


# GLOUCESTER V. OLD BLUES.


A Study in Quantities.

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THE BLUE-COAT SCHOOL IN SUSSEX CONTAINS OVER 800 BOYS.




I HAVE NO FIGURES AVAILABLE AS TO THE NUMBER OF MASTERS BUT IT WOULD SEEM LIKELY THAT THEY HAVE TO CAMP OUT ON THE LAWN TO AVOID THE CRUSH.




BUT TO REALISE WHAT THIS VAST NUMBER REALLY MEANS, TRY AND PICTURE A RACK FOR 800 TOOTHBRUSHES



OR TRY TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF BIRCHES REQUIRED EACH WEEK TO GIVE ADEQUATE TREATMENT TO SO EXTENSIVE A BIRCHABLE AREA




OR THINK WHAT IT MUST SOUND LIKE WHEN THEY DO THEIR MULTIPLICATION TABLES.




HAVING DONE SO YOU WILL THEN BE PREPARED TO HEAR THAT THEIR OLD BOYS CAN SUPPLY NINE RUGBY FOOTBALL TEAMS EVERY SATURDAY TO TOUR ALL OVER THE COUNTRY SEEKING WHOM THEY MAY PLAY FOOTBALL WITH.

SOME GET UP INTO SCOTLAND




IS HE BEN NEV'S IN?

OTHERS MAY REACH THE WILDS OF WALES



WILLANFAIR-GOGGITY-GOG THAT SOUNDS GOOD-LET'S PLAY EM!


WHILE ONE TEAM WANDERED INTO GLOSTER ON SATURDAY LAST IN SEARCH OF A GAME.




DOWN WORCESTER STREET ON THE LEFT - THEY WILL OBLIGE YOU WITH A GAME WILLINGLY.

POSSIBLY THE FOOTBALL TUITION THEY RECEIVED AT SCHOOL HAD BEEN SPREAD OUT A BIT THIN TO COVER EACH MAN OF NINE TEAMS - AT ANY RATE, THEY LOST THEIR GAME, STURDILY AND CHEERFULLY, BY 28 POINTS TO 6. THEIR STYLE OF PLAY MAY BE FAIRLY ILLUSTRATED BY HODGSON'S ATTEMPT TO CONVERT:-


HODGSON, HAVING SCORED, SELECTED A SPOT FROM WHICH TO CONVERT,




DUG A NICE LITTLE HOLE WITH HIS HEEL -




EXAMINED THE JOB VERY MINUTELY




SKILFULLY MODELLED THE EDGES INTO A SHAPELY "TEE"




PLACED THE BALL ON IT.




LOOKED AT IT AGAIN AND SAW THAT IT WAS ALL RIGHT,




GAVE HIS LEG A GENEROUS SWING BACKWARDS,




LET DRIVE WITH THE ENERGY OF AN ARMY MULE TRAINED BY SAMSON



TIDDLED THE BALL ABOUT FIVE FEET TOWARDS THE TOUCHLINE



AND WALKED AWAY QUITE HAPPY.



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