

# GLOUCESTER STANDARD AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE NEWS

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## THE KINGSHOLM DISASTER.

*To the Editor of the Gloucester Standard.*

Sir, - Many reasons, more or less probable, have been assigned for the disastrous financial result to the Gloucester Football Club of their later international new year's venture at Kingsholm, by which the club will be losers to the tune of some £700. Under these circumstances, then, there can, of course, be no surprise that there exists among the club members great soreness that the heavy claim by the contractors for fitting up the ground should form the greater and principal part of the startling deficiency. With many other members, I think the committee committed a grave error of judgment in not having had tenders for such a big job, especially when one hears on all sides that the work could have been done at a very much less sum than the £1000 (nearly) the contractors claim. It is, therefore, to be hoped, for the sake of the club's finances, that they will act liberally and make a large and handsome abatement on their claim, which is out of all proportion to the work done.

Yours,

A MEMBER OF THE G.F.C.

Gloucester.

*[NB. In 1900, seven hundred pounds sterling would have had the equivalent spending worth in 2005 values of £39,942.00. Source: National Archives.]*