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J. A. Sears, Photo.

The Boathouse on "Dillon Eights" Day, showing the two wings added during the Season.

27TH ANNUAL REPORT

To be presented to the Members at
Morell's Orient Hotel, Bourke Street,

SATURDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1907,

At 7.45 o'clock p.m.



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In Affectionate Remembrance

...of...

ALBERT HOOF,

Vice-Captain of this Club,

who was accidentally drowned near the Sugar Works
on December 1st, 1906,
through the swamping of a four-oared boat.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Mercantile Rowing Club.



MELBOURNE, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1907.

To the Members of the Mercantile Rowing Club.

GENTLEMEN—

It is with deep regret that your Committee opens the 27th Annual report with a reference to the sad death of your Vice-Captain, Albert E. Hoof. As you will remember, M. Hoof was drowned on the 1st December last through the swamping of a four-oar boat at the junction of the Saltwater and Yarra Rivers. Every effort to save him was made by his comrades in the boat and others near at hand. It is impossible to estimate the loss sustained by the Club and rowing generally by Mr. Hoof's death. Universally respected, an enthusiastic clubman and splendid organiser, he has been missed at every turn. As evidence of Mr. Hoof's popularity and of the shock to the rowing community, your Committee received letters of sympathy from some fifty rowing clubs throughout the Commonwealth.

Apart from the foregoing, your Committee looks back on the past season with satisfaction. The Club undoubtedly continues to prosper. The membership roll has increased materially, and, all things considered, our financial position is healthy. Although the Club has not been so successful as usual in maiden or junior regatta races, a good percentage of wins has been recorded in the senior sections, and your representatives won three out of the four championship events. Club races have received very fair support on the whole, while at the various social functions a gratifying amount of enthusiasm has been shown. Owing to the heavy non-recurrent liabilities which have been incurred during the year, the Committee has had to economise, and they wish to thank members for their loyal support.

Early in the season the two annexes to the boathouse, doubling the accommodation on the ground floor, were officially opened by your Vice President, Mr. J. C. Dillon. A very convenient storeroom was also built, and the premises painted, and placed in a thorough state of repair. The work was carried out from designs prepared by and under the personal supervision of your fellow member, Mr. James Wood, to whom special thanks are due for his honorary services. The Club now possesses one of the finest and best appointed boathouses in the State, and members have the satisfaction of knowing that it is paid for out of the Club's ordinary revenue. The total cost of the additions and repairs amounted to £266 17s. 6d., which sum your Committee feels has been more than justified considering the increased accommodation and comfort obtained.

Eight Committee meetings have been held during the season. The attendances were as follow:—Mr. Ivens, 8; Mr. Mills, 8; Mr. Dobbie, 7; Mr. MacNaughton, 7; Mr. Moses, 7; Mr. Sloan, 6; Mr. Fogarty, 6; Mr. Jones, 6; Mr. Ferguson, 6; Mr. Herman, 5; Mr. Brasch, 2; Mr. Hoof, 1.

Financial.

The revenue of the Club has been severely taxed during the season, and although strict economy has been observed and receipts have exceeded those of previous years, we show a debit balance of £205 9s. 5d.

The improvements to the boat-house are responsible for £266 17s. 6d. of expenditure, next to which comes that for boats and repairs of £101 13s. 6d.

Two racing eights were launched during the season, at a cost of £56 2s. 6d. each, one of which has been paid for.

The unfortunate accident which resulted in the destruction of our Clinker Racing Eight necessitated the outlay for a new one, thus increasing our liabilities to an extent that was quite unforeseen.

Your Committee has been fully alive to its responsibilities by rigidly curtailing general expenditure. Comparisons with last season's accounts show that the cost of repairs to boats and oars, though heavy, is reduced by £13, smoke concerts and socials by £24, printing and stationery by £3, whilst several minor items which appeared in our last year's statement have been reduced or not incurred. The principal receipts showing an increase are:—Subscriptions and donations, £7; entrance fees for Club races, £3; Henley enclosure, £10.

The Annual Ball returned a profit estimated at £39 15s. 7d., but the complete returns are not to hand in time to include in this report.

The liabilities incurred at the commencement of the season were, approximately, £380, and as our credit balance was then only £53, provision was made for a bank overdraft of £200. This was arranged on the basis of a day-to-day balance at 6 per cent. interest. As the majority of subscriptions were paid fairly

promptly the overdraft never exceeded £160; the total interest accumulated up to 21st August being £6 1s. 6d.

Taking into consideration the fact that we did not make any special appeal for funds, depending entirely upon the ordinary revenue, the result of the year's transactions must be considered eminently satisfactory. With careful supervision and economy it is anticipated that the deficit will be paid off early in the coming season, but members should assist by paying their subscriptions promptly.

V.R.A. Championship Races.

THE CHAMPION FOUR-OARED RACE was held on 17th November, 1906. Your Club was represented by two crews, and was successful with No. 1. The race was won with comfort. A. B. Sloan (stroke), H. Lindgren (3), W. Potter (2), and P. C. Ivens (bow), A. Wickham (cox), were the personnel of the winning crew. No. 2 consisted of L. Jones (stroke), A. Moore (3), J. Fogarty (2), and H. Stevens (bow), O. Yandell (cox).

THE CHAMPION PAIR-OARED RACE was decided on 19th January, 1907, when the Mercantile representatives—J. Fogarty (stroke) and H. Lindgren (bow), with A. Wickham (cox)—won after a fine struggle. This is the second year in succession that Mr. Fogarty has stroked the winning Champion pair.

THE CHAMPION SCULLING RACE.—This was held on 28th January, 1907, the two competitors being P. Ivens and Roy Adam, both of your Club. Mr. Ivens here scored his sixth consecutive victory, on which he is to be heartily congratulated. The race was won in record time.

THE CHAMPION EIGHT-OARED RACE was rowed on the 23rd March, 1907. Your Club was represented by L. Jones (stroke), H. Lindgren (7), W. Potter (6), A. Dobbie (5), J. Fogarty (4) M. C. Brown (3), G. Logan (2), and G. Ferguson (bow), A. Wickham (cox), who were defeated after a stubbornly fought-out race, the Albert Park crew being placed first and Banks second. The V.R.A. Senior Premiership, for which your Club had been leading until then, was decided by this race, the honour going to the Albert Park Club.

Interstate Championship.

THE INTERSTATE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP was contested at Port Adelaide on 4th May, 1907. Your fellow member, P. C. Ivens, was chosen to represent this State and met scullers from Tasmania, West Australia, and New South Wales, all of whom he easily defeated, and thus for the second time secured for Victoria the Amateur Sculling Championship of Australia, for which he deserves every congratulation.

THE INTERSTATE EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP RACE took place the same afternoon, and resulted in a victory for Victoria, with Tasmania second. This Club was represented in the crew by L. Jones (2), and G. Ferguson (bow), both of whom your Committee congratulate on obtaining a seat in the winning eight.

Regatta Events.

HENLEY ON YARRA REGATTA, 27th October, 1906. This Regatta, the opening one of the racing season, proved a great success in all respects. Your Club was represented in every race, and was successful in carrying off two out of four Challenge Cups, by winning the *Senior Sculls* (H. D. Brasch) and the *Senior Four*—L. Jones (stroke), A. Moore (3), J. Fogarty (2), and H. Stevens (bow), A. Wickham (cox). The following is the personnel of the other crews competing:—*Senior Eight*—A. B. Sloan (stroke), H. Lindgren (7), M. S. MacNaughton (6), A. L. Dobbie (5), G. Logan (4), M. C. Brown (3), W. Potter (2), P. C. Ivens (bow). *Junior Eight*—G. Ferguson (stroke), W. H. Waters (7), T. Guinness (6), H. Stooke (5), J. Watson (4), A. Lindblade (3), A. Dunn (2), G. Gunning (bow). *Junior Four*—H. W. Lloyd (stroke), D. Cameron (3), A. W. Bernadou (2), A. Rigg (bow). *Maiden Eight*—G. Emery (stroke), J. A. Wood (7), K. Woods (6), A. F. Tanner (5), N. Good (4), H. P. Bishop (3), O. Betteson (2), A. C. Mills (bow). *Maiden Four*—E. Yandell (stroke), T. Adamson (3), G. Hogan (2), R. E. Warburton (bow).

SEYMOUR REGATTA, King's Birthday, 12th November, 1907. Your Club was successful in winning the *Senior Four* with the same crew as won at Henley Regatta a fortnight previously. The following crews also competed, but were defeated after winning their heats:—*Junior Pair*—W. Waters (stroke), T. Guinness (bow); *Maiden Pair*—G. Emery (stroke), J. Wood (bow). A *Maiden Four* also entered, but were unable to start.

V.R.A. REGATTA, 15th December, 1907. On this occasion your representatives—H. Brasch and A. Lindblade—carried off the honours in the *Senior* and *Maiden Sculling* events respectively. Other crews entered were:—*Senior Four*—L. Jones (stroke), H. Lindgren (3), W. Potter (2), P. C. Ivens (bow). *Junior Pair*—T. Guinness (stroke), H. Stooke (bow). *Maiden Eight*—G. Emery (stroke), J. Wood (7), K. Woods (6), A. F. Tanner (5), C. Dobson (4), P. Bishop (3), O. Betteson (2), A. C. Mills (bow). *Maiden Four*—E. Yandell (stroke), T. W. Adamson (3), G. Hogan (2), R. E. Warburton (bow). *Maiden Pair*—D. Cameron (stroke), J. Watson (bow). A few days prior to the Regatta H. Stooke and D. Cameron were taken ill, so T. Guinness and J. Watson, without practice, rowed in the Junior event only.

UPPER YARRA REGATTA, 26th January, 1907. The only win recorded for your Club at this Regatta was obtained by R. Adam, who defeated P. C. Ivens in the *Senior Sculls*. H. Brasch, who entered, was unfortunately unable to start, owing to a poisoned hand. The personnel of the other crews competing was:—*Senior Four*—L. Jones (stroke), H. Lindgren (3), W. Potter (2), G. Logan (bow). *Senior Pair*—J. Fogarty (stroke), H. Lindgren (bow). *Junior Pair*—J. Watson (stroke), T. Guinness (bow). *Junior Sculls*—A. Lindblade. *Maiden Eight*—G. Emery (stroke), J. Wood (7), K. Woods (6), A. F. Tanner (5), C. Dobson (4), P. Bishop (3), N. Good

(2), A. C. Mills (bow). *Maiden Four*—E. Yandell (stroke), T. Adamson (3), G. Hogan (2), R. E. Warburton (bow). *Maiden Sculls*—A. Dunn. A *Senior Eight* was also selected. Enquiries were made, and as no other club had chosen an eight, the crew was disbanded. Considerable surprise was expressed on ascertaining, after the entries had closed, that a crew from a prominent club had been entered.

FOOTSCRAY REGATTA, 28th January, 1907. Except the *Senior Scullers*, who that day raced for the Championship, the crews here were the same as at the Upper Yarra Regatta, two days previously. Unfortunately none were successful.

BALLARAT REGATTA, MARCH 1st, 1907. At this Regatta, also, your representatives did not meet with any success, although in many of the races, notably the *Senior Eight* and *Maiden Pair*, the Club colors were well up at the finish. The crews were constituted as follows:—*Senior Eight*—L. Jones (stroke), H. Lindgren (7), W. Potter (6), A. Dobbie (5), J. Fogarty (4), M. C. Brown (3), G. Logan (2), G. Ferguson (bow). *Junior Sculls*—A. Lindblade. *Maiden Four*—R. Adam (stroke), C. Dobson (3), P. Bishop (2), R. Johnstone (bow). *Maiden Pair*—J. Watson (stroke), R. E. Warburton (bow). *Maiden Sculls*—V. Jones.

BARWON REGATTA, MARCH 9th, 1907. Fortune at last turned here, when your Club's *Senior Eight* and *Maiden Pair* scored victories. The personnel of these and the other crew competing, *i.e.*, *Maiden Four*, was the same as at Ballarat.

BAIRNSDALE REGATTA, APRIL 1st, 1907. A *Maiden Four*, consisting of R. Adam (stroke), R. E. Warburton (3), P. Bishop (2), R. Johnstone (bow), and A. Wickham (cox.), was sent to this Regatta, and they were successful.

Summary of Regatta and Championship Races.

The following table shows at a glance the number of crews the various Clubs have entered for all registered Regattas, held in Victoria last season, and the success gained by each.

Club.	No. of Crews entered.	No. of Races Won.					Club.	No. of Crews entered.	No. of Races Won.				
		Maiden	Junior	Senior	Champion-ship.	Total.			Maiden	Junior	Senior	Champion-ship.	Total.
Albert Park ...	52	4	4	5	1	14	Hawthorn ...	13	—	—	—	—	—
Mercantile ...	52	3	—	6	3	12	Richmond ...	12	1	—	—	—	1
Banks ...	26	3	5	—	—	8	Ballarat City ...	11	—	—	—	—	—
Civil Service ...	25	1	2	1	—	4	Bairnsdale ...	9	1	—	3	—	4
Yarra Yarra ...	25	—	—	—	—	—	Seymour ...	9	—	—	—	—	—
South Melb ...	23	—	1	2	—	3	Colac ...	8	—	—	—	—	—
Corio Bay ...	23	3	—	—	—	3	Barwon ...	4	—	—	—	—	—
Ballarat ...	22	4	1	—	—	5	University ...	3	—	—	—	—	—
Footscray ...	21	7	4	—	—	11	Old Wesley Cl. ...	3	—	—	—	—	—
Wendouree ...	20	4	2	—	—	6	Cobram ...	2	1	—	—	—	1
Essendon ...	18	2	2	—	—	4	Sandhurst ...	1	—	1	—	—	1
Nagambie ...	15	—	—	—	—	—							

There are now two V.R.A. Rowing Premierships, Senior and Junior, and they are decided by points on wins, thus: *Senior Premiership*—For Championship Races, 4 points per man; for Senior Races, 1 point per man. *Junior Premiership*—For Junior Races, 3 points per man; for Maiden Races, 1 point per man. The position the different Clubs occupied, and the points won by each, at the close of last season was as follows:—

SENIOR PREMIERSHIP.

Albert Park	- 60	Bairnsdale	- 8	Civil Service	- 2
Mercantile	- 47	South Melbourne	4		

JUNIOR PREMIERSHIP.

Albert Park	- 78	Ballarat	- - 17	South Melbourne	6
Footscray City	- 66	Corio Bay	- - 16	Richmond City	- 4
Banks - -	- 50	Essendon	- - 16	Sandhurst - -	3
Wendouree	- 26	Bairnsdale	- 8	Cobram - -	2
Civil Service	- 26	Mercantile	- - 7		

Morell Combination Eights.

This annual fixture open to all Metropolitan Clubs, for trophies generously presented by your President, Councillor S. J. Morell, was held on November 24th, and again proved very successful. Fifteen crews competed, necessitating eight heats, and some splendid close finishes were witnessed. Thanks to the co-operation of all, the races were finished before 6.30 p.m., the Club's three sister eights being used. The winning crew was:—W. Potter (Mercantile), D. Cameron (Mercantile), T. Guinness (Mercantile), H. P. Bishop (Mercantile), T. Gipton (Footscray), H. Wight (Essendon), H. Bentley (Yarra), R. Kerr (Mercantile).

Club Races.

On the whole this important feature in the Club life has been fairly well supported by members. Five open races were held during the season, for which the entries totalled 268—practically an average of 54 per event. Your committee feels, however, that in some cases these entries might have been larger considering the numerical strength of the Club. In addition to the above, a Pair-oared race, open only to those who had not won a regatta race, was held, and proved very successful.

Dillon Eights.

The Club Eights, for trophies kindly given by your Vice-President, Mr. J. C. Dillon, took place on 13th April, when eleven crews competed. This fixture was initiated three years ago, and is now firmly established as the most important Club race of the season. Its popularity increases, and this year the Club once again eclipsed its record. The eleven crews were constituted of active members only, which is sound evidence of the vitality of the Club.

Captain's Trophy.

The Captain's Trophy, which goes to the member winning the greatest number of heats in open Club races, was secured by Mr. W. Potter, who obtained 9 points out of a possible of 14. The runners up were Messrs. N. Good and A. Lindblade, with seven each. The following points were won by others:—

W. Davy - - 6	A. Waters - - 3	O. Betteson - - 1
A. Moore - - 6	C. Brown - - 2	F. Browne - - 1
P. Bishop - - 5	L. Butler - - 2	A. Crawford - 1
R. Johnstone - 5	J. Berwick - - 2	J. Campbell - - 1
R. Kerr - - 5	H. Brasch - - 2	A. Dobbie - - 1
A. B. Sloan - - 5	C. Clarke - - 2	C. Dobson - - 1
G. Hogan - - 4	J. Fogarty - - 2	G. Emery - - 1
E. Yandell - - 4	J. Fergusson - 2	S. Guinn - - 1
T. Adamson - - 3	T. Guinness - - 2	G. Glew - - 1
C. Campbell - - 3	E. Hill - - 2	J. Harper - - 1
A. Dorman - - 3	J. M'Gowan - - 2	V. Jones - - 1
L. Jones - - 3	J. Opie - - 2	G. Logan - - 1
P. Ivens - - 3	F. Tanner - - 2	M.S. MacNaughton 1
A. C. Mills - - 3	J. Wood - - 2	L. Wade - - 1
J. O'Rielly - - 3	K. Woods - - 2	J. Watson - - 1
H. Stevens - - 3	G. Anderson - - 1	W. Waters - - 1
R. Warburton - 3	R. Adam - - 1	R. Wilkinson - 1

Appended are particulars of all Club Races:—

Date.	Race.	Donors of Trophies	Winning Crew.
1906 Oct. 13	Scratch Fours ...	Messrs. Wickham and Benfold	P. C. Ivens (stroke), R. Warburton (3), N. Good (2), R. Johnstone (bow)
1907 Jan. 12	Scratch Fours ...	Messrs. Fogarty and W. Waters	W. Potter (stroke), A. Moore (3), N. Good (2), W. Davy (sub. bow)
Febry. 2	Scratch Fours ...	Messrs. Cooper and Potter	L. Jones (stroke), E. Yandell (3), A. Lindblade (2), L. Butler (bow)
April 13	Scratch Eights	Mr. J. C. Dillon	A. B. Sloan (stroke), A. Moore (7), A. Waters (6), A. Lindblade (5), H. C. Morrison (4), R. Kerr (3), J. Browne (2), W. Orr (sub. bow)
April 20	Special Scratch Pairs	Mr. C. H. Campbell ...	H. C. Morrison (stroke), A. Baragwanath (bow)
April 27	Scratch Fours ...	Messrs. Moses, Aylwin, Fogarty, and Mills ...	W. Potter (stroke), P. Bishop (3), W. Davy (2), J. O'Rielly (bow)

General Club Matters.

The official opening of the enlarged and renovated boat-house was held on 13th October, in the presence of a large gathering of members and their friends. Your Vice-President, Mr. J. C. Dillon, when performing the ceremony, made an interesting speech, in which he sketched the Club's history from its inception to the present time. The occasion was also taken to name the Club's new "best" Eight, "A. R. Blackwood," in memory of our late President, who did so much for amateur rowing during his life.

On 9th February an enlarged photograph of the late Albert E. Hoof was hung in the Club room, and unveiled by the President, a very large number of members being present.



J. A. Sears HOUSE-BOATS AND SPECTATORS, *Photo*
FOURTH HENLEY-ON-YARRA REGATTA, 27TH OCTOBER. 1906

The sincere thanks of members are due to the following gentlemen for donations and trophies during the past season:—Councillor S. J. Morell, J. Dillon, Esq., J. B. Whitty, Esq., J. Fogarty, Esq., R. A. Cooper, Esq., W. Potter, Esq., C. H. Campbell, Esq., H. J. Wickham, Esq., C. Benfold, Esq., J. Sloan, Esq., A. B. Sloan, Esq., W. H. Waters, Esq., A. R. Moses, Esq., A. M. Aylwin, Esq., A. C. Mills, Esq., Paterson, Laing & Bruce Limited, and D. & W. Murray Limited. Offers of trophies were also received from E. T. Bradshaw, Esq., and H. Cohen Esq., for handicap sculling races, but owing to no available dates being open on which to compete for the prizes, your Committee had to hold them over.

The Annual Ball was held this year, at the Prahran Town Hall, on Wednesday evening, 17th July. Your Committee undertook a heavier responsibility than usual with this function in moving out

to the larger hall at Prahran, and the highly successful result fully justified their action. Nearly 500 persons were present. An augmented Committee, consisting of Mesdames Cooper, Burgess, Chambers, French, Nathan and Storey, Misses Burton, Jones, Lindblade, Morell, McLean, Rosenthal and Sutton, and Messrs. Paul Bibron, Johnstone, Lindblade, H. and J. Stooke, Warburton and Watson, in conjunction with the Club Committee and with Messrs. A. L. Dobbie and M. S. MacNaughton as joint hon. secretaries, managed all the details. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on these ladies and gentlemen for the enthusiastic way in which they worked to make the Ball such a pronounced success. M. Bibron kindly placed his rooms at the disposal of the Committee for holding meetings, etc.

A few weeks prior to Henley Regatta the Club's clinker racing eight was accidentally damaged beyond repair. Until another boat could be built the Scotch College authorities lent theirs to the Club, and your Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of their kindness.

An old friend and member in the person of Mr. W. H. T. Davis, formerly stroke of the Club's senior crews, and now resident in Hong Kong, where he has lived for the last ten years, paid a visit to the shed a few weeks ago looking as fit as ever. He was on his way to London *via* Canada.

Your Committee desires to place on record its appreciation for the services rendered in coaching crews by Messrs. H. Lindgren, A. L. Dobbie, J. Fogarty, V. Jones, and L. Jones.

The second Annual Dinner, which was held at Hosie's Cafe, on April 18th, 1907, proved in every respect successful. Your President occupied the chair, and a number of old members were present. Thanks are due to the gentlemen who kindly contributed items to the musical programme, and especially to Mr. Horace E. Stevens for arranging same.

Your fellow members, Messrs. M. C. Brown and T. F. Brennan, recently joined the benedicts, and the occasion was taken to make each a wedding present.

Thanks are due to Mr. T. F. Brennan for again acting as Hon. Auditor.

The City Council has decided to spend £500 in forming a low-level promenade and landing stages immediately opposite to the boat-houses. It is understood that the river will also be dredged there. Unfortunately nothing definite has yet been done with regard to the mooring of motor boats or regulating their traffic. The various rowing bodies are doing their utmost to get the question settled quickly, for the launches on the Upper Yarra are a menace uncontrolled as at present.

Members are asked to observe the regulation issued by the V.R.A., regarding the rule of the river. Boats coming down stream should keep to the north side and pass under Princes Bridge before turning to approach the staging. The dangerous practice of cutting across the river to reach the staging will then be averted.

Your Committee regrets to announce that during the past season the Club has lost, amongst others, the services and membership of Messrs. J. Southern, G. Gunning, and O. Yandell, who have left Melbourne on business. We wish them every success in their new homes and employment.

The Club's Annual Smoke Night was held in the boathouse on Saturday, 8th June, 1907. A very large gathering of members attended and had a thoroughly good time. During the evening the captain took the occasion to congratulate Messrs. Ivens, Jones, and Ferguson on their success in the recent Inter-state championship races. The services of those who assisted in entertaining were greatly appreciated by all and they are heartily thanked for same. The innovation of holding this event in the Club's rooms proved an enthusiastic success.

On "Henley Day" the boathouse was decorated with flags, etc. as usual. The catering was ably carried out and a large number of lady and gentlemen friends availed themselves of the arrangements made for their comfort.

It is worthy of remark that, in winning the Morell Combination Eights, Mr. W. Potter secured his hundredth trophy in various branches of amateur sport.

Attention is directed to the following new bye-law.—BYE-LAW No. 6. "That after January 8th, 1907, no candidate shall be eligible for election as a member unless he is able to swim."

Boxing Classes have been held during the winter, with Mr. H. Lindgren as hon. instructor. Enough thanks cannot be given to Mr. Lindgren for his untiring efforts on behalf of members in this and many other respects.

Life Saving Classes, under the auspices of the Royal Life Saving Society, have also been held during the past few months. Mr. E. Freadmann again acted as hon. instructor, and his services are greatly appreciated by members.

Your Committee learns with regret that the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. C. Mills, has found it necessary to retire from office, and wishes to place on record its appreciation of the excellent work which he has done for the Club during the past year.

In accordance with the rules, all office-bearers retire by effluxion of time, but are eligible for re-election.

Life Membership.

Your Committee wishes to recognise the very valuable services rendered by Mr. P. C. Ivens to the Club during his long connection with it, especially as Hon. Treasurer, so recommends that he be elected a Life Member at this meeting.

The Fleet.

Two new boats have been launched since the last report, viz., a "best" eight and a "clinker racing" eight, the latter to replace the boat smashed by the collapse of a rack just before Henley Regatta.

The Fleet now stands as follows :—

1 Best and Best Racing Eight	3 Practice Fours
1 Clinker Racing Eight	1 Clinker Racing Pair
3 Practice Eights	4 Tub Practice Pairs
1 Best and Best Racing Four	2 Clinker Racing Sculls
1 Clinker Racing Four	2 Tub Practice Sculls

All the boats, together with a full supply of oars and sculls, are in good condition.

Your Committee wish to again draw members attention to the amount which has actually been spent on repairs. This sum was largely necessitated through careless handling of the Club's property, and all are urged to, in future, use every care. It is in launching or housing boats, or by leaving oars about that most of the serious damage is done, and here members may, by taking ordinary precautions, effect a considerable saving.

An order has been placed with Messrs. Edwards and Sons for a racing pair and two open sculling boats.

Conclusion.

Your Committee considers the outlook for next season particularly bright. The position of the Club is strong as regards active members, and there is every prospect of a prosperous year in all respects. Still, the co-operation of each and every member is necessary to ensure this, and all are asked to accord to the incoming officers the same support as has been given in the past. In closing, your Committee wishes to heartily thank members for their consideration and loyalty during the last season.

On behalf of the Committee,

A. C. MILLS,

Hon. Secretary.

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BALANCE-SHEET FOR SEASON 1906-7.

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LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
To Bank Overdraft	£115 15 4	By Boats, Oars and Sculls at valuation	£488 0 0
Edwards and Sons	56 2 6	" " at cost	112 0 0
Subscriptions paid in advance	2 14 6	Boathouse at valuation	39 15 7
Trophy orders outstanding	28 10 6	Estimated profit on Ball	15 0 0
Bank interest on Overdraft	2 6 10	Less amount already received	15 0 0
Balance, Capital at 21st August, 1907	1040 15 8	Outstanding subscriptions	24 15 7
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