chosen to play in the International match against England. Next year Mr. Graham also won his International cap: from that time until he retired from active service he uniformly figured as one of Scotland's finest forwards. His dribbling and tackling were perfect, while from the start to the finish he was always on the ball. He raised the Academical team to as high a pitch of excellence as he had raised the Academy, and retired from the post of captain of the club unbeaten. The Scottish Football Union, appreciating his abilities, made him captain of the International team; and subsequent to his retirement he held the offices of president and vice president of the Union. To few has it been given to have the bud of promise bursting into the perfect flower, and then ripening into rich fruit, as it has been given to Mr. Graham. But it was not on the football field alone that Mr. Graham gained athletic laurels. We recollect a splendid set-to between him and that well-known athlete, Mr. P. W. Smeaton, in a steeple-chase at the Academy sports. Neck-and-neck all down the last hundred yards it was anyone's race, but Mr. Graham was victorious by about a foot. Mr. Graham in his younger days was a pole vaulter of no mean excellence. On the cricket field he exhibited, and still exhibits, no mean powers. He was captain of his school eleven in 1875, when one of his finest performances was a brilliant score of 96 against Merchiston. Smart in the field, and always able to take a share in the bowling, he was invaluable to his side. A first-rate cricketer, perhaps feeling a little bitter at the time, once said of him: "I can't see that he has either pitch, pace, break, or any other thing, but he does get my wicket." Mr. Graham's slashing cuts must be well known to the habitués of Raeburn Place, as he has treated the spectators to many a hard-hit innings. Last season, although he did not appear to be turning out so regularly, he showed that his former skill had not forsaken him. In private Mr. Graham is the most genial of men; and amongst all who know him—and hundreds who do not enjoy his personal friendship—he is a great favourite. No history of athletics of Scotland will ever be complete that fails to record the valuable services rendered to the cause of football by Mr. J. H. S. Graham.

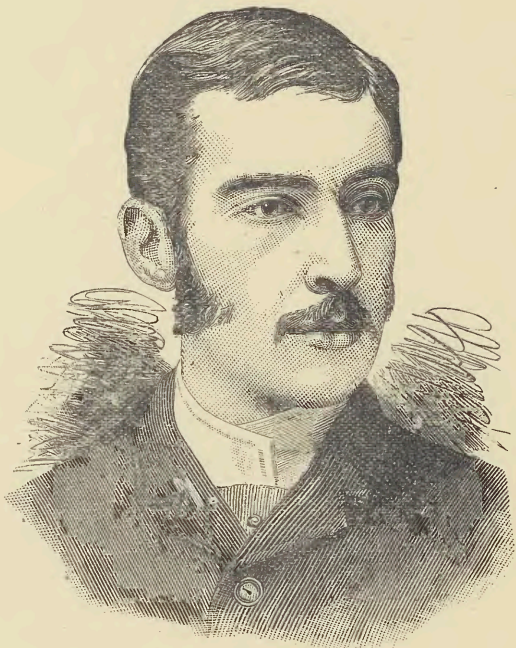


MR. J. MACDONALD.

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EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY C.C. AND QUEEN'S PARK F.C.

**T** is an incontrovertible fact that University life is peculiarly favourable to the cultivation of athletics. Students have more time on their hands than those who are engaged in the worry and excitement of commerce, and if they are not they should be the embodiment of all that is perfect and manly in out-door exercise. Cases there have been of youths who have frittered away their time in the field as they have in the class-room or laboratory, but Mr. Macdonald, we are happy to say, does not belong to this class. Mr. Macdonald was born in Inverness four-and-twenty years ago, and was educated at the Academy there. Cricket was his first love, and he early showed that he was the possessor of abilities above the common. He attracted the attention of the authorities of the Northern Counties C.C. when he was a schoolboy, and often played for that club. In 1879 he came to Edinburgh, and joined the University club, in whose second eleven he played for a time. What brought Mr. Macdonald prominently before the Scotch public as a cricketer was the splendid score of 48 not out which he made against the United South of England. He had an average for the 'Varsity of 18 that season, his highest score being 47 against Loretto. There was a marked improvement in his batting the following summer. In the Inter-University contest between Glasgow and Edinburgh he was credited with 154 not out, and among other scores which came from his bat were 79 against Royal High School, and 89 against Carlton. Having made his reputation as a steady all-round cricketer, he was in 1880 chosen to play against Daft's American team and the Australians, but in neither of these matches was he very fortunate. Over the year, however, he could boast of an average of 40. The season of '81 saw him for the first time making a stand against Glasgow in the annual Inter-City contest—his scores were certainly not large, but they were useful displays of batting. So popular was Mr Macdonald among his college companions that in 1883 he was offered the captaincy, but had to decline it, Mr. Hartley taking the honour. His average for '83 was 21. In all these years Mr. Macdonald distinguished himself as a cricketer, but in the following season he eclipsed all previous efforts, and besides scoring the highest number of runs of any batsman in Scotland, his average was incomparably the finest of the year. For the 'Varsity that season he obtained 864 for sixteen completed innings, which gave him an average of 54. With the ball we find he was also very successful in 1883, his average being 8.3 runs per wicket. The honour of captaining the team was again offered him, and this time he accepted it, and the example he set by scoring splendidly in every match so operated on each member that the records of the 'Varsity team for 1883 have no parallel in the history of the club. Last season Mr. Macdonald played for the 'Varsity, but in view of important examinations, he was not able to devote much of his time to practice, and his performances, therefore, were less brilliant than those of previous seasons. Mr. Macdonald, besides being one of the foremost cricketers in Scotland, has a place among Association footballers which is the envy of many and the happy possession of few. In 1880 we find him playing Association football under the charge of Dr. Smith. Having a quick eye and good pace, he had two of the leading attributes that make a good player. These expanded and broadened with experience, and the position he now occupies among contemporary half-backs is neither equalled nor surpassed by any one.



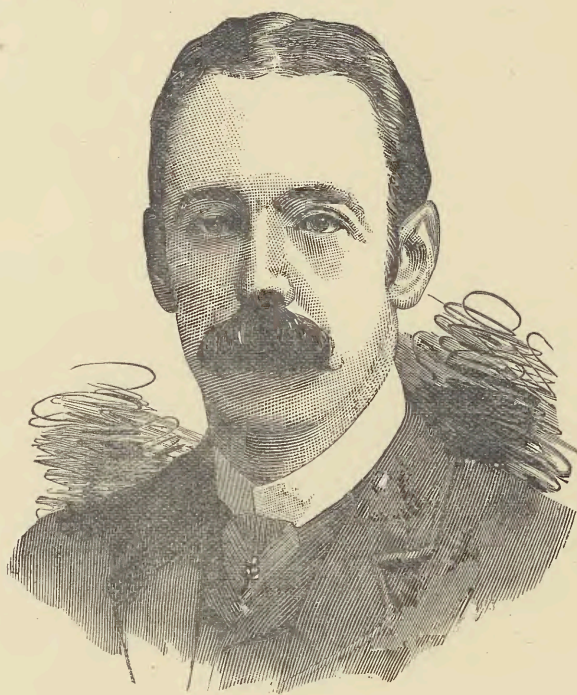
MR. R. M. WENLEY.



## MR R. M. WENLEY,

CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB AND NATIONAL CYCLISTS' UNION.

**A**S a cyclist, Mr. R. M. Wenley is probably more representative than any other in Scotland, as he is the holder of the most responsible offices that our two greatest cycling institutions—the Cyclists' Touring Club and the National Cyclists' Union—can confer. Moreover, no better representative could be selected in Scotland of a class of young men, scarcely to be found outside of the British Isles, who combine the keenest enjoyment and appreciation of out-door exercise with the most ardent devotion to study. Mr. Wenley was born in the year 1861. The earlier part of his education he received at the Park School, Glasgow. After spending several years at this institution, he entered the Arts classes of Glasgow University, where his natural bent soon led him to the study of philosophy. Before taking to cycling, he was a well-known member of the Arlington Swimming Club, Glasgow, in whose competitions he took a leading part, and succeeded in carrying off many prizes. About the same time he was appointed honorary secretary of the Kyles of Bute Aquatic Club—a position which he held for three years. While a member of this club, Mr. Wenley also gained considerable local reputation as an oarsman. At the end of the year 1881, Mr. Wenley turned his attention to cycling, and early in 1883 he was elected a member of the Lanarkshire B.C. In its ranks he soon took a prominent position, but was unknown to cyclists generally till the beginning of the year 1884, when he attended a meeting which was convened to consider the advisability of establishing a Scottish Cyclists' Union. To the idea of such a union Mr. Wenley was altogether opposed, and his speech on the occasion was plain and uncompromising, and revealed the fact that he was not only a hard thinker, but an able and forcible speaker, and that he possessed the faculty of seeing right into the heart of a subject, and grasping it in all its bearings. Another proposal which was mooted shortly after this—viz., of a union between the cyclists and the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association—was also successfully opposed by Mr. Wenley. On the formation of the West of Scotland Local Centre of the N.C.U. he was elected honorary secretary; and it is owing chiefly to his energy and fearlessness, in the face of much calumny, that the N.C.U. has been kept alive in Scotland. In April, 1884, he was elected chief consul of the C.T.C., and he has since managed the South-Western district so successfully that it is now the largest, and has the reputation of being the most efficiently officered, in Scotland. Altogether, few young men have displayed so much enthusiasm for athletics of every kind. This is all the more remarkable when we consider that it has not in the slightest degree interfered with Mr. Wenley's work as a student. Among other prizes, Mr. Wenley as a student obtained the first in the class of higher metaphysics, and shortly afterwards he became a gold medalist of the University. Last year the students displayed their confidence in his powers of speech and organisation by unanimously appointing him president of the University Liberal Club. On proceeding to the degree of M.A., he completed a brilliant collegiate career by taking "first-class" honours in mental science, and shortly thereafter he was elected to the "Scott" scholarship. Those who know Mr. Wenley best, believe that what he has already done is but the promise of what he is yet destined to do, and—surely not without reason—anticipate for him a future at once useful and brilliant.



MR. MALCOLM CROSS.

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EX-PRESIDENT SCOTTISH RUGBY UNION.



OUTH and greatness in the athletic world are twin brothers: the one is part and parcel of the other—the two are one and indivisible. There are instances of men reaching the sunny heights of athletic distinction when on the cloudy side of life; but in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred those who make themselves famous in the many and varied walks of athletics all live on that isthmus which separates boyhood from manhood. No better example of the truth of what we have just said could be set forward than the life of Mr. Malcolm Cross. Mr. Cross's career is a singularly fascinating one to the youthful mind—it is one long string of successes, culminating in his appointment to the presidentship of the Scottish Rugby Union, in October, 1884. Mr. Cross is a native of Glasgow, and the first school he attended was the Academy. After going through all the classes there, he was sent to Merchiston, where ere long he disclosed an aptitude for cricket and football. Mr. Cross was a brilliant cricketer, and when he left school made many excellent scores for the Academicals and the West of Scotland. On one occasion he represented the Gentlemen of Scotland against the Players of Scotland, and a very respectable number of runs came from his bat. He was one of the eighteen gentlemen who played against the Australians in the match got up by the Clydesdale. But while good at cricket, Mr. Cross was much better at football; and it was at that game he earned all the renown which now covers him. In 1875, when quite a stripling, he was elected to play half-back for Scotland. From then till 1880 he held that post, his companion for the greater part of the time being Ninian J. Finlay, of the Edinburgh Academicals. Mr. Cross was only 18 years of age when he played his first International. In addition to playing six consecutive times against England, he played in the first three contests against Ireland. On the whole, perhaps, next to Dr. Irvine, Mr. J. H. S. Graham, and Mr. W. E. Maclagan, he has taken part in more Internationals than any of our other great players. In 1877, Mr. Cross dropped the winning goal against England at Raeburn Place, the spectators being so delighted with this feat that they carried him shoulder-high to the pavilion when the match was over. As a drop-kicker, Mr. Cross was without an equal in his day, while as a place-kicker, we are safe in asserting that Scotland never had a man like him. The first year Mr. Cross played against Ireland, which was in 1877, he dropped two goals, and kicked two from tries—an achievement which stands unparalleled in the history of International contests. After leaving Merchiston, he threw in his lot with the Glasgow Academicals, of which he was soon made captain, and under his guidance the traditions of the club were maintained in every respect. Mr. Cross's last appearance was at Hamilton Crescent, two years past in December. He was engaged playing for Glasgow against Edinburgh, and, coming in contact with an opponent, his knee snapped, and for a time he was compelled to remain in bed. But for this accident, we believe he would have been playing up to the present time. In the following year (1883) the Union made him vice-president, and in the natural order of events he was in October, 1884, raised to the president's chair—a position he filled till last year with intelligence and becoming dignity. To be appointed president of the Scottish Rugby Union is the highest honour an old player can receive. Mr. Cross discharged the duties of this office to the satisfaction of all; and in this respect was a worthy successor to the distinguished men who preceded him as president.

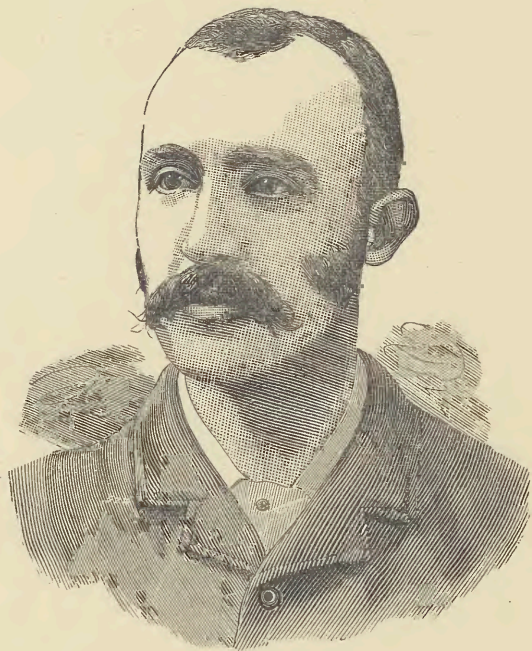


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## MR. WALTER ARNOTT.

QUEEN'S PARK FOOTBALL CLUB.

**E**NIALITY of character and manliness of disposition are the internal proofs of a man's popularity; ability the external proof. When these are proportionately blended, the man in whom they exist is popular in the broadest and truest sense of the word. Such a man is Mr. Walter Arnott, whom to watch is to admire, whom to know is to esteem. It is long since the leading critics looked upon Mr. Arnott as a perfect and noble player, in whom is embodied a rare wealth of resource, and who, by his dignified and pure style of play, has done much to popularise football; while, at the same time, it would be idle to deny that he has added not a little to the splendid reputation enjoyed by the club of which he is so distinguished a member. When a very young lad, Mr. Arnott took most kindly to the winter game, and whether as a forward or a back, he always did well. The Rugby game was his first love, but on the South Side of Glasgow these rules never flourished, and he soon gave them up for the Association code. After leaving school, he joined the Pollokshields Athletic, and for a long time played in the second eleven. Five seasons ago, when the 'Shields got into the semi-final tie, one of the players who rendered efficient service to the club was Mr. Arnott. By 1882, Mr. Arnott had made his mark, and the Scottish Football Association gave him a place in the Glasgow team against Sheffield. Next year saw Mr. Arnott a member of the Queen's Park. This was the turning-point in his career. So highly were his powers prized by the Association, that in 1883 he was chosen first reserve for the International with England, and in the same year he did grand service for Scotland in its contest with Wales. Since then he has been in all the representative teams chosen by the Association, and, if we are not mistaken, it was Mr. Arnott who captained the first Scotch team that played Ireland. For reasons best known to himself, Mr. Arnott returned to the Pollokshields Athletic, and played regularly with them till they were thrown out of the Cup competition by the Battlefield. The 'Shields appointed Mr. Arnott captain, and there can be no doubt that under his guidance the club attained a position which gave it a high standing among kindred organisations. He soon began to divide his favours between the old love and the new, however, and neither club caring for this, it came to be a matter of choosing either the one or the other. The choice fell on the Queen's Park, and what Mr. Arnott has since done for that club is well known to all who take an interest in football. It is chiefly as a football-player that Mr. Arnott is best known, although we believe he is a very good cricketer, and, were he to cultivate the graces of the "royal game" more assiduously than he does, might become a good player. He revels in the breezy pastime of yachting, and as a lawn-tennis player he has attained considerable proficiency; while in the "old man's" game of bowling he has gained several prizes, and was twice runner-up for the prize given by the president of the Pollokshields club. These, and other things we could mention, show that Mr. Arnott is a keen sportsman—one whose achievements in the football field have long since placed him among the greatest exponents of the game Scotland ever had, and one around whose name there always will hang an imperishable halo of glory.

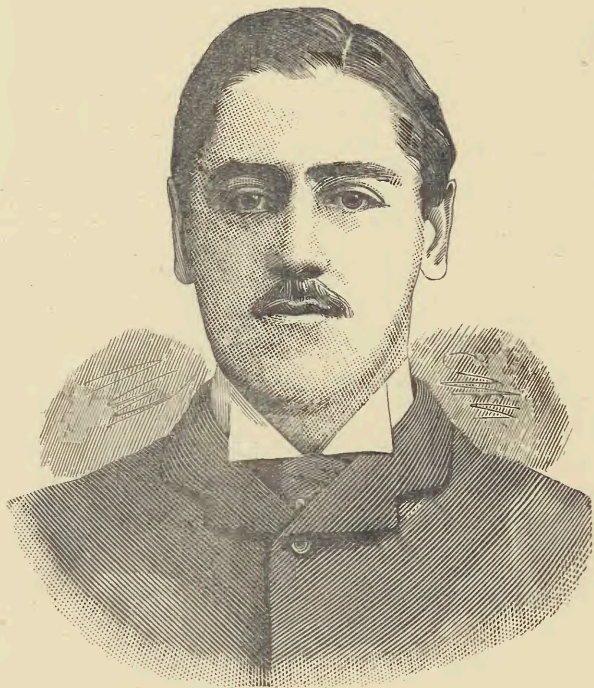


MR. JOHN CARRICK, JUN.

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WEST OF SCOTLAND CRICKET CLUB

**M**R. CARRICK is best known as a cricketer to the sporting world, though he also enjoys a high reputation as a golfer, and played while at school a conspicuous part in Rugby football. As captain of the cricket and football elevens of the Glasgow Academy in 1868-69, he first came into notice, and earned for himself golden opinions, both by his merits as a player and by his ability as a leader. The cricket eleven, of which Mr. Carrick was skipper, won all their matches, and one of these was against a strong eleven of the Caledonian—at that time the most powerful players in Scotland. Mr. Carrick, although only in his sixteenth year, played for the Caledonian club against the All-England Eleven, being up to that time the youngest batsman ever chosen to represent Scotland against England. Those who remember that match will recall with delight the ease and freedom with which he played the bowling of such renowned trundlers as Tarrant, Freeman, and J. C. Shaw. Mr. Carrick was one of the most popular captains of his school, and it may safely be said it never had a captain more worthy of the post. Its triumphs under him are not easily forgotten, nor have they since been equalled or even approached. With his school days his football career came to an abrupt end, and the Rugby game lost one of its most likely forwards. Mr. Carrick went to London soon after leaving school, but while there played but little cricket. In a few years he sailed for India, where he joined the Calcutta Cricket Club, and very soon came to the front. In 1878, having then been three years resident, he became a member of the committee, and from that time until he came home in 1881 captained the club. During the time he was a member he played in all the matches of his club, his average being over 40 for 26 innings, and his best performances 56 not out and 106 not out against the Ballygunge club. Coming home at the end of 1881, Mr. Carrick played during the next season altogether in England, chiefly with M.C.C., Incogniti, and Free Foresters, and for 23 innings had an average of 27, a very high figure indeed when the different conditions under which he played the game abroad are considered. Since then Mr. Carrick has played for the W.S.C.C. In the early part of the season of 1884 he scored 103 not out against the Greenock club by very fine cricket; he also scored over 50 in both matches against the Clydesdale, and during his club's English tour, though not so successful as his brother, scored 64 against the Crystal Palace club. It is generally admitted that there is no more able exponent of the game in Scotland than Mr. Carrick, and none of wider experience. During the season in which he was captain of the W.S.C.C. he helped largely, if he was not altogether instrumental, in raising the rather drooping prestige of the club, and, though no longer an office-bearer, he still continues to take an active part in its management. The W.S.C.C. tour of last year, too, was mainly due to his efforts, and to his management of the team is to be attributed the successful issue. Mr. Carrick was chosen along with Mr. L. M. Balfour and Mr. Almond, who now compose the committee elected by the representatives of the chief clubs for the selection of teams for any International matches. As a golfer, Mr. Carrick has the reputation of being one of the ablest exponents of our national game.



MR. A. G. G. ASHER.



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FETTESIAN-LORETTONIAN CLUB.



It is a well known fact that England continually boasts of her superiority in sports to Scotland, with, perhaps, the solitary exception of football. But this superiority has not been so marked since Mr. Asher and a few other well-known Scotch gentlemen went into residence at Oxford University. Born in India in December, 1861. Mr. Asher went at an early age to Uppingham, but after remaining there for a year or two, he changed to Loretto, where he at once developed that love of athletics which has since characterised him. In 1876 he first played for the school eleven. That year also saw him playing for the school at football, and he continued to represent Loretto in both departments till he left in 1881. At the close of his last Loretto season, he had the capital average of 28—he and Carruthers of Fettes being the two best school bats of the year. It was not till he went to Oxford, however, that his abilities as an athlete were fully put to the test—he went up with a great reputation at football, but with a still greater at cricket. During his first football season in 1881, he amply maintained his reputation by getting his cap for the 'Varsity team; so consistent was his play in 1882, that he found a place in the Scotch team against Ireland. In the cricket season following, Mr. Asher was evidently not accustomed to the fast English grounds, and did not do much in the big matches. The Oxford football season of 1882-83 was the first of their long-continued series of victories, and Mr. Asher proved himself more useful than ever. During the Christmas vacation, his play for the Fettesian-Lorettonians was consistently fine, though in this year he did not do duty in the International matches. The cricket season of 1883 was extremely favourable to Mr. Asher, and he found himself in splendid form at the outset, and kept it up till the last. His opening score of 111 in the Senior match at Oxford, and his 181 at Orleans, gained him his well-deserved cricket blue; at the close of the 'Varsity season, his average of 25 was only second to that of his old school friend, Mr. J. G. Walker's, 31. In the end of 1884, football again claimed him, and after another series of victories at Oxford, he played for Scotland against England, Ireland, and Wales, dropping a goal in the latter, and securing a try against each of the others. The cricket season of 1884 was unfortunate for Mr. Asher, as he was not in form at first. Still, he played well in some of the 'Varsity matches, and again met the Australians in their memorable match with Oxford. His fourth season in the 'Varsity Rugby team was rewarded with continued success, and he, in the capacity of captain, had much to congratulate himself on. He again played for Scotland v. Wales, but was unable to leave Oxford to play against Ireland. Mr. Asher left Oxford two years ago, and is now resident in Edinburgh, where he plays for the Wanderers at "quarter" along with his great contemporary. As a long jumper, Mr. Asher was chosen against Cambridge in 1883, but owing to an accident did not compete. The following year he won at Oxford with 21 ft. 1½ in., and finished his University career by winning against Cambridge. It falls to the lot of few men to be so distinguished in the athletic world, and it is, as far as we know, an unparalleled feat to have gained three "blues" at Oxford. In conclusion, Mr. A. G. G. Asher, as an all-round athlete, is one of the best men in Scotland, if not in England, and it would be hard to find any one to beat him in all-round excellence. His interest in every branch of sport is unbounded; and his name is always connected with what is manly and beneficial to the encouragement of it.



MR. WOODVILLE GRAY.

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POLLOKSHIELDS ATHLETIC CLUB.



RARELY has it fallen to the lot of athletes, in the springtide of life, to attain the eminence and popularity enjoyed by Mr. Woodville Gray, of the Pollokshields Athletic Club. When at the Glasgow Academy as a schoolboy, three years ago, he was known as one of the foremost forwards in Glasgow. Schoolboys have several times been chosen by the Scottish Rugby Union to play in important International matches, but Mr. Gray was the first to be thus honoured by the Scottish Football Association. When but 17 years of age, he was chosen to represent Glasgow against Sheffield, and his play somewhat astonished those who objected to his selection on the ground that he was inexperienced. Ever since that game, Mr. Gray has been—as he deserves to be—a favourite with the public. In the following season he played for his native city against London, at Kennington Oval; and it is right to say that, but for his splendid dribbling, the Englishmen would have been victorious by more points than three to two. His individual runs in this match were much admired, and twice he was the means of scoring for St. Mungo. The Committee of the Scottish Football Association selected him to play in the first International match with Ireland, but he was compelled to decline the honour. Mr. Gray played for the Queen's Park that season in the Charity matches, and distinguished himself alike by the vigour and consistency of his form. There are some who hold that Mr. Gray makes rather too much of his weight and too little of his dribbling powers. Whether that be true or not, no one can lay the charge of deliberate charging at Mr. Gray's door. Indeed, as in the case of many others, part of his success as a player is due to the fact that he knows when to use his shoulders and when to use his feet. Mr. Gray played for the Queen's Park in the final English tie against the Rovers. Like the other forwards, he was a failure that day, though towards the close he brightened up and sent in one or two grand shots. Mr. Gray, though a member of the Queen's Park, is best known through his connection with the Pollokshields Athletic, for which club he has played several seasons; and it was partly through his innate ability as a player that the 'Shields—not last season only, but the season before—got so near the final tie of the Scottish Cup competition. This season we have seen but little of him, his appearances being limited to an occasional match for the Queen's Park. For his own club he has played very regularly; but then the 'Shields engagements, on the other hand, have been far from regular. We hope that an improvement will set in soon, not merely for their own sakes, but for the sake of Mr. Gray,—as we believe that his association with the 'Shields club is too strong to admit of him leaving. Mr. Gray, young as he is, has already made a great name for himself in Association circles, and we see no reason why he should not long wear the garlands which decorate the brow of those who, by their prowess and skill, bring dignity and honour to their motherland.



MR. A. S. PATERSON.

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EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY A.C.

**T**HE athletic career of Mr. A. S. Paterson began when he joined the Edinburgh University Athletic F.C. in 1874. These were the days of "Quintie" Paterson and other famous Rugby players, and in their company Mr. Paterson's education was carried to some degree of perfection as a half-back. In the spring and summer of 1875 he began to practise running at Powderhall, in company with the ever-popular Dr. John Smith, Dr. T. Spence, the Woodheads, Lord, Kilner, and others. In that summer he was a good second in the half-mile handicap at the annual sports of the University. During the following winter he was a diligent attender of the Rugby practices. On resuming running practice he gained his place in the half, and walked over in the mile at the Inter-Varsity trial sports. Between the trial and the actual sports he won the two-mile handicap of the University Harriers Club. As a former pupil of the Collegiate School, and as a Watsonian, Mr. Paterson, in the same spring, carried off several prizes, and so established his reputation that at the summer sports of the E.U.A.C. he was placed at scratch in the only distance handicap, the half-mile. This he won, without much difficulty, in 2 minutes 8 seconds, then considered very good time on the turf. He did not compete in the mile, but in the three miles he had a tussle up to half the distance with Adam Campbell, who was there forced to retire, and Paterson finished alone and perfectly fresh. In September of the same season a gun accident blew away a portion of what had once been a useful right leg, and Mr. Paterson was laid on a bed of languishing for some three months, and the season of 1876-77 passed without a resumption of his former exercises. In the summer of 1878 he began again, but only attempted the quarter-mile. In '78-79 he played football in a desultory sort of way. In the spring of '79 he took the half-mile and mile at the Inter-University sports held at St. Andrews, and the half-mile at the West of Scotland sports. In summer he again took the championship of the E.U.A.C., with wins in the half-mile, mile, and two-mile walking races, a first in fencing, and a second in the steeplechase, the last two events being held previously. In '79-80 he got a place as a forward in the University Fifteen, and played regularly for two seasons. At the West sports of 1880 he startled Partick by winning the mile and the steeplechase with considerable ease, and repeated the performance in the next season. The reading of law seems to be incompatible with good running, for in '82 he could only win the steeplechase, and he has hardly run at all since that time. This is as much of Mr. Paterson's history as the limits of this sketch will allow. For five years he has been a member of committee of the E.U.A.C., and for some time he was hon. sec. for that body. In October, 1881, confidence in his administrative ability led to his election as hon. sec. and treasurer of the Scottish Football Union. He was unanimously re-elected the following season, but in 1883 was thrown out by a narrow majority in favour of his "learned friend," Mr. J. A. Gardner. In March, 1883, Mr. J. Brewis and he founded the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association, and for which he acted as secretary up till last season. Mr. Paterson is a rising member of the Scotch Bar. He has been already entrusted with the conduct of important cases, and we have no doubt that a man possessed of such natural abilities as Mr. Paterson will have a long and brilliant career. Mr. Paterson has a wide social circle, by whom he is held in high esteem.



Mr. J. M. Bow.

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EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY CYCLING CLUB.

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**M**R. J. M. BOW is one of the most prominent cyclists in Scotland. He left Loretto School in 1880, and afterwards went to, and took the Arts classes at Edinburgh University. He took his M.A. degree in 1883, and is now at the University as a law student. He joined the University Cycling Club in 1882, but did not begin to race till the following year. His first bicycle race was at the Institution Games in May, 1883, where he won the first prize, and followed that up by winning prizes at the E.A.B.C. and Scottish Meet races of that year. These and other races he won on his roadster machine. In 1884 he continued to race with fair success on his roadster till August, when he got a racer. After some steady training with Mr. Huie, both went to race at Newcastle. Mr. Huie won the Cowen Cup from R. H. English and others; while Bow, on his new racer, simply ran away with the mile. Without more practice he fairly cleared the decks at Paisley in September. In 1885, Mr. Bow raced often and well, though a bad spill at the beginning of the season spoiled him for some time. His thoroughly sportsman-like action, in declining to ride out the one-mile championship, when that honour (consequent on Messrs. Laing and Lamb falling) was within his grasp, will not soon be forgotten. He has plenty of head, heart, and strength, and can easily win championships yet if he will train. He is also a first-class all-round road rider. He has not done much on the single bicycle, but has been very successful on the tandem tricycle. Mr. Bow was honorary secretary of the Edinburgh University Cycling Club last season, and at a recent meeting was elected captain. He is the cycling representative on the University Athletic Club Committee. He is honorary secretary of the Edinburgh Local Centre of the N.C.U., a lieutenant in the Q.E.R.V.B., and a member of the committee of the Edinburgh Harriers. Though cycling is his favourite sport, he is a good all-round athlete. He has been running well with the Harriers this season, and also goes in for football, tennis, pole-vaulting, &c. He did his best last September to drown himself and some friends with his yachting and boating on the Clyde. He well deserves to be the favourite he is. He can do well in many ways when he cares to exert himself.



MR. J. A. GARDNER.



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EDINBURGH ACADEMICAL CLUB.

**E**DUCATED at the Edinburgh Academy, which he joined in 1869, Mr. J. A. Gardner while there took a prominent part in the athletics of the school, and formed one of the football fifteen, which—under Mr. J. H. S. Graham's captaincy—carried all before them for a couple of seasons. After leaving school he at once threw in his lot with the Academical team, and from that time has adhered to this club through success and defeat with constancy and devotion. Commencing his club play in the second fifteen, he rose to the first, and eventually, in 1872, was chosen captain. His lot fell in troublous times for his club, as our readers will recollect. After a long series of successes, the great proportion of the leading Academical players ceased playing at the same time, and Mr. Gardner had to form a fifteen to a large extent new to each other. Many would have been discouraged with the task, but he was not; and we venture to say that much of the present success of the club is due to the unflagging exertions of Mr. Gardner in keeping together the team in its days of adversity. For three years Mr. Gardner occupied the post of secretary to the Academical Football Club. He found it struggling in difficulties; he left it sound and independent in its finance; and what greater praise can be given to a secretary? No doubt it was owing to his success as a club secretary the Scottish Football Union chose him to act as their secretary. During the past two years he has filled that post; and while he is no longer seen actively taking part in football matches, he is familiar as an umpire. During his secretaryship the Union has flourished both financially and in the field. He has also taken a prominent part in Academical cricket in recent years; and during the past season his exertions were crowned with the reward of the captaincy. He has always shown scoring power, and that, coupled with plenty of defence, has enabled him usually to show a very substantial average at the close of the season. His score of 63 last year against the Leith Caledonian will not readily be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to witness it. Last season, although he was captain of the Academicals, his arduous duties at the Bar left him little leisure for practice, and this may account for his comparatively small scoring. He is a fair wicket-keeper, especially to fast bowling, where his long reach serves him in good stead. We have also seen him try his hand at bowling not unsuccessfully. Mr. Gardner was recently appointed secretary to the directors of his old school; and while we congratulate him on the honour, we feel certain that the directors have selected one who will have their interests continually at heart, and who will spare no pains on their behalf.



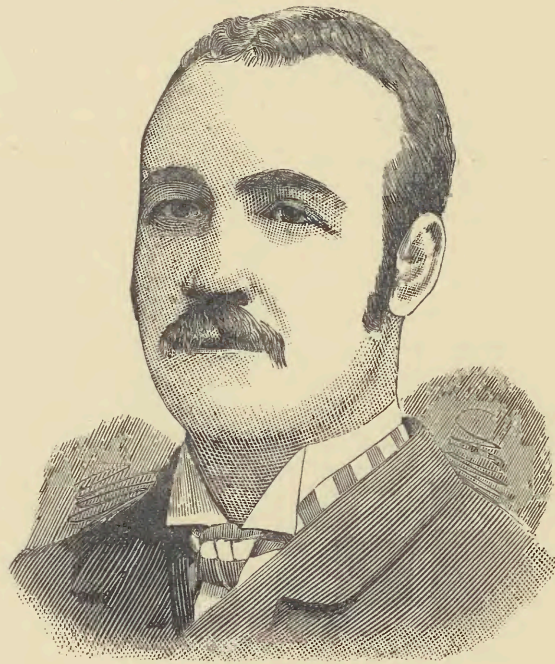
MR. J. G. WALKER.

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R. WALKER was born in Glasgow, and received the greater part of his early education there. In the spring of 1872 he went to Loretto School, and at once gained a place in one of the junior elevens. It was not, however, until the summer of 1874 that he was chosen for the school eleven. In the succeeding winter, for the first time, he represented his school on the football field, ill-health having prevented him from gaining that honour the preceding year. In the autumn of 1879 he proceeded to Oxford, and, curiously enough, though playing regularly for his college all the October term, he never once attracted the attention of the University authorities. At the very beginning of the next term, however, we find him playing in the University Fifteen, and before the end of the term receiving his full "colours," and representing Oxford against Cambridge. Mr. Walker's first cricketing year was somewhat disappointing. In none of the University trial matches did he succeed in showing his true form. Strange as it may appear, this discarded 'Varsity player succeeded in making in September the grand score of 85 against the Australian team for eighteen of the Clydesdale C.C. In the following football season Mr. Walker again played in the Oxford football team, which was beaten that year by Blackheath only. After the New Year Mr. Walker turned his attention to rowing with such success that he represented his college in the Lent races. A slight chill caught on the river was never properly thrown off, and though able to captain his side in the "seniors'" match at the beginning of the summer term, he paid dearly for his 80 runs by getting a return of the chill, which quickly developed into bronchitis, and completely incapacitated him from any exertion for the rest of the summer. The autumn, however, saw him completely recovered, and able to take his place in the Fifteen, which started its great record from this year. During the vacation he played in the now famous Fettesian-Lorettonian team, then in its first year, and his play for that club must have gone far to win him his International cap, as, without playing again in Scotland that season, he represented her against England at Whalley Range. Next summer Mr. Walker easily obtained his place in the Oxford Eleven, and in the autumn he was again in rare form on the football field. But again did fickle fortune step in and try to mar his career, for while playing for Scotland against Wales at Raeburn Place (Jan., 1883), he sprained his ankle badly. Not only did this prevent him playing for the rest of the season, but made it necessary for him to refuse the captaincy of the Fifteen, rendered vacant by Vassall's retirement. Elected hon. secretary of the O.U.C.C. under Mr. Kemp's captaincy, he concluded his Oxford career in a most successful manner. In 1883-84 he played but little football, and that little was marred by his once more spraining an ankle—the other one for a change. At the beginning of the cricket season he represented the M.C.C. in several important matches. His average in first-class matches was 21.4. In ordinary club matches he had a most successful season, his record being 1,661 runs, got in 51 innings, and his average 32.29. Besides all this, Mr. Walker is a good golf-player, and whatever time can be spared from his legal studies in London is spent on the breezy common of Wimbledon. The result of his examinations at Oxford and elsewhere has shown that Mr. Walker has not neglected his culture of the Muses in his search for athletic fame, and it may be truly said we have in him the fulfilment of the aim of the training at his old school (Loretto), the *mens sana in corpore sano*.



MR. CHARLES REID.

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CAPTAIN OF EDINBURGH ACADEMICAL FOOTBALL CLUB.

**T**HERE is no better-known and no more striking figure in the Scottish football field than Mr. Charles Reid's. His reputation is not confined to Scotland alone, for wherever the Rugby game is played, Mr. Reid has won a great name. Mr. Reid was born in 1864, and entered the Ayr Academy in 1875, where he remained for two years, and played the Association game. In October, 1877, he joined the Edinburgh Academy, and after playing for the second fifteen during his first year, he gained his first fifteen cap in the following season. Mr. Reid played throughout this season and the following one of 1879 for his school, and was elected its captain in 1880. In November of that year he played for Edinburgh in the Inter-City, being at that time only 16 years of age. After playing in the East and West, he was chosen as one of the representatives of Scotland against Ireland, and finally attained the highest football honours by filling a place in the Scotch team which drew with England at Raeburn Place in March, '81. During the next season, '81-82, we find Mr. Reid playing for Blackheath up till Christmas. After Christmas, he returned to Edinburgh and assisted the Academicals, then commanded by Mr. P. W. Smeaton. It need hardly be said that he contributed largely to the triumph of Scotland over England at Manchester, and on the Monday and Tuesday following to the victories of the combined Academicals over Manchester and Oxford respectively. In the following winter, he again represented Scotland in the Internationals. During '83-84, he continued to play for the Academicals under the captaincy of Mr. Smeaton for a part of the season, but commanded the team himself during the latter portion. Mr. Reid, of course, assisted his country in the great match at Blackheath in '84. Since November, 1880, he has played in every Inter City and East and West except one, and, beginning with the Irish International of 1881, he has not missed one International match, whether against England, Ireland, or Wales. The history of his football career is a history of continual progress in strength and skill. In the International team of 1881 he was the youngest, the heaviest, and the tallest of the fifteen, and we believe that we are right in saying that he is all these still. Standing 6 ft. 2 in. in his stockings, and weighing 15 st. 7 lb., he is without an equal. It is not to be supposed that Mr. Reid's achievements are confined to the football field. While at the Academy, he played most of the principal matches at cricket for the first eleven during the season of 1879, and at the Academy Games of 1880 he won the cricket ball with the creditable performance of 97 yards. Since leaving school he has confined himself to the more muscular events, and was second to Mr. Peterkin in putting the weight at the Edinburgh University Athletic Sports in '82 and '83, and also won the event in '84 with the very good put of 40 ft. 8 in., besides carrying off the prize for the hammer in the same year, with a throw of 93 ft. 1 in. At the Scottish Championship Athletic Meeting in '84, Mr. Reid was second to Mr. Whitton for the weight, with 39 ft. 8 in. He also gained a first prize at the Glasgow Academical Games of that year, with a put of 39 ft. Mr. Reid is at present studying medicine at Edinburgh University, and was elected a member of the Students' Representative Council for 1884. He is also a member of the Scottish Rugby Union Committee, and of the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association. With almost every branch of sport Mr. Reid is in some way or other identified. He belongs to the Students' Company of the Q.E.R.V.B., in connection with which he last year carried off two prizes for rifle-shooting. In conclusion, it is enough to say that Mr. Reid possesses the admiration and esteem not only of those who are his personal friends and of those who were his schoolfellows, but also of those whose acquaintance with him is slighter and more recent.

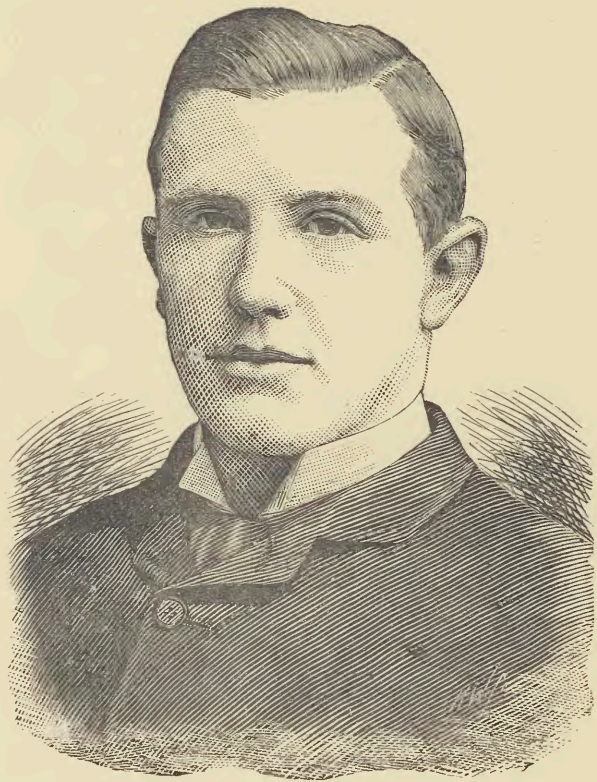


MR. ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

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QUEEN'S PARK FOOTBALL CLUB.

**H** all those who in their day and generation have attained the highest pitch of individual excellence in Association circles, there is certainly not one who more thoroughly deserves the honours conferred on him than Mr. Alexander Hamilton of the Queen's Park Club. Without the aid of sensational puffing, but by dint of his own sterling merits, Mr. Hamilton made sure progress in the football world, and last March, within three months of attaining his twentieth birthday, he received the highest honour a player can have bestowed on him, by his election, at the head of the list of right-wing forwards, to represent his native land in the great International match with England. The Carradale is the club to which belongs the credit of bringing Mr. Hamilton out. In it he played from 1878 to 1880, and so striking were his abilities even then, that the Rangers in the latter year offered him a place in their second eleven, which he accepted. The following year Mr. Hamilton got his place in the Rangers' first eleven, and before he had played half-a-dozen matches, was generally acknowledged their best forward. With the Kinning Park club he threw in his lot till 1884, when, having made many personal friends in the Queen's Park, he openly declared his intention to join it and try for his place. It has sometimes been said that Mr. Hamilton was not altogether a player of the first class till he entered the senior club, but we are not of that opinion. His play, while in the Rangers, against Q.P. and Dumbarton backs was something to be seen and remembered; indeed, at that time he was *the* forward in Scotland most feared by the backs in the two clubs mentioned. While in the Rangers he was only once placed in a representative team—viz., in the Glasgow eleven to do battle with Sheffield in February, 1884. Up to this point he had been accustomed to the long-passing game, and there was considerable diversity of opinion as to how he would succeed at the short passing, which has always been the Q.P. style, and the fact that he was to partner Mr. William Anderson, the great adept at this art, tended to increase the doubts of some. However, all anxiety on the subject was swiftly removed, for on his first appearance in the Q.P. team in August, 1884, against Our Boys at Dundee, he played with his celebrated companion as if they had been trained together for years. Match after match he gained in estimation by his brilliant exhibitions, till Anderson and Hamilton became as renowned a couple as Fraser and Anderson, and Mr. Hamilton the most celebrated right-wing forward in Scotland, if not in Great Britain. His position in representative teams now became a certainty, and last season he was selected to play for Glasgow against Sheffield and Edinburgh, and for Scotland against England and Wales, and he also won the coveted Charity Cup badge, an undoubtedly magnificent record for one season. As a dribbler, dodger, and general all-round player—for at every point he is strong—it is believed by many that his superior has not yet been known. His wonderful success in the Q.P. has not been confined to the field, for within the unprecedentedly short space of eight months he was elected to the committee, and is destined to be, if not already so, one of the leading administrators of the club. His personal popularity is almost phenomenal, and we earnestly trust he may long remain an honour to his club and to the game of which he is so brilliant an exponent.



MR. H. B. TRISTRAM.



## MR. H. B. TRISTRAM,

LORETTO AND OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

**L**ORETTO has produced many famous athletes, and one of the most prominent of them is Mr. H. B. Tristram. Mr. Tristram was born in Durham in 1861, and at an early age went to Loretto, where he remained for three years, and then went to Winchester, but only to come back to Loretto in 1879 to be one of the most successful "heads" which that school has ever known. In that year he played in both the school "fifteen" and "eleven," and in the following year he again played, but as captain, when Loretto achieved the hitherto unaccomplished feat of beating the Edinburgh Academicals, then in the zenith of their glory. In 1880, Mr. Tristram materially helped to bring the cricket championship to Loretto, and nearly all his innings that season were over double figures—his average at the close being  $27\frac{1}{2}$ . In 1880, for the second time, and chiefly through his endeavours, the school championship for cricket again went to Loretto. In 1881 he left Loretto for Oxford, where he gained an open scholarship at Hertford College; and here, too, as at Loretto, he almost immediately came to the front. The football season of 1882-3 brought him into greater prominence, and during that season his play was so effective that not only did he get his 'Varsity "blue," but his International cap was also bestowed on him. The summer of 1883 saw Mr. Tristram tried for the 'Varsity Eleven; and besides some of the minor matches, we find him playing for the University against the Gentlemen of England. He was unfortunate enough, however, not to get his double "blue"—chiefly owing to the fact that at that time he was reading hard for "honours," which, as a consolation, he gained—though in the long vacation, when playing in Yorkshire, he scored three or four centuries. During the ensuing football season, Mr. Tristram greatly added to his reputation as a back. Besides playing regularly for Oxford, he was chosen for all the important representative contests. Next cricket season he began extremely well by scoring 120 for Hertford College v. Trinity College; and so good was his batting all through the season, that at the end his average was 58. When in Scotland, Mr. Tristram plays for Lasswade; so that, apart from Loretto experiences, most of our readers will be able to judge of his abilities as a cricketer. Last football season again found him playing in the University team. He also played for England against Wales; but was unable to leave Oxford to take part in the North and South match or the Irish International. It is as a football-player that Mr. Tristram is best known. His knowledge of the game is perfect, and with this he combines that unique coolness and power of tackling so important to full-backs. This slight sketch would be imperfect in the extreme were we to overlook Mr. Tristram's classical attainments, in which he excels almost as much as in athletics. Besides gaining an open scholarship at Hertford College, he took a good class in honours in 1883. He stands out as a clear proof of Mr. Almond's theory—that work and athletics go hand in hand, the one never interfering with the other, but rather helping and encouraging it; and it must be gratifying to Mr. Tristram's friends to know that in whatever he engages, he will always be a credit to himself, his school, and his university.

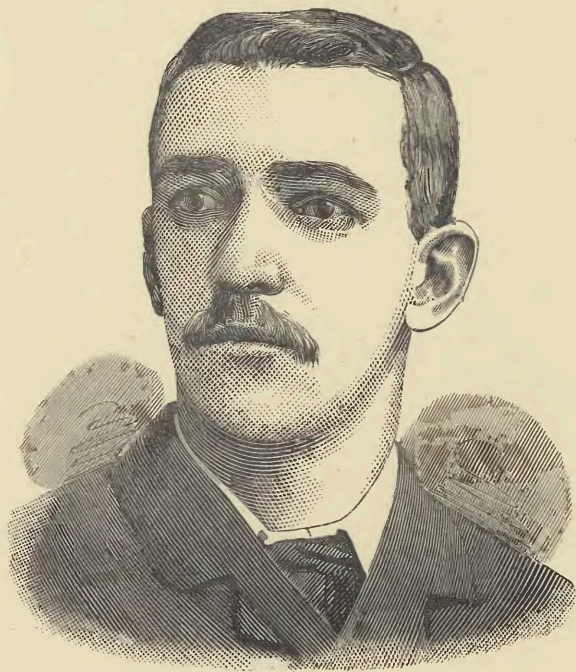


MR. JAMES M'AULAY.

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DUMBARTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

**F**EW players have acquired so sterling a reputation and leaped so rapidly into popular favour as the able goalkeeper of the Dumbarton Football Club. It is now nine years since the subject of our sketch first entered the field, but it was not until he became a member of the now famous Dumbarton F.C., and was given a place in the second team as a back, that he came prominently into notice. In 1879-80 he appeared in seven first-eleven matches. Although playing at back, Mr. M'Aulay showed himself to be a good all-round player. In the beginning of season 1880-81 he was given the position of centre forward in the first eleven, backing up J. Lindsay, and at once took his stand as a first-rate player. During the following year he was selected by the Scottish Football Association Committee to represent Scotland against Wales, and also to represent the Scotch Counties against Birmingham. Dumbarton had not as yet been fortunate in securing the Scotch Cup, and in view of the Charity ties of '81-'82, a rearrangement in the team was made. Mr. M'Aulay was induced to try the goal, and made his debut in that position at Hampden Park. The success which attended his first attempt inspired him to greater exertions, and in the early part of the following season he permanently took the place between the uprights. Everywhere he went his magnificent play won the admiration of all, and he became deservedly popular. Complete confidence was given to the Dumbarton team through Mr. M'Aulay's steady play, and in '82-'83 they succeeded in carrying off the Scotch Cup. The S.F.A. Committee were not slow in recognising the sterling abilities of the popular custodian, and appointed him to take charge of the Scotch goal in the great International match with England. Since then Mr. M'Aulay has enjoyed the name of being the best custodian in Scotland, and certainly his play stamps him as such. At the last two International matches Mr. M'Aulay's wonderful ability at goal tended greatly to keep Scotland from defeat. He also played against Wales in '83 and '85, and against Birmingham in '83, at all matches being of the greatest service to his side. He also played for Dumbartonshire against Renfrewshire, and also for his County against Glasgow. In a word, Mr. M'Aulay's goalkeeping is of the highest order. He is one of the best—if not the best—custodians Scotland ever produced. He is quick in action, always cool, and is extremely clever with both hands and feet. Our goalkeeper is also well known as an athlete. His first appearance was at the Dumbarton meeting two years ago, when he won the confined and open 100-yards, and since then he has obtained various other prizes. He never goes into training, but his successes show that with a little attention he could take his place in the front rank of athletes. Mr. M'Aulay is a native of Dumbarton. He is of a retiring disposition, is kind, genial, and courteous, and is highly respected by all who know him. Dumbarton is naturally proud of its custodian, and long may it retain his excellent services.

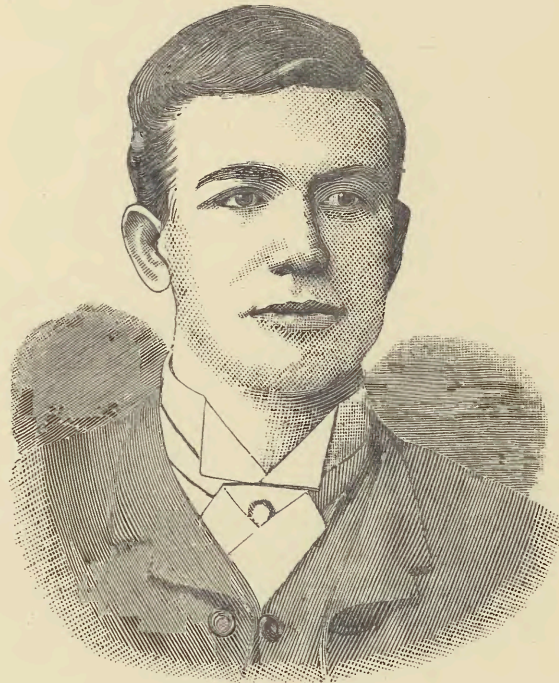


MR. J. P. VEITCH

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EDINBURGH ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL CLUB.

**D**ISTINCTION, in whatever department of activity, is of slow growth. There is an ephemeral distinction which grows, blossoms, and dies in a very short time, but the distinction gained by Mr. J. P. Veitch has taken some time to reach its present maturity, and, being implanted in good soil, is likely to live for many years to come—long, indeed, after he has ceased to charm us with his powers as a footballer and a cricketer. Mr. Veitch was born in Peebleshire in September, 1862, and he may be said to have first attracted attention by his batting capabilities when playing for the third eleven of the R.H.S.P.s. His rise in the High School thereafter was very rapid; his fine free style of batting soon gaining him a place in the school eleven, which place he held for three seasons. On leaving school he was at once pressed into the services of the F.P.s, who soon found that Mr. Veitch was no common bat. Some of his best scores were made in season 1882—viz., 68 against the Leith Caledonian, 65 against Dunfermline, 35 against Dalkeith, and 31 against the Edinburgh Academicals. In this season he was chosen to play against Glasgow in the Inter-City match. In season 1883, his best scores were an 86 against the Leith Caledonian (on which occasion Mr. Gossip and he put on nearly 200 runs), 48 against the West of Scotland, and 27 against the Institution. Mr. Veitch is also a very fair golfer. It is, however, as a football-player that Mr. Veitch is best known to the athletic world, and the way he has risen in that department of athletics is simply wonderful; for, strange to say, he never played football till he left school, and the fourth season that he played he gained his International cap. Mr. Veitch first started playing with the old North British F.C., but speedily transferred his affections to the R.H.S. Many competent judges have said that the finest full-back performance ever witnessed was Mr. Veitch's at Blackheath in March, 1884. The strong point in Mr. Veitch's play is his wonderful capability of stopping rushes, the way in which he pounces upon the ball while it is among the feet of a pack of forwards being simply astonishing. His tackling is also a very strong point in his play. It may be worthy of mention that Mr. Veitch played his first match against England at Manchester in 1882, which is the only occasion on which England has been beaten on her own ground, and he again played against England at Blackheath in 1884, as already mentioned. He has four times faced up against Ireland, and twice against Wales. In 1884, Mr. Veitch was unanimously elected captain of the Royal High School Club. In Scotch Rugby circles Mr. Veitch is greatly appreciated, not merely for his worth as a player, but for his considerable social attributes as a gentleman.

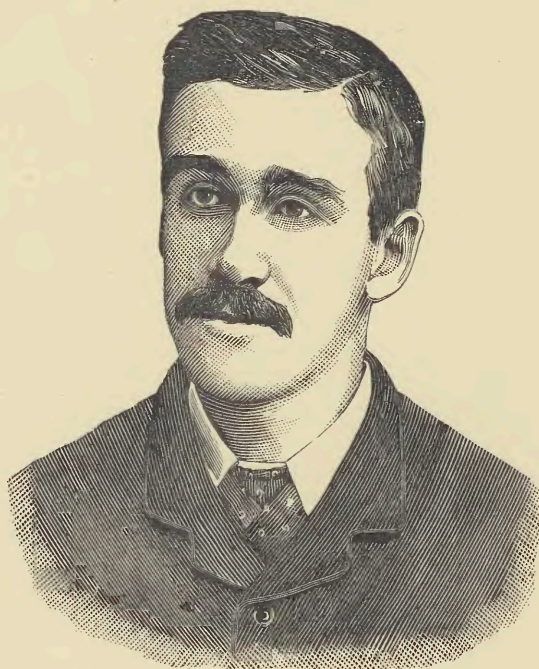


MR. WILLIAM SELLAR.

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BATTLEFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB.

**I**N every walk of life it is the lot of many to toil for years to attain a distinction that a favoured few reach by one gigantic and unexpected bound ; and to that limited number who find the royal road to honour, Mr. William Sellar belongs. Many years ago, Mr. Sellar, along with some other boys, conceived the idea of forming a football club, and in due course they brought forth the Battlefield, which had its headquarters on the South-Side Park. In 1880, the Battlefield leased that historic piece of ground on the banks of the Cart, from which the name of their club is taken, but till the close of the season of 1883 it was enshrouded in comparative obscurity. Since then, however, ample amends have been made for the days when its sweetness was wasted on the desert air. It is quite within the mark to state that Mr. Sellar was the sole influence that kept the club alive. To have made the Battlefield what it is from what it was when it first saw light—viz., a very few small boys—is to have accomplished a feat of surpassing difficulty. In 1881, Mr. Sellar joined the Queen's Park, but was never found in its ranks till April of last year. At that time, beyond the precincts of Crosshill, his name was unknown in the football world, and only one or two members of the Q.P. had occasionally been witnesses of his ability. When the memorable Charity Cup-ties of 1884 came to be decided, Mr. Christie was temporarily incapacitated for duty by a slight accident, and his place was offered to and accepted by Mr. Sellar. His first tussle was against the Rangers, and this game entitled him to rank with his better-known neighbours. His next appearance—against the 3rd L.R.V.—confirmed the favourable impression. The match with the warriors resulted in a draw, and at the next encounter Mr. Christie was in his old place, but Dr. Smith was unable to play, and Mr. Sellar was shifted to centre forward. Here he took every one by storm ; his brilliant dribbling, great speed, accurate and judicious passing, and his unerring shots for goal, evoking from the enthusiastic multitude the keenest admiration. The Q.P. won by eight goals to *nil*, five of which were scored by the novice. On the Monday following he was universally recognised as the best centre forward in Scotland ; and never were the merits of any athlete gauged more truly, for every match in which he takes part reveals some astonishing phase of his marvellous powers. During 1884-85 he played for Glasgow against Dumbartonshire, Sheffield, and Edinburgh, and for Scotland against England. He also came manfully to the assistance of the Q.P. when a flood of small accidents made it nigh impossible to carry out the English Cup competition ; and those who saw him do duty against Notts County at Derby, against Notts Forest at Merchiston Castle Grounds, Edinburgh, and against Blackburn Rovers on Kennington Oval, will never forget his wonderful displays. This is not the place to dwell on Mr. Sellar's personal qualities, but we may be pardoned adding that in both clubs of which he is a member—and, indeed, wherever he is known—his bearing off the field commands as genuine respect and esteem as his singularly brilliant exhibitions in the football arena excite universal admiration.



MR. PETER THOMPSON.



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BRUNSWICK CRICKET CLUB.

**T**H has often been said, and no doubt with some degree of truth, that Scotch cricket is not comparable to English cricket. However true this may be as a general statement, and however willing we may be to admit it, yet we have no hesitation in asserting that Scotland has reared, and is still rearing, men who can handle the bat or ball with the best in England. Under this category is classed Mr. Peter Thompson. Mr. Thompson was born in 1861, and is thus comparatively a young cricketer. Coming off a cricketing family, and coached while yet a boy by his father, who was well known both in Scotch and English cricketing circles, the boy soon began to give evidence of a first-rate form. After excelling with bat and ball in several junior clubs, Mr. Thompson joined the Brunswick C.C. in 1880. Then it was, when playing with the best Scotch cricketers of that time, that the effect of a good early training was seen. He rapidly won his way into the recognition of the best players, and at the close of the season was admitted to be a splendid bat, and one of the best fast bowlers in Scotland. His best performances for this season were 7 wickets for 8 runs, 3 of which were taken in succession, against Lasswade. With the bat he scored 77 runs against Academy, and followed up this grand performance by securing 6 wickets for 4 runs against the Carlton. In season 1881 the same splendid form was maintained, and at the end of it he was still allowed to be the best fast bowler in Scotland. It was not, however, till the season of 1882 that Mr. Thompson astonished the cricketing world by the grandeur of his performances. In addition to several large scores he was chosen to play for Edinburgh against Glasgow in the Inter-City match. His greatest honour, however, came with the most important item of the season—viz., Australians v. Gentlemen of Scotland—for which the young Brunswicker was chosen. In this match he gave one of the finest displays of bowling ever witnessed in Scotland. His analysis was truly a wonderful one. He bowled 50 overs, 27 maidens, 47 runs, and 7 wickets. For this magnificent performance he was lauded by both press and public. He secured the wickets of Messrs. Murdoch, Giffen, Blackham, Bonnor, Jones, and Garrett. Since then Mr. Thompson has always been given a place in Scotch representative teams. In 1883 and 1885 he again played in the Inter-City matches, and on the visit of the Gentlemen of Philadelphia, the Brunswicker again donned the flannels for his country. During season 1885 he showed the same excellency of form as displayed by him in past years. His batting average reads 17·13-14 runs per innings, and his bowling average stands thus: 39 wickets at 9·15 runs each. Such is the career of one of the brightest lights in the Scotch cricketing firmament—a career which shows the national characteristics of the Scot in their strongest light.



MR. P. W. SMEATON.

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EDINBURGH ACADEMICAL CLUB.

**N**ATIVE of Perthshire, educated at the Edinburgh Academy, and a prominent Grange cricketer, Mr. Smeaton, like many another "son of the manse," has exhibited wonderful versatility in every department of sport. On the football field we first hear of him in the Academy teams under the captaincies of Mr. J. H. S. Graham and Mr. W. E. Maclagan. He began as a forward, but soon went to his favourite position at quarter-back, and shortly after leaving school we find him figuring in the Academical matches. Though never very fleet of foot, his well-known style of running had a wonderful knack of getting him over the ground, and always in the direction of his opponents' goal line. In 1881-82 he captained the Academical team, travelling regularly on Saturdays from Glasgow, where he was learning his profession of stockbroker. Twice Mr. Smeaton had the honour of being one of Scotland's representatives against Ireland, and finally, in March, 1883, at Raeburn Place, he attained the summit of his football ambition in playing against England. His voice and figure are familiar at every Rugby football meeting, where his fluency and frankness are never without their effect; and if his schemes are occasionally somewhat crude, they are ever characterised by a good sense which is peculiarly his own. Though not a fast sprinter, he was a capital mile runner. The year he won the Academy mile against a very formidable opponent was but one of the many occasions on which he has proved himself game to the heels. At cricket his versatile character has more especially manifested itself, not only by his proficiency in the various departments of the game, but also in the multitude of the clubs he has represented. Perthshire, the Edinburgh Academicals, the Grange, Tulliallan, Auchterarder, and many others have had the benefit of his services, and for all he has scored largely. A steady and successful bowler, and a patient and run-getting bat, his presence in a team is invaluable. These are but specimens of Mr. Smeaton's proficiency in sports. A first-rate shot, his days amongst our moors and fields would bear favourable comparison with those of most sportsmen. He is also an able and enthusiastic curler. If there are qualities for which Mr. Smeaton is more distinguished than any others, and which more notably conduce to his popularity, they are his absolute sincerity and his goodwill to his fellow-men.



MR. ALEXANDER STUART.

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PRESIDENT EDINBURGH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

**O**RGANISATION, and the faculty of galvanising into activity everything he organises, is, to our way of thinking, the most remarkable feature in the athletic career of Mr. Alexander Stuart. Ever since he was a boy, he has been, in some shape or other, connected with new enterprises, and these, in their own little way, have been great successes. Mr. Stuart, we believe, is a native of Glasgow, and when at school was always foremost in every kind of physical exercise. Cricket was the game for which he formed an early fancy, and the club he did good service for was the Maxwell, which, when in existence, occupied a position almost equal to that at present held by the United Northern. In 1877 we find Mr. Stuart at the head of a coterie who formed the West of Scotland Amateur Bicycle Club, which lived a happy life for several seasons, and whose members did much to lay the foundation of what has now turned out one of the most popular of our summer pastimes. Mr. Stuart is still a member of the Touring Club, but some time ago he gave up active participation in the sport, though he is always to be found at all the great cycling race meetings held so frequently during the summer months at Powderhall. About the same time as he became a convert to cycling he took to football, and in turn played for the Olympic, Our Boys, and Govan, all Glasgow clubs. As a player he was one of those serviceable men who could play with equal merit in any position. In 1879, for business reasons, he migrated to Edinburgh, and joined the Hanover F.C., on the demise of which he threw in his lot with the Selkirk. Five years ago he was selected to represent the Selkirk on the committee of the Edinburgh Football Association; and this body in 1881 made him vice-president, and in the natural development of affairs he was elected president, the duties of which he has all along discharged with much efficiency and ability. At the general meeting of the Scottish Football Association in 1884, he was unanimously appointed vice-president. A member of the Forth Rowing Club in 1882, Mr. Stuart in the spring of '83, in conjunction with Mr. J. M. Johnson, formed the East of Scotland Amateur Rowing Club—an institution which, under his captaincy, is steadily coming to the front among kindred clubs. He officiated as lieutenant during the first year, and was then appointed captain, which post he still holds. Mr. Stuart is an excellent oarsman, and has won by his skill a lot of valuable prizes. Last season, in the opening races of his club, he stroked the winning crew. It is with aquatics that he is now mostly identified, and in the East at least he occupies a very prominent position among devotees of this sport. It is not too much to say that the unanimity and brotherly feeling which presently exists among the rowers and swimmers of the Forth are largely due to his influence. It is not often we draw aside the veil which separates the public from the private acts of a man's life; but in the case of Mr. Stuart we may be pardoned for doing so, as the one is indissolubly connected with the other, and the two, when placed together, give to his character a lustre which endears him to all with whom he comes in contact. Mr. Stuart, in a word, is a man of marked mental worth, a rare hard worker, has capital concentrating power, and the knack of succeeding where others fail.



MR. JOHN JAMIESON.

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WEST OF SCOTLAND FOOTBALL CLUB.



REAT is the blank that has been made in the ranks of Scottish Rugby football by the withdrawal from the football world of Mr. John Jamieson. Mr. Jamieson was educated at Craigmount School, to which he went in 1873. He immediately became an enthusiastic follower of the carrying game, and the ability he displayed was such that in 1876, while only thirteen years of age, he obtained a place in the first fifteen. Craigmount, at the end of the football season of 1878-79, held the proud position of champion school, and in that season's team Mr. Jamieson was the best of the forwards. At the beginning of the football season of 1879-80 Mr. Jamieson was unanimously elected captain, but unfortunately an accident he met with in the middle of the season prevented him again playing for the school, or, indeed, playing until 1881. Mr. Jamieson was also a member of the school cricket eleven, and on several occasions made large scores. In the autumn of 1881 Mr. Jamieson joined the West of Scotland, and at once obtained a place in the first fifteen. An accident, however, which he received in the first match prevented him from playing again that season. The commencement of the season 1882 again saw him in the ranks of the West of Scotland, and so well did he distinguish himself in club matches, that he obtained a place in the Inter-City, Lanarkshire v. Renfrewshire, and the East v. West matches. His play in these matches was such that the Committee of the Scottish Union unanimously chose him one of the players to represent Scotland in the International matches with England, Ireland, and Wales. At the end of the season under review Mr. D. Y. Cassels, then captain of the West of Scotland, resigned, and Mr. Jamieson was unanimously elected to succeed him, and the post he retained for two years. In 1883-84 Mr. Jamieson took part in all the International matches, and earned the distinction of obtaining the try for Scotland in the match against England. The performances of the West of Scotland last season are too recent to need recapitulation, but it will be sufficient to say that Mr. Jamieson had the satisfaction of seeing his club the champions for the second time in three seasons. Mr. Jamieson played in all the International matches last season. As to his style of play, we doubt if any Scotchman has ever been a better exponent of the art of dribbling, and this feature, combined with great dash and sure tackling, made Mr. Jamieson a splendid player. As captain of the West of Scotland, he filled the difficult post with great success, and he was exceedingly popular with the members of his team and opposing clubs. Mr. Jamieson took his departure to New Zealand in the fall of 1885, to the great regret of Scotch Rugby football circles, and of Western players more especially.



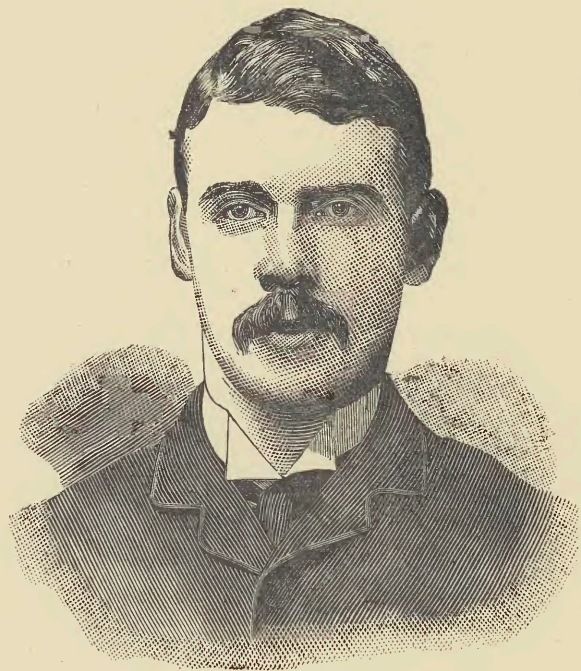
MR. D. W. LAING.



## MR. D. W. LAING,

EAST OF SCOTLAND CYCLING CLUB.

**I**N the domain of cycling, no name stands so high as that of Mr. D. W. Laing, who, by a rare combination of indomitable pluck and splendid skill, has placed bicycling in Scotland almost on the same level as that which the sport occupies in England. Mr. Laing is captain of the East of Scotland Cycling Club, and is one of the oldest, best known, and finest cyclists Scotland has ever produced. The racing qualities of Mr. Laing are known to all frequenters of our race meetings, and he has a list of successes which no other cyclist can boast of. Mr. Laing's racing career began in the primitive days of the velocipede at the Royal Gymnasium, Edinburgh, in the summer of 1877, but it was long after that before club contests came into notice in Scotland. The first meeting of this kind that he took part in was in June, 1879, at George Watson's College Games, when, in a two-miles handicap, he got second, starting from the 110-yards mark. The same month he competed in a three-miles handicap at Powderhall, where he was placed first from the 80-yards mark. From this he was rapidly brought back to the scratch mark; and before the close of the racing season that year secured the five-miles championship of Scotland at the West of Scotland Games, which he followed up by winning again in the years 1880-82-83. In the year '81 Mr. Laing was unable to be present at the West of Scotland meeting. It is worthy of notice that during the seasons of '82 and '83 Mr. Laing swept the boards of the three principal open contests. This feat of itself—let alone his other victories—stamps him as a cyclist that Scotland ought to be proud of. In the early part of 1882, he took part, for the first time, in the ten-miles championship of Scotland, but met with a serious mishap, which prevented him racing until the Queen's Park Football Club Sports in September, 1882, when, in the two-miles scratch race, he beat Mr. H. O. Vaughton of Birmingham, who at the time was considered one of the leading cyclists of the Midlands. The race was a grand one from start to finish, and will long be remembered on account of the magnificent spurt with which Mr. Laing overhauled, passed, and beat his opponent with consummate ease. From this his career has been one long string of successes; and to give some idea of his racing prowess, we may mention that out of 44 mounts last season, he produced a list of 29 firsts, 9 seconds, and 1 third, showing only five races unplaced. Messrs. Huie, Lamb, and the subject of this sketch met last season for the first time at Powderhall on level terms to contest the five-miles championship. The time taken for the race was 9 mins. 2 secs.; the previous record for the distance (9.18), therefore, received a severe shaking. Towards the end of the season of '83, Mr. Laing, through business, could not devote much time to cycling; but in its early part was very successful, winning the five-miles spring handicap, and the two-miles open handicap of the Greenock club, for a magnificent silver cup, presented by London merchants belonging to that town. The best race of the season—the one-mile championship of Scotland—fell to him, in the splendid time of 2 mins. 50 2-5 secs. This was another record registered for Scotland which will be hard to beat—in fact, at this distance we think he is unapproachable. In finishing this sketch, we can safely say that "Davie Laing," as his intimate friends call him, is one of the most popular cyclists going. He is, to our mind, a cyclist that all who wish to attain success should strive to copy.

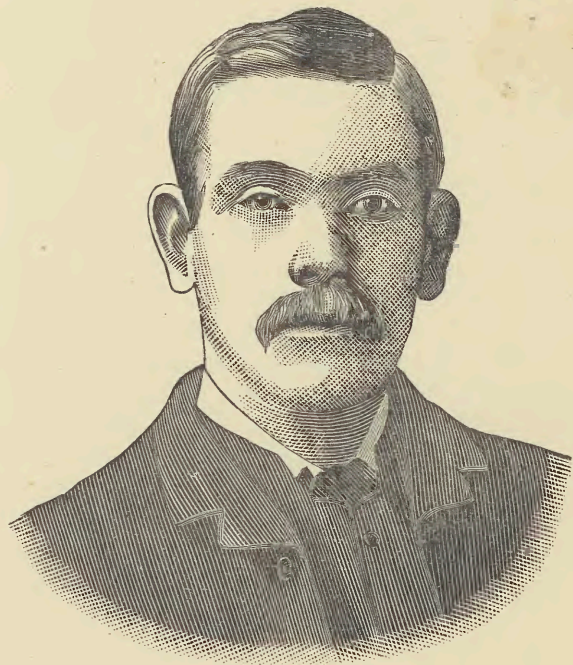


MR. ROBERT M. CHRISTIE.

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QUEEN'S PARK FOOTBALL CLUB.

**T**HE PEOPLE there are whom one meets not infrequently who are so constituted that they seem to think that all goodness, in whatever sphere, belongs to the past, who speak of the present with sadness, and look to the future with sorrow, and who never weary telling about the wonderful days that have been but shall be no more, from which not even a solitary gleam can fall on the years that lie before us. Belonging to this class are to be found many in the athletic world, who, with a mournful pleasure, refer you to the old times when Association football was in the heyday of its fame, when the passing was like clockwork, and the individuals themselves such that one would almost be persuaded there were giants in those days. We are not going to enter into the discussion of the points we have touched, and while merely remarking that the game in our opinion has more vitality at the present moment than ever it had, we could not have had a better refutation of the imputation of individual decay than Mr. R. M. Christie. Up till 1882, Mr. Christie was unknown outside the beautifully-situated town of Dunblane, but when a boy at school there, he was able to take a place in the local club's first team, and, indeed, was their leading forward. In '82 we find him a member of the Edinburgh University's most famous eleven, a combination that carried all before it in the East, and wound up by winning the Edinburgh Shield. At the end of the season, Mr. Christie was chosen to represent Edinburgh in its first encounter with Glasgow, on which occasion he rendered yeoman service. In 1883 he migrated to Glasgow, and although comparatively unknown, he soon found a resting-place in the Queen's Park. His first season in the senior club was a success that has scarcely a parallel. He was then still very young, being only in his nineteenth year, yet so wonderful were his powers that it took but a few matches to elevate him to the position of the best left-wing forward in Scotland. That season, within six months of his coming to Glasgow, he gained his International cap, and Challenge Cup and Charity Cup badges. The season 1884-85 was an unfortunate one for Mr. Christie, and through him for his club. When in his very best form, he met with an accident about mid-winter which incapacitated him for almost the remainder of the season, and had he only been fit for the final tie on Kennington Oval, another sight had seen that morn. Lame as he was, he had the refusal of his place in the International Eleven, and he actually donned the jersey to do battle for the Queen's Park in the final Charity Cup-tie against the Dumbarton, his reward being victory. He has represented Glasgow in several Inter-City contests. With a commencement so brilliant, there would appear no end to the honours in store for Mr. Christie, for he shall only cease to be the recipient of them when he withdraws from the battle. His runs on the left have electrified thousands. In the Queen's Park he enjoys a popularity few have attained and none surpassed; and, taken all round, a better representative of the great game could not be found in these islands.



MR. ANDREW BUTTAR.

## MR. ANDREW BUTTAR,

OUR BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB.

**M**R. ANDREW BUTTAR is at the present time, as he was when the Association game was new to Dundee, one of the most familiar figures in the local football field. His first essay in the now popular game was made in the ranks of the Strathmore, in 1875. For that club he played three seasons, occupying the position of back. Joining Our Boys in 1878, he was asked to occupy the same position: and his first match with that club was against the Heart of Mid-Lothian at Edinburgh, where he acquitted himself with great honour. After playing some time with, he was chosen captain of, Our Boys, and chiefly by reason of his energy and enthusiasm for the game he made the club the leading one in the town. On the retiral of Mr. David Porter in January of 1883, we again find Mr. Buttar, as captain, working as hard as ever for the "dark-blues." During the early part of the season of '85-'86, however, he and the club committee had great difficulty with a section of the players. Matters came to a crisis when the playing team, in anticipation of a few heavy fixtures, and during Mr. Buttar's absence through an accident, intimated that they would not take part in any more matches unless certain desires of theirs were complied with. This the committee could not do, and their resignations were forthwith tendered and accepted. This decision of the committee's was unanimously approved of at a general meeting of the club. Mr. Buttar, whose love for the old club was in no way diminished by this unseemly circumstance, did not shrink from his work, but at once got together several retired players, and with these and several second-eleven men made up a team, in whose hands the honour and name of Our Boys have been fully maintained. As a player, Mr. Buttar is a powerful and skilful back on either wing. His head-play is a source of sincere admiration to all lovers of the game. He is also well known as an athlete in local circles, having carried off many prizes at the club's sports. To such gentlemen as Mr. Buttar, football—in the North, at least—owes its present popularity. In him we have the true impersonation of a leader. Calm, stolid, cool, and determined in the hour of trial, his heart never sinks to the zero of despondency, but with each fresh drawback seems to beat higher with hope. Such men as these are more the creatures of fiction than of reality; and it is when bearing testimony to Mr. Buttar's unswerving, determined nature in this qualifying strain that we compliment him most.

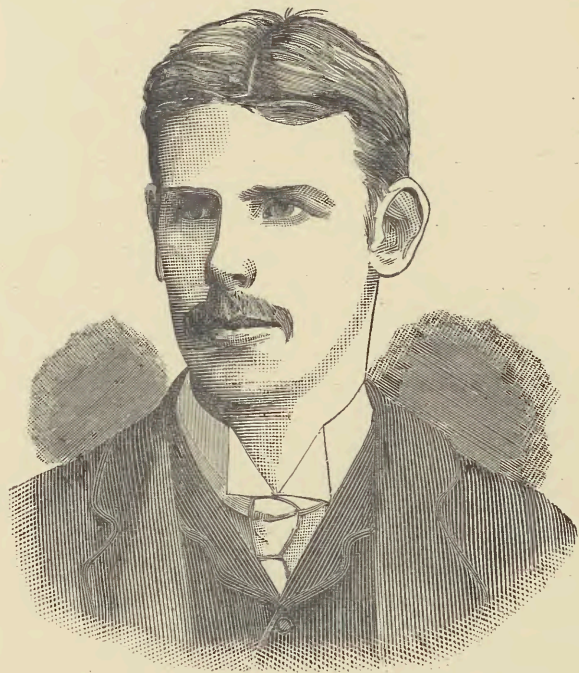


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QUEEN'S PARK FOOTBALL CLUB.

**T**HE mere mention of Harry M'Neil's name recalls some of the grandest and most stirring incidents in the history of Association football. He was a player when the dribbling game was at its best, when such a thing as professionalism was unknown, and he had the good fortune to be associated with men who, for ability and true physical worth, occupy in our estimation a higher position than do the generality of players at the present time. Mr. M'Neil has always been fond of outdoor exercise. When a stripling at Gairloch he played shinty, and the running and dodging involved in that game qualified him for football, to the cultivation of which he devoted his attention when he came to Glasgow. In 1873 we find Mr. M'Neil playing for the 3rd Lanark, and his success in that club was so great that he was prevailed by some friends to join the Queen's Park. While a member of the Volunteers he played occasionally for the Rangers, at whose christening celebrations he was present, and it is with pride he recalls that incident. Mr. M'Neil gained greatly in experience when he became a member of the Queen's Park, and after playing one season he caught the fancy of those who controlled the affairs of the Scottish Football Association, and was chosen to play in the International of 1874. Honour after honour was heaped on him after this, and for years no representative team was considered complete without him. He was an awful thorn in the flesh of Englishmen, and at the Oval, Brammal Lane, and Trent Bridge he was a great favourite, even though he laid bare the consummate weakness of his opponents. One of Mr. M'Neil's grandest efforts was against England in 1874. The match was played on the ground of the West of Scotland Cricket Club, and his play and little eccentricities, which were always of a humorous character, kept the crowd spell-bound so long as the game lasted. Mr. M'Neil was chosen seven times to play against England, but he only played in six matches, having generously retired once in favour of his brother Moses, who was then a distinguished forward in the Rangers. The last great match in which Mr. M'Neil played was against England in 1881. Since then he has not been much before the public, but he yet takes great interest in the pastime, and is often to be found aiding the Queen's Park Strollers, or heading teams composed chiefly of private friends. Columns would have to be covered were we to detail all the incidents in the career—so varied and yet so interesting—of Mr. M'Neil; but from the points on which we have touched it will be seen that he was, and to some extent still is, a striking personality in the world of sport, and one whose memory must ever be associated with all that is noblest and best in the history of Association football.



MR. GORDON MITCHELL.



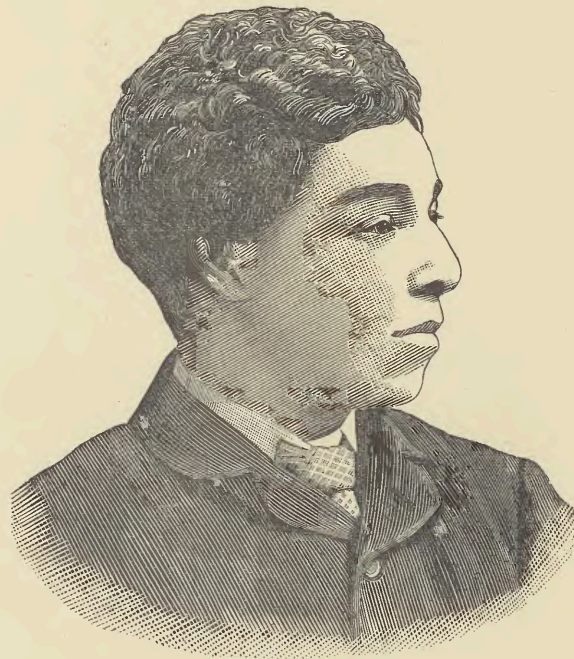
## MR. GORDON MITCHELL,

WEST OF SCOTLAND FOOTBALL CLUB.



ONOUR to whom honour is due is one of our guiding principles. Literature, art, science, politics, and religion all have their heroes who are honoured and worshipped; and as in these—the higher walks of life—so in the commoner walk of athletics. Mr. Gordon Mitchell, we find, went to Blair Lodge in 1877, and remained there only a session, but the foundation of his football reputation may be said to have been laid then. When he left Blair Lodge he returned to Gilbertfield House—a noted educational establishment in Hamilton, the place of his birth—but his stay here, as at Blair Lodge, was short. Craigmount was the school that was most congenial to his mental and physical habits, and the three years he was there he was foremost in every form of athletic exercise. In 1879—his first year at Craigmount—he played in the school fifteen under the captaincy of Mr. John Jamieson, who, we may say in passing, always had a high admiration of Mr. Mitchell's skill as an all-round athlete. It was as a half-back that Mr. Mitchell was favourably known in these days. Possessed of considerable speed and weight, he was well cut out for a back, and good judges are not slow to confess that had he remained in that position he would have enjoyed quite as much fame as he now does in the capacity of a forward. His first big match was against the Glasgow Academicals, and his form that day stamped him as a coming man. In season 1882-83 he played regularly for the West of Scotland, under Mr. D. Y. Cassells. He was chosen to play back for Glasgow against Edinburgh, and did uncommonly well. The following season saw Mr. Mitchell among the forwards. He jumped into notoriety in this position with leaps and bounds, and playing splendidly in the Inter-City of 1883-84, was elected to one of the reserve positions in the International team. The same progressiveness characterised his play last season, and he had the honour of playing against Wales and Ireland. The retirement of Mr. Jamieson from the captaincy of the West of Scotland caused the members of that club to look out for a successor, and the unanimous choice fell on Mr. Mitchell. The responsibility for one of tender years is great, but, to our way of thinking, he is pre-eminently qualified for the position. But it is not only as a football-player that Mr. Mitchell is known. When at school he was an excellent cricketer, and made many tall scores. He was also a conspicuous figure at some of the classic athletic meetings last season, and ran in races from a hundred yards to a quarter-mile. He did not know his own worth, however, and met with little success on that account. In 1882, at the Academical Games, he beat Mr. G. C. Lindsay of Loretto, now captain of Oxford University Fifteen, in the quarter-mile open to schools; the 200-yards handicap at the West of Scotland Sports in the same year also fell to him. These, and other incidents which need not be detailed, make up Mr. Gordon Mitchell's career—a career the petals of which are only as yet beginning to open, and which, in the natural order of things, must ere long be clothed with greater honours than those which now adorn it.





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**Q**N the green sward of Hamilton Crescent grounds, now nearly twelve years ago, a youth of about 17 summers might have been seen earnestly competing for the possession of the prize for excellence in high jumping. Although on this occasion unsuccessful, subsequent years proved that destiny had marked out Mr. Andrew Watson as one who was fated to adorn the ranks of the *crème de la crème* of our modern athletes. In the merry month of May, 1857, Mr. Watson began his terrestrial career. He was educated at Halifax Grammar School, Rugby School, King's College, and Glasgow College successively. Although the Rugby Code was Mr. Watson's first love, still subsequent events proved that he had a strong preference for the Association game. In 1874 Mr. Watson indentified himself with the Parkgrove Football Club, which he captained for the six years of its existence with varying success. The abilities which Mr. Watson had by this time displayed had not gone unnoticed by the public; so we find him a member of the world-renowned Queen's Park Club the same year. After playing a few matches in the ancient classical ground of Hampden Park, he seemed to draw inspiration from the soil on which such giants as Thomson, Taylor, Neil, Campbell, etc., had won their laurels. In fact, so marked an improvement in his play took place that in the following year (1881) the Scottish Association appointed him captain of the International team against England, the Southerners being defeated by 6 goals to 1. The same year he played for Scotland against Wales, for Glasgow against London, and for Glasgow against Sheffield. Similar honours fell to him the following year, besides playing in most of the other minor fixtures. Mr. Watson has, besides, played three times in the successful teams in the final Association Cup-ties—in those memorable and determined struggles with the Dumbarton F.C. He has also won four charity badges. In 1882 he went to London, and during his three years' sojourn in the modern Babylon his services were in constant demand by the prominent London clubs. Mr. Watson on many occasions has done good athletic work; but he is best known for his abilities at the high jump. For this class of sport alone he has won over 40 prizes, his best public performance being at the Queen's Park Sports in 1879, when he cleared 5 ft. 10 in. He has also successfully competed in boat races on the Thames. We cannot finish this sketch without referring to the mental side of his nature. Both off and on the field he is courtesy and unostentation personified, and although of a most powerful build—standing nearly six feet high, and weighing when in good condition over 13 stone—he invariably plays a sterling honest game, preferring to play the ball to charging his opponent. As a companion at the social board he is invaluable, and to those of his friends who have had opportunities of thoroughly knowing him he is the embodiment of rare geniality and kind-heartedness, affording a “feast of reason and flow of soul” to which the dull eyes of superficial critics are blind.

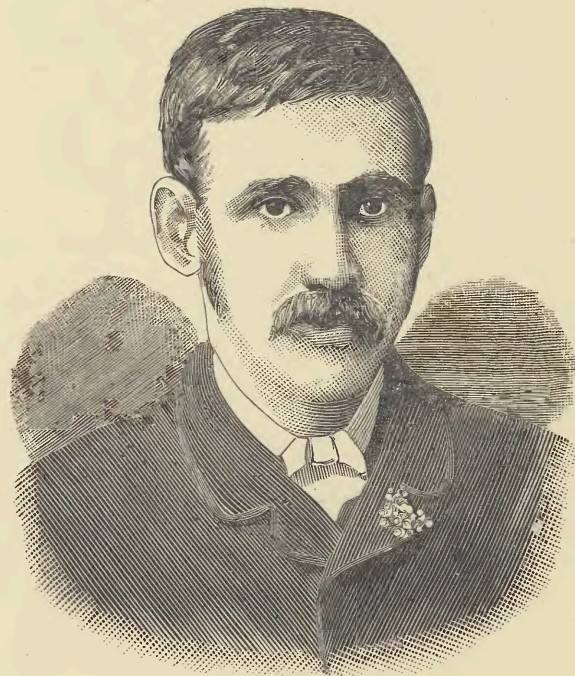


MR. A. M'INTYRE.

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VALE OF LEVEN FOOTBALL CLUB.

**A**LLEXANDER M'INTYRE is a name familiar to almost all the admirers of Association football in the West of Scotland, and some particulars regarding him will, no doubt, be welcome. In the winter of '74, Mr. M'Intyre made his first appearance in the first eleven of the Vale of Leven club. He had only begun to practice the game the previous season, but his powerful kicking and determination soon brought him to the front. From the first, the strength and thoroughness of his play showed that, with greater experience, the Vale club would have in him a most reliable and powerful back. In 1875, Mr. M'Intyre first played in the Cup competitions. For three years the Vale club held our Association Cup, and during these three years Mr. M'Intyre, gaining greater experience, improved greatly in play, and became the man to whom, when Fortune frowned, the Vale admirers looked. In the spring of 1877, and also in 1879, he was one of the Vale team that went south to meet the holders of the English Cup, and on both occasions his team proved victorious. In 1882 and '83 he was unanimously elected captain; and many were the difficulties and trials which he had to battle with, as at that time the Vale team were altogether in a very backward condition. The new captain, however, soon warmed them up to their work, and, notwithstanding many mishaps, the Vale were able to carry home the Charity Cup that season. As captain, Mr. M'Intyre was noted for the quiet and unassuming style in which he managed his team. As an International player Mr. M'Intyre has not figured very prominently—chiefly, perhaps, owing to his fidelity to his own club. In '78 and '82, however, he figured in the International match against England. In the '78 match, it may be noticed in passing that he played along with another celebrated back, Mr. Thomas Vallance of the Rangers, who, getting hurt, had to retire for some time from the game. On that occasion he shone to advantage. Mr. M'Intyre played against Lancashire and Birmingham, and, in all, has taken part in eleven matches over the Border. For two or three years he had been anxious to retire from the field, and two years ago he played (what he thought would be his closing match) against the Blackburn Rovers at Blackburn. On that occasion the Vale won by 2 goals to 1. Last year, owing to the disablement of one of the Vale backs, he appeared once more to take part in the final contest for the Cup against Renton. This was the sixth final Cup-tie he had taken part in; and, although somewhat out of practice, his play on the day in question showed what has always been remarked of him, that he was very seldom out of form for a hard game. Such is a very rough outline of the career of Mr. M'Intyre since he entered the football field; but it must not be supposed that it was only in football he excelled. As a Vale lad he was, of course, an adept at shinty and a good hand with the oar. In handling the oar he was considered one of the most promising youths on Lochlomond, and in local contests he was prominent along with Messrs. M'Dougall, Jamieson, and M'Lintock—all of football fame. Of strong, muscular build, with a frank yet determined countenance, somewhat shy and reserved in disposition, but gifted with a large share of solid common sense, courageous to a fault, and possessed of a warm, generous heart, the subject of this sketch has not only secured a reputation in the football field—he has secured as many friends as a man as he has admirers as a football-player.

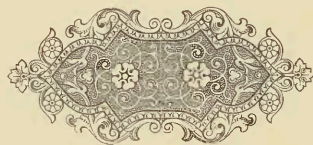


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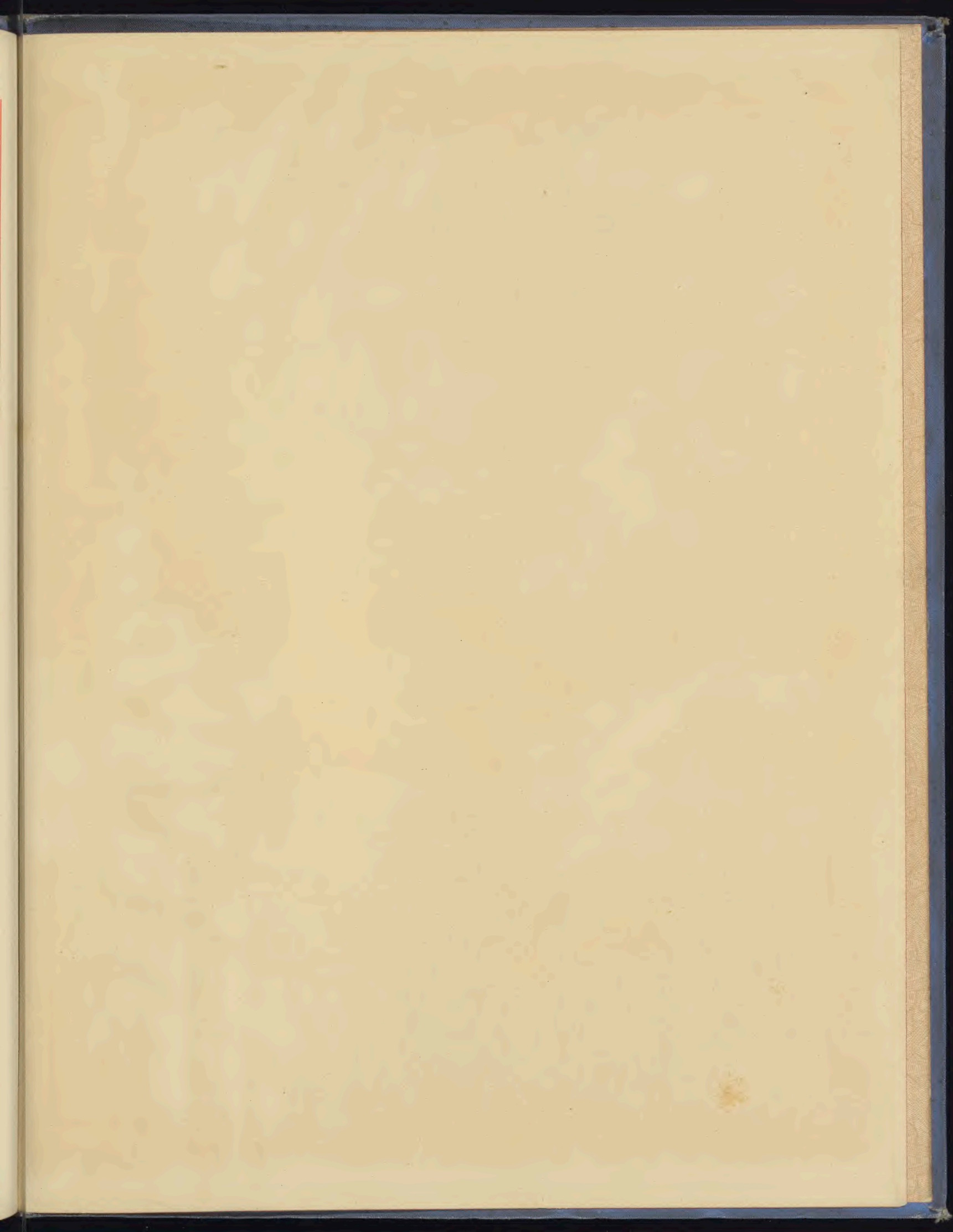
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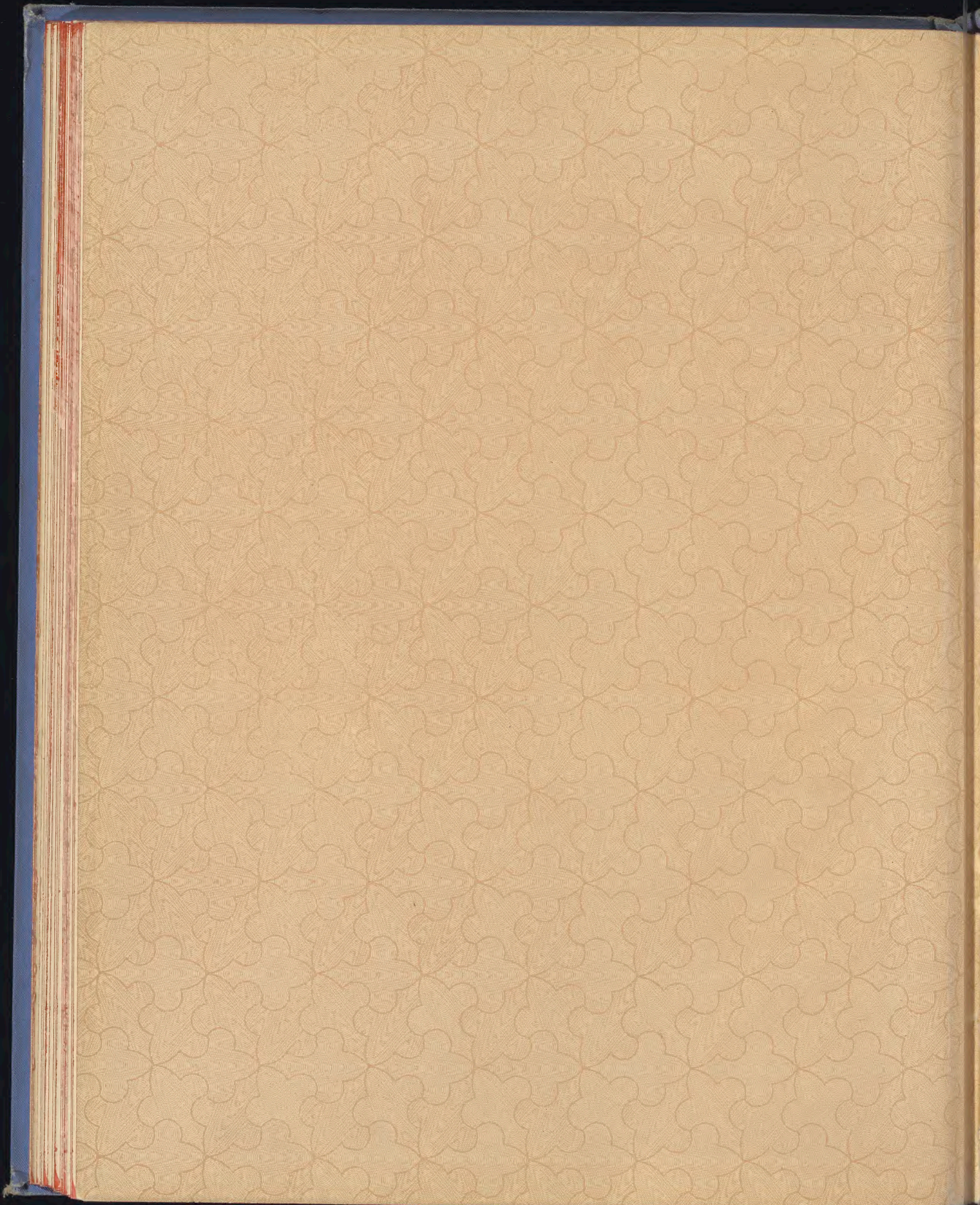
PRESIDENT FORFARSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

**T**IME was when the Association game was comparatively unknown north of the Forth, but now its votaries in the Northern provinces can almost vie, in so far as numbers are concerned, with those who follow its fortunes in the South. To the efforts of the subject of our sketch the great amount of the success of football in the North is due. Not by his abilities as a player has Mr. Duncan been instrumental in furthering the cause of the game in the North, but by his clear-headed, resolute manner of working, and splendid powers of organisation. Mr. Duncan is now in his twenty-third year, having been born in Arbroath in the year 1862. He attended school in that town until he reached his fourteenth year, when he elected to follow the profession of teacher, and served four years as a pupil. On the completion of his term of apprenticeship he was successful in gaining a scholarship and admission to the Church of Scotland Training College, Edinburgh. After two years' successful study there he was appointed assistant in one of the Brechin public schools, where he remained for nearly a year. He then received the offer of an appointment in one of the Arbroath schools, which he accepted, and has now been in it for nearly two years. Such is a very brief sketch of his business career. From his boyhood he manifested a keen love of matters athletic, and when he attained his eighteenth year he was considered an adept at the dribbling game, taking part in all the fixtures of the Arbroath F.C. During his stay at college he held the posts of junior captain of the cricket and football clubs in connection therewith. On returning to his native town in 1883, he renewed his connection with his old club, the Arbroath, and on the resignation of Mr. Milne, then secretary, he was elected to the secretarial chair. Further honours were still in store for Mr. Duncan, as at the annual meeting of the Forfarshire Association in 1884 he was unanimously elected its president, a post for which he was peculiarly well fitted. He is very popular throughout the Northern provinces, and visiting teams who have come in contact with him testify to his strict impartiality and uprightness as a referee, and his many amiable qualities as an entertainer. Latterly he has taken a keen interest in the ancient game of golf, and is a fairly good player. The time and labour he has given in aid of the cause of football have been well spent, and his present popularity is but a slight token of the deep-rooted affection which is entertained towards him by the members of his club and the football-players of the North generally.

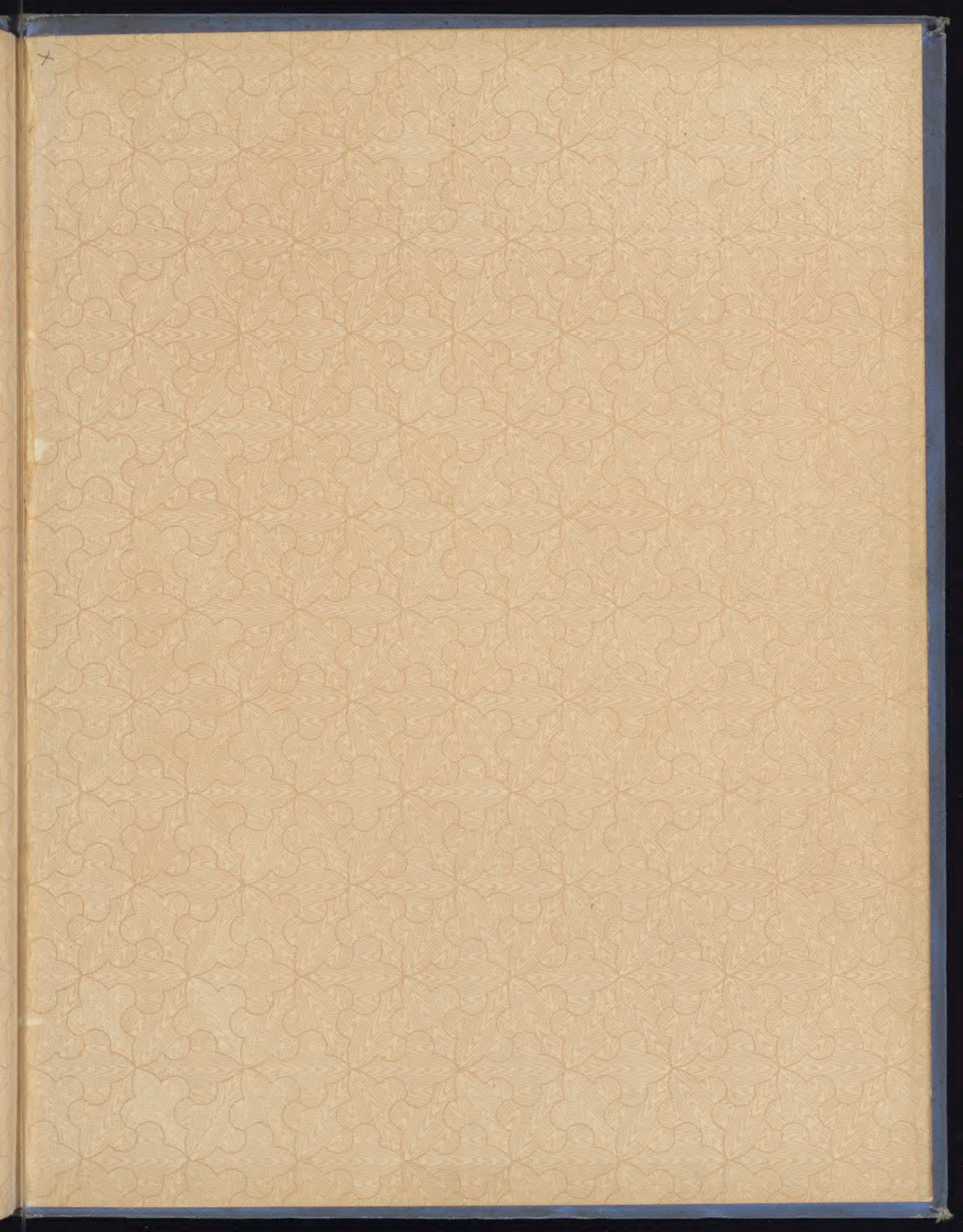


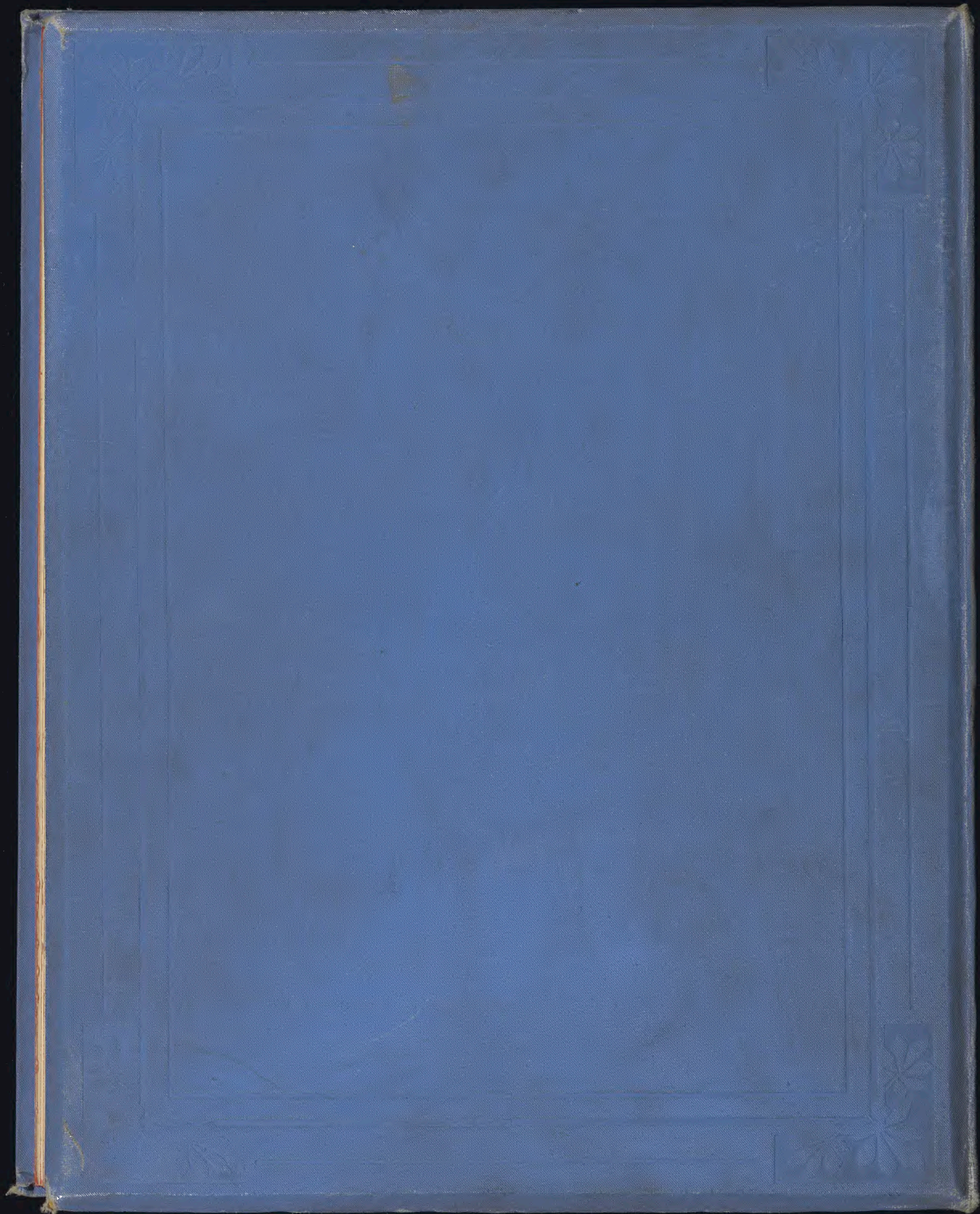






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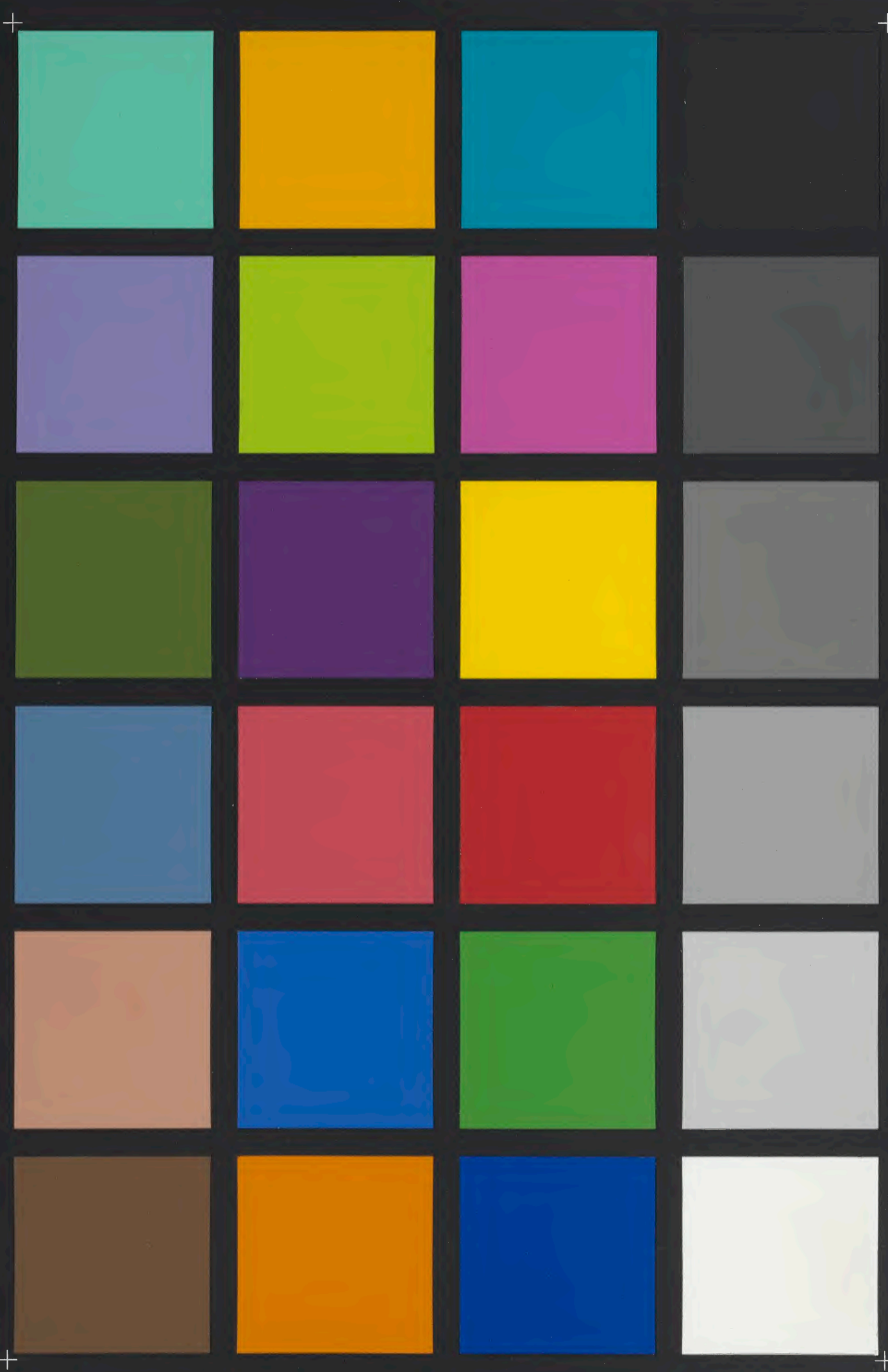


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