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LIVERPOOL CHESS CLUB.

A SHORT SKETCH

OF THE CLUB

FROM ITS FIRST MEETING, 12TH DECEMBER, 1887,

TO THE PRESENT TIME;

TOGETHER WITH

A COMPLETE LIST OF PAST AND PRESENT

MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS,

AND A

CATALOGUE OF THE LIBRARY.

By THE LIBRARIAN.

PRINTED FOR THE LIVERPOOL CHESS CLUB,
1898.

PREFACE.

THIS Booklet seems little more than a dry catalogue of names and dates; but behind the dry catalogue live many memories.

Looking through its leaves, old members may revive pleasant recollections, and recall bygone friendships; whilst new members, by learning something of their Club's past, may be stimulated in their desire to uphold and enlarge its honourable record.

It is an undesigned coincidence, and doubtless an auspicious omen, that the following Short Sketch of the Club ends with the word "victorious."*

J. S. EDGAR,

Hon. Librarian.

Liverpool Chess Club.

July, 1893.

* Pages 9 to 85.

John Gardner
 Geo. Bolton
 Henry D. Golding
 M. J. Wallis
 Wm. S. Spuckley
 John H.asco.
 Tho. Phillips.
 John Part
 John L. Lynde
 Wm. F. Goodwin
 J. Wm. Case
 N. S. Lawrence
 D. Turname
 John Edgar M.
 Joshua Walmsley
 W. H. White
 Thomas Lees
 Same Turname



A SHORT SKETCH

OF THE

LIVERPOOL CHESS CLUB.

The LIVERPOOL CHESS CLUB was founded **1837** at the Lyceum, Bold Street, by certain members of that Institution; but only after much opposition and many discussions.* Its first meeting was held there on December 12th and adjourned to the 15th, when Rules were drawn up and signed by the following 49 "Fathers of the Club":—

ROBERT CLAY.	JAS. NORRIS.
MICHL. ASHTON.	WILLIAM W. SQUIRES.
DAVID McCLELLAN.	JAMES LEWIN.
MICHL. HARNETT.	THOS. WALKER.
L. P. KNOWLES.	LOUIS SAMUEL.
KING ELLISON.	JAS. CROFT.

* The contest is thus described in the Chess Column of the *Liverpool Albion* of January 4th, 1873.

"Mr. ROBERT CLAY undertook to bring the matter before the Committee of the Newsroom, and to endeavour to obtain their consent to its use for a Chess

H. PRIOR ASHTON.	JAMES TWINAME.
N. SMITH GLAZEBROOK.	J. A. PICTON.
JOHN GARDENER.	JNO. R. LONSDALE.
GEO. BOLTON.	G. C. SCHWABE.
HENRY H. GOLDING.	CALEB SMITH.
J. H. SWALE.	JOHN LEYLAND.
G. STORMONT SPRECKLEY.	C. (or T.) R. GULLMANN.
JOHN GLASCO.	THOS. A. FLEEMING.
THOS. PHILLIPS.	JOHN WOOLLRIGHT.
THOS. VARTY.	JOHN OWEN.
H. K. CLAYPOLE.	EDWARD STORRS.
JOHN F. GOODWIN.	JAMES DAWSON.
J. ALLEN CAIN.	F. HARRISON RANKIN.
R. S. SAMUEL.	HENRY S. SAMUEL.
D. TWINAME.	SAMUEL YATES HESS.
EDWD. EYES, JUNR.	JOHN G. TWINAME.
JOSHUA WALMSLEY.	JOHN SOLOMON.
M. J. WHITTY.	THOMAS WYLIE.
THOMAS LEES.	

A fac-simile of these signatures is given on pages 5, 6, 7.

To these names must be added that of Mr. John Gregory Jones, who, though he did not sign the

Club, to consist solely of members of the Institution. It may occasion some surprise to learn how great and persistent was the opposition which had to be overcome, and how the terrors of the wise and prudent in their generation were aroused by this revolutionary idea of