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FOOTBALL NOTES

(By Half-Back)

I am pleased to see that an effort is being made by the friends of Tommy Bagwell to recognise the valuable services which he has rendered the Gloucester Club, and I trust that their efforts will not be in vain to raise sufficient money to present him with a suitable testimonial.

Bagwell has done as much as anyone to foster football in Gloucester, and to accomplish which he has devoted a great deal of time. He has been connected with the Gloucester Club as a playing member for about eleven years, previous to which he played for many years for the defunct St. Luke's Red Cross.

As a half-back he had few equals; he was clever and full of resource, and never lost his head at a critical moment. He was a most unassuming player, a fact which both opponents and friends were never slow to acknowledge, whilst popularity on the football field was universal where he has appeared. Bagwell was captain of the Gloucester team for two seasons — seasons that were perhaps the most critical in the history of the Club, and when the Club migrated from the Spa to Kingsholm.

A meeting of Bagwell's friends and admirers was held in the Oddfellows' Hall on Wednesday evening for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken to present him with a souvenir on his retirement from the game which he loved so much, and which by increasing age he is forced to relinquish.

Those who attended the meeting were enthusiastic in their endeavours to start a testimonial fund in his behalf. Mr. N. Phelps, who was voted to the chair, was unanimously elected secretary, and a strong general committee was also appointed, with a sub-committee to carry out details.

But before anything definite could be settled by the meeting it was decided to approach the Committee of the Gloucester Club with a view to ascertaining what steps, if any, that body intend to take in the matter. I sincerely hope that the latter body will take the matter up jointly with the committee appointed at the meeting on Wednesday, and that a suitable testimonial will be the result. It is generally admitted that Bagwell's services should receive some recognition, and that this object will be attained I have little doubt.
