

Annual Report.



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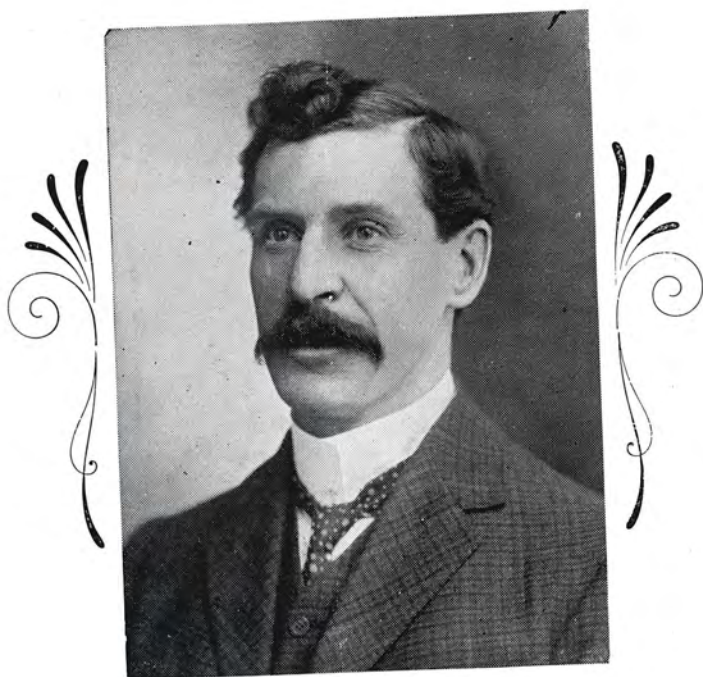


GROUP OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ON MRS. COOPER'S LADIES' DAY.
(DILLON EIGHTS. 11TH APRIL, 1908).

28th Annual Report

To be placed before Members
at the ANNUAL Meeting to be
held at Morell's Orient Hotel,

On SATURDAY EVENING, SEPT. 26, 1908,
at 7.45 p.m.

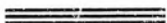


Mr. A. B. SLOAN,
Who is retiring from the position of
Captain after 10 Years' Service.



Mercantile Rowing Club

SEASON 1907-8.



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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Mercantile Rowing Club.

September 12.

To the Members of the Mercantile Rowing Club.

Gentlemen,—

It is with the utmost pleasure that your retiring Committee places before you to-night a chronicle of the doings of the club for the past season, and congratulates members on the fact that the Mercantile Rowing Club succeeded, by a large majority of points, in attaining the proud position of premier club in the State for the season 1907/08.

In every feature of club life the past season has been a most successful one; the various crews paid strict attention to their training, great interest was displayed by all members, and the utmost harmony prevailed right throughout the season, therefore it is not surprising that we are able to place such a good account before you this evening.

The membership roll was largely increased during the year, and there is every prospect of a further increase during the ensuing season.

Committee Meetings.

Six Committee meetings were held during the season, and the attendance of each Member of Committee was as follows:—

MR. SLOAN ... 6	MR. MOSES ... 2	MR. MILLS ... 6
MR. IVENS ... 4	MR. FERGUSON 4	MR. MACNAUGHTON 5
MR. DOBBIE... 6	MR. FOGARTY 5	MR. WOOD... ... 4
MR. CAMERON 6	MR. JONES ... 2	MR. HERMAN ... 3

Financial.

The financial operations for the season cannot be regarded as otherwise than highly satisfactory. Commencing the season with a Bank Overdraft of £115/15/1, and outstanding liabilities of £89/14/4, we closed it with a credit balance of £8/13/4, and liabilities amounting to £93/15/.

In other words, we have gained £120/6/11 on the year's transactions, while at the same time we have added to our fleet of boats by the amount of £50, and our assets in the shape of outstanding subscriptions, &c., are larger than at the close of the previous season.

Current accounts have all been met with the exception of portion of that for boats and repairs. The balance unpaid is £73, which, with outstanding trophy orders, comprise our only liabilities. It is expected that these will be paid early in the coming season.

That bug-bear of all rowing clubs, viz., the cost of repairs to boats and oars is, as usual, very heavy (£36/18/).

The Bank Overdraft existed for less than 20 months, and the interest paid thereon amounted to £10/16/2.

For the first time since its inception the Annual Ball resulted in a loss amounting to £3/18/8. This was more than counterbalanced, however, by Receipts from other sources, which returned a profit of £31/2/6.

The amount of subscriptions outstanding, viz., £26/16/6, is very much heavier than usual. All members, but especially those in arrears, are requested to specially note this item.

V.R.A. Championship Races.

CHAMPION SCULLS.—The first Championship event of the season was the Sculls, on 19th October, 1907, and in this Mr. P. C. Ivens, of your Club, was allowed a row-over, thus retaining the title of Amateur Sculling Champion of Victoria for the seventh year in succession.

CHAMPION FOUR.—The Champion Four was rowed on Saturday, 16th November, and on this occasion only two crews started, viz., Albert Park and your own. After a good race your representatives were defeated. The crew was as follows:—P. C. Ivens (str.), H. Lindgren (3), W. Potter (2), G. Ferguson (bow); A. Wickham (cox.).

CHAMPION PAIR.—The Champion Pair was held on Saturday, 30th November, and resulted in a win for Essendon, with Civil Service second. Six crews competed, and your representatives were J. J. Fogarty (str.), H. Lindgren (bow), A. Wickham (cox.).

CHAMPION EIGHT.—The concluding and most important event of the season was the Champion Eight, on Saturday, 21st March.

Only two crews were represented, viz., Albert Park and your Eight, and as a result of the great races that had taken place between these crews at the Ballarat and Barwon Regattas, this event was looked forward to with keen interest.

As was anticipated, the race proved to be one of the most exciting in the history of the event. The crews raced almost abreast for over two miles. After rounding the Sugar Works your crew led by a few feet and was rowing splendidly. What promised, at that point, to be a magnificent finish, was marred by Albert Park steering inside the beacon (contrary to the regulations governing these races), thereby gaining a decided advantage at a critical stage, for which they were disqualified.

The result was of course somewhat unsatisfactory, and engendered no small amount of feeling, which culminated in your crew challenging the Albert Park to again row a race over the same course. This was not accepted, though an unsuccessful attempt was subsequently made to override the rules of the V.R.A. in connection with the matter.

Your crew was as follows:—A. B. Sloan (str.), H. Lindgren (7), W. Potter (6), Dr. M. K. Moss (5), A. L. Dobbie (4), M. C. Brown (3), P. C. Ivens (2), G. Ferguson (bow), A. Wickham (cox.).

By virtue of this win your Club secured the Senior Premiership of the season, and also the Championship Pennant presented by Mr. G. Upward.

Interstate Championships.

More than usual interest was centred in the Inter-State Championships this year by reason of the fact that it was Victoria's turn to have these events decided on her course. Accordingly they took place on Saturday, 9th May, under the most favorable conditions as regards weather, etc. The first race was the Inter-State Sculls, in which Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales and Queensland were represented. Your fellow members, Messrs. P. C. Ivens and H. Erasch, were chosen to represent this State, but to the general disappointment Mr. Ivens, who had won the Inter-State Sculling Championship the two preceding years, was taken ill a few days prior to the event and forced to relinquish training operations and withdraw from the race, thus being unable to defend the title gained by him in previous contests.

After a splendid race Mr. E. Jack, of Tasmania, annexed the Championship, Mr. Brasch, who made a great effort to retain the title in this State, securing second place.

In the Eight-oared Championship all the States of the Commonwealth were represented. Messrs. W. Potter (2) and G. Ferguson (bow) were selected from your Club for the Victorian crew. Mr. A. B. Sloan was also offered a seat, but was unable to accept.

The race was a very fine one, and the winners proved to be New South Wales (a particularly powerful combination), Victoria being second and Tasmania third.

This is the first time since 1893 that the Inter-State Eight has been won by a crew from New South Wales, and we tender the representatives of that State our hearty congratulations on their splendid performance.

The South Australian and Tasmanian crews were housed at your shed, and after the race the members of the Tasmanian crew and their supporters donated the sum of six guineas to your club's funds for the purpose of providing trophies for a race during the ensuing season. The donation was suitably acknowledged, but we desire to record herein our appreciation of the kindly spirit which prompted the gift.



FINISH FOR GRAND CHALLENGE CUP, HENLEY 1907.

MERCANTILE, FIRST.

ALBERT PARK, SECOND.

Regatta Events.

HENLEY ON THE YARRA, 26th October, 1907. As usual the season opened with the Henley Regatta, which has now become one of the biggest functions of the year. Your club was represented in six out of the seven open events and placed three wins to its credit. The successful crews were:—*Grand Challenge Cup (Senior Eight)*—P. C. Ivens (str.), H. Lindgren (7), W. Potter (6), A. L. Dobbie (5); M. S. MacNaughton (4), M. C. Brown (3), G. Logan (2), G.

Ferguson (bow), A. Wickham (cox.), who defeated Albert Park by a length. *Elswick Challenge Cup (Junior Four)*—S. Guinn (str.), R. E. Warburton (3), H. W. Lloyd (2), D. Cameron (bow), A. Wickham (cox.). *Yarra Challenge Cup (Sculls)*—Mr. H. Brasch (the holder) was awarded a row-over. The unsuccessful crews were—*Maiden Four*—E. Yandell (str.), A. Crawford (3), J. O'Reilly (2), W. Davy (bow). *Stewards' Challenge Cup (Senior Four)*—L. Jones (str.), H. E. Stevens (3), T. Guinness (2), and J. Watson (bow). *Maiden Eight*—Roy Adam (str.), C. Dobson (7); H. Mayo (6), F. Tanner (5), L. Butler (4), J. A. Wood (3), P. Bishop (2), and R. Johnston (bow). The *Maiden Eight* and *Maiden Four* rowed second in finals of their respective events.

SEYMOUR REGATTA, King's Birthday. At this Regatta your Club was represented by a *Maiden Pair*—Roy Adam (str.) and F. Tanner (bow). *Maiden Four*—H. Mayo (str.), C. Dobson (3), L. Butler (2), J. A. Wood (bow). *Junior Four*—S. Guinn (str.), R. E. Warburton (3), J. Watson (2), and D. Cameron (bow). In each case your crew won their heat, but were not successful in the finals.

V.R.A. REGATTA, 14th December, 1907. Your Club was well represented at this Regatta, and secured three wins, viz., the *Senior Sculls* (H. E. Stevens), *Junior Sculls* (A. G. Lindblade) and *Junior Pair*—S. Guinn (str.), R. E. Warburton (bow), A. Wickham (cox.). The unsuccessful crews were:—*Senior Four*—P. C. Ivens (str.), H. Lindgren (3), W. Patter (2), and G. Ferguson (bow). Beaten by Albert Park after a great race. *Maiden Four*—G. Emery (str.), A. Crawford (3), G. Hegan (2), and J. O'Reilly (bow). *Maiden Eight*—Roy Adam (str.), C. Dobson (7), H. Mayo (6), F. Tanner (5), L. Butler (4), J. A. Wood (3), P. Bishop (2), and R. Johnston (bow). *Senior Sculls*—Mr. A. G. Lindblade (who won the Junior Sculls at this Regatta) also started in this event, but was defeated by his club-mate (H. E. Stevens).

NAGAMBIE REGATTA (Boxing Day), 26th December, 1907. A *Maiden Eight* was sent to represent your club at this Regatta, but did not secure a win. The crew was the same as at the V.R.A. Regatta a fortnight previously, with the exception that G. Emery replaced J. A. Wood as No. 3, owing to the latter being unable to make the trip.

COLAC REGATTA (New Year's Day), 1st January, 1908. Two crews were sent to this Regatta, viz., a *Maiden Four* and a *Maiden Eight*. The *Four* succeeded in winning, but the *Eight* was unsuccessful. The crews were as under:—*Maiden Four*—E. Yandell (str.), A. Crawford (3), G. Emery (2), J. O'Reilly (bow), C. Maurice (cox). *Maiden Eight*—G. Emery (str.), C. Dobson (7), H. Mayo (6), F. Tanner (5), L. Butler (4), J. O'Reilly (3), P. Bishop (2) and R. Johnston (bow). Mr. Roy Adam was selected to stroke this crew, and Mr. Emery to row No. 3, but Mr. Adam unfortunately missed the train from Melbourne. Mr. Emery therefore took the

stroke seat, and Mr. O'Reilly No. 3. Under these circumstances the performance of rowing second was an excellent one.

UPPER YARRA REGATTA, 25th January, 1908. This was the next Regatta to engage the attention of your Selection Committee, and the Club was represented in 5 events. Fortune was against us, and no wins were obtained. The crews were:—*Maiden Pair*—E. Yandell (str.), J. O'Reilly (bow). *Maiden Eight*—G. Emery (str.), A. Crawford (7), H. Mayo (6), C. Dobson (5), L. Butler (4), P. Bishop (3), J. A. Wood (2), and R. Johnston (bow). *Maiden Sculls*—V. Jones. *Junior Pair*—A. G. Lindblade (str.) and J. Watson (bow). *Senior Pair*—A. B. Sloan (str.) and H. Lindgren (bow).

FOOTSCRAY REGATTA, 27th January, 1908. This Regatta was held on the Monday following the Upper Yarra Regatta, and on this occasion your crews were more successful, three wins being secured. The winning crews were as under:—*Senior Pair*—M. C. Brown (str.), G. Ferguson (bow), A. Wickham (cox), who defeated the winners of the Champion Pair. *Maiden Pair*—Same as at Upper Yarra. *Maiden Eight*—Same as at Upper Yarra (C. Maurice, cox.). The *Senior Four*—A. B. Sloan (str.), H. Lindgren (3), W. Potter (2), and G. Logan (bow)—was unsuccessful.

BALLARAT REGATTA, 28th February, 1908.—Owing to a number of members being unable to obtain the necessary leave to visit Ballarat, the entries from your Club were not so numerous as formerly. However, two crews—Senior Eight and Junior Four—were sent to do battle, but were not fortunate enough to win. They were composed as follows:—*Senior Eight*—A. B. Sloan (str.), H. Lindgren (7), W. Potter (6), Dr. Moss (5), A. L. Dobbie (4), M. C. Brown (3), P. C. Ivens (2), and G. Ferguson (bow). *Junior Four*—E. Yandell (str.), A. Crawford (3), J. Watson (2), P. Bishop (bow). The Senior Eight put up a splendid race, and was only defeated by Albert Park by three feet.

BARWON REGATTA, 7th March, 1908. This Regatta was held a week later than Ballarat, and attracted a large entry from all clubs; five crews were sent from your Club, two of which were successful. The winning crews were:—*Maiden Pair*—G. Emery (str.), R. Johnston (bow), A. Wickham (cox.)—who displayed excellent form and won very comfortably. *Senior Eight*—Same as at Ballarat. In this race your representatives turned the tables on the "Park" crew (who had defeated them at Ballarat) by five feet, thus making honors easy. The unsuccessful crews were:—*Maiden Four*—J. A. Wood (str.), C. Dobson (3), H. Mayo (2), and J. Thomson (bow). *Maiden Eight*—J. O'Reilly (str.), A. Robertson (7), R. Anderson (6), F. Robertson (5), A. Hiddlestone (4), J. Stooke (3), G. Hogan (2), and A. C. Mills (bow). *Junior Four*—E. Yandell (str.), A. Crawford (3), J. Watson (2), P. Bishop (bow).

BAIRNSDALE REGATTA (Easter Saturday), 18th April, 1908. Three crews were sent to this Regatta, but failed to secure a win.

The personnel of the crews was as follows:—*Junior Pair*—G. Emery (str.), R. Johnston (bow). *Junior Four*—E. Yandell (str.), A. Crawford (3), G. Emery (2), R. Johnston (bow). *Maiden Eight*—J. O'Reilly (str.), F. O. Robertson (7), J. O. Robertson (6), N. Good (5), A. Hiddlestone (4), J. Stooke (3), G. Hogan (2), E. J. Hill (bow). The crews were accompanied by several members, who camped at Bairnsdale for the Easter holidays.

PAYNESVILLE REGATTA (Easter Monday), 20th April, 1908. Your *Junior Four* went on from Bairnsdale to Paynesville, and succeeded in winning that event. F. O. Robertson rowed bow instead of R. Johnston (S. McCullagh, cox.); otherwise the crew was the same as at Bairnsdale.

Victorian Rowing Association Premiership, 1907-8.

The following is a statement showing the points gained by the various clubs for the Victorian Rowing Association Premiership for the season 1907-1908:—

SENIOR PREMIERSHIP.

Mercantile	56	Ballarat	6	Nagambie	4
Albert Park	28	Footsray City	4	Banks	2
Essendon	12				

JUNIOR PREMIERSHIP.

Footsray City	56	Barwon	16	Hawthorn	10
Mercantile	49	Essendon	12	Albert Park	7
Ballarat	42	Shepparton	12	Old Wesley C.	4
Wendouree	36	University	12	Bairnsdale	4
South Melbourne	22	Yarra Yarra	12	Ballarat City	2
Banks	20	Cobram	10	Richmond	2

It will thus be seen that your club secured the Senior Premiership by a substantial majority, while in the Junior it was beaten by seven points by Footsray City, to whom we tender our hearty congratulations on their meritorious performance.

Morell Combination Eights.

This event has now become one of the most important inter-club fixtures of the year, and was rowed on Saturday, the 23rd November. The entries were the largest yet received, no fewer than 19 crews taking part. After some very interesting racing the winners proved to be—M. C. Brown (str.) (Mercantile), H. Mayo (Mercantile), G. Fawcett (Civil Service), A. C. Adam (Hawthorn), R. T. Cox (Albert

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB
WINDING
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CREWS
BOATS



Sculler Pair, Tachewy Bay, 1907



Rowing Pair, Jilwer Yarra Regatta, 1908



Champion Eight of Victoria 1908
Silver Eight, Rowing Regatta



Master's Pair, Rowing Regatta, 1908



A.K. Liverpool
Rowing Regatta, 1908



Rowing Regatta



Grand Challenge Cup



Yarra Challenge Cup



Grand Challenge Cup
Rowing Regatta, 1907



Master's Eight, Victoria Regatta, 1908



Rowing Regatta, 1907
Rowing Regatta, 1908



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Rowing Regatta, 1908

Park), C. A. R. Clark (Mercantile), W. Joseph (Mercantile), W. Powell (Richmond City).

Your President (Councillor S. J. Morell) again provided the trophies, and we tender him the best thanks of members for his generosity.

Club Races.

The rowing in connection with club events during the past season was particularly fine; many dead heats resulted, and we had the unique spectacle of two crews (eights) rowing two dead heats with each other, thus necessitating a third row. The evenness of the various crews reflected great credit on the Selection Committee and your Captain. Four open races were rowed during the season, in addition to Novice Pairs, and in every instance were well supported by members. It was found impracticable to arrange a sculling race during the season, but we would urge upon the incoming committee the advisability of giving this matter their early consideration.

Dillon Eights.

This is the principal club race of the season, and always attracts a large entry. On this occasion one of your Vice-Presidents, Mr. J. C. Dillon, was unable to take part owing to his absence from the State on a trip abroad, but out of compliment to Mr. Dillon the committee decided to retain the old name (Dillon Eights), and to provide the trophies from club funds. The race was accordingly held on Saturday, the 11th April, when we received the record entry of 12 crews. It was gratifying to find such a large number of members taking part, and not surprising that the various heats were well contested and productive of good finishes.

The winning crew comprised G. Ferguson (str.), J. Thomson, K. Woods, A. C. Mills, J. Cooper, G. Millist, F. Osborne and C. Vanderkelen.

On the afternoon of this event Mrs. R. A. Cooper, wife of our esteemed Vice-President, entertained members and their lady friends at afternoon tea in the boat house, which was specially decorated for the occasion. Di Gilio's band was in attendance, and about 400 ladies and gentlemen partook of Mrs. Cooper's hospitality. This is not by any means the first occasion on which Mrs. Cooper has displayed her interest in our Club, and we desire to place on record the heartiest appreciation of members for her kindness.

Captain's Trophy.

This trophy is presented annually by the Captain to the member winning the greatest number of heats, &c., in club races, and for the

past season goes to Mr. C. A. R. Clark, with 7 points out of a possible 12. Appended is a list showing the points secured by each member during the season:—

C. A. R. Clark	7	F. Tanner	2	W. B. Davy	1
G. Ferguson	6	M. S. MacNaughton	2	G. Hogan	1
H. Stevens	6	A. W. Bernadou	2	G. Logan	1
J. Cooper	6	J. J. Fogarty	2	C. Campbell	1
J. Thomson	6	J. H. Campbell	2	J. Watson	1
A. Dorman	6	R. S. Johnston	2	C. J. Taylor	1
K. Woods	6	W. Wolter	2	R. E. Warburton	1
R. Treacy	6	J. Herman	2	T. Guinness	1
A. G. Lindblade	5	B. Bickerstaff	2	W. Joseph	1
A. B. Sloan	5	C. Dobson	1	A. Hiddlestone	1
F. Robertson	5	P. C. Ivens	1	P. Bishop	1
G. Millist	4	H. Storie	1	D. Lewin	1
L. Butler	4	A. Crawford	1	Berwick, J.	1
W. Potter	4	G. Emery	1	G. Brown	1
A. C. Mills	3	J. Robertson	1	P. Wade	1
L. J. Wright	3	N. Good	1	R. Kerr	1
J. Green	3	S. Guinn	1	C. Morrison	1
M. B. Harry	3	D. Cameron	1	Kennedy (S.C.)	1
J. O'Reilly	3	J. A. Wood	1	Kelso (S.C.)	1
F. Osborne	3	H. Lindgren	1	Disher (S.C.)	1
C. Vanderkelen	3	L. Wade	1	Brownell (S.C.)	1
J. Brown	2	E. Hill	1		

We congratulate Mr. Clark on his performance, and also tender the thanks of members to Mr. Sloan (Captain) for providing the trophy.

Summary of Club Races.

Date.	Race.	Donors of Trophies.	Crews.	Winning Crew.
Nov. 2/07...	Scratch Fours	Messrs. Waters and Fogarty...	12	H. Stevens (stroke), A. G. Lindblade (3), L. Butler (2), C. A. R. Clark (bow).
Mar. 14/08	Novice Pairs	Messrs. Moses and Ivens ...	14	F. Robertson (stroke) and H. Storie (bow).
Mar. 28/08	Scratch Fours	Messrs. Cooper and Potter ...	13	A. B. Sloan (stroke), J. Thomson (3), K. Woods (2), C. A. R. Clark (bow).
April 4/08	Scratch Fours	Messrs. Wickham and Benfold	14	J. O'Reilly (stroke), G. Ferguson (3), R. Treacy (2), J. Cooper (bow).
April 11/08	Scratch Eights	The Club... ..	12	G. Ferguson (stroke), J. Thomson (7), K. Woods (6), A. C. Mills (5), J. Cooper (4), G. Millist (3), F. Osborne (2), C. Vanderkelen (bow).

General Club Matters.

The best thanks of members are tendered the following gentlemen for donations and trophies during the season:—

Councillor S. J. Morell; W. Potter, Esq.; J. J. Fogarty, Esq.; R. A. Cooper, Esq.; Mrs. R. A. Cooper; H. J. Wickham, Esq.; C. Benfold, Esq.; A. B. Sloan, Esq.; Geo. Fairbairn, Esq., M.H.R.; W. H. Waters; P. C. Ivens, Esq.; A. R. Moses, Esq.; J. Sloan, Esq.; Pater-son, Laing and Bruce Ltd.; and Messrs. D. and W. Murray Ltd.

Trophies were also promised by A. C. Mills, Esq., and E. T. Bradshaw, but it was not practicable to arrange a race for them.

A special donation of £6/6/ was received from the Tasmanian Inter-State crew and supporters, and is referred to elsewhere.

The Annual Ball was held in the Pralbran Town Hall on Wednesday, 8th July, and although from a dancing and social point of view it was an unqualified success, we regret that the financial result was not up to expectations, the balance sheet showing a small loss.

Splendid assistance was rendered your Committee by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Mesdames Cooper, French and Chambers; Misses Lindblade, Sutton, Burton and Cooper, and Messrs. J. Stooke and E. A. Evans, and we desire to place on record our sincere appreciation of their efforts. The Secretarial duties were carried out by Messrs. Don Cameron and A. G. Lindblade, and Mons. Paul Bibron kindly placed his rooms at the disposal of the Committee for meetings.

The Committee feels that the attention of members should be drawn to the apparent lack of interest shown by them (as a body) in the Ball, and would emphasise the fact that one of the reasons for arranging the Ball is to augment the Club's funds, and we trust that on future occasions there will be a much larger attendance of our members.

As a small mark of appreciation the ladies mentioned herein were entertained at a theatre party on the night of the 10th September.

The Annual Dinner was held at "The Savoy" on Thursday evening, the 21st May, and as usual proved an enjoyable function. A splendid musical programme was arranged by Mr. Horace E. Stevens, to whom, with the other entertainers, we tender the thanks of members.

A Smoke Night was also held in the boathouse on the night of the "Dillon Eights" (11th April), and was especially well attended by members. The programme, arranged by Mr. Stevens, was unusually good, and the occasion was taken during the evening by Mr. George Upward to present the pennant won by the Champion Eight.

Early in the season a series of motor boat picnics was arranged, and helped considerably towards cementing the good feeling existing between members.

On the 15th August a football match was played between teams from the Yarra Yarra and your Club, at Greensborough, and after a strenuous battle, in which several of our eldest members distinguished themselves, the honors went to the Yarra Yarra team. After the match both teams and a large gathering of members of the two clubs had tea together and spent the evening in harmony. Such contests cannot fail to place the members of each club on a better footing with one another, and it might be advisable during the coming season to arrange them more frequently.

During the year one of your Committeemen and long service members (Mr. A. R. Moses) joined the ranks of the benedicts, and the occasion was marked by the presentation of a handsome silver tea and coffee service and salver.

We regret that the services of two prominent members have been lost to the Club through the departure to the country of Messrs. Roy Adams and Tom Guinness. Both gentlemen carry with them the best wishes of members for their future success.

In connection with the introduction of new members, attention is directed to the following bye-laws which were adopted some little time ago:—(1) That after January, 1907, no candidate shall be eligible for membership unless he be able to swim; and (2) that all nominations for membership be accompanied by at least half the subscription before they can be dealt with.

We are pleased to see one of our old members, Mr. Arthur Moore, back in our midst after a trip abroad.

The best thanks of members are due to Mr. T. F. Brennan for again officiating as Hon. Auditor during the past season.

Your Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the splendid services in connection with the coaching of regatta crews by Messrs. A. L. Dobbie, A. G. Lindblade, Lisle Jones, V. Jones, H. Lindgren, J. J. Fogarty and S. Guinn. These members devoted a great deal of their time to this important feature of club work, and the Club is indeed fortunate in having their services.

To Mr. Horace E. Stevens we also wish to convey the thanks of members and ourselves for the valuable assistance rendered by him in arranging the musical programme at the social events held by the Club during the season.

The arrangements between Scotch College and your Club still continues, to the satisfaction of all concerned, and we take the opportunity of tendering our congratulations on the splendid win achieved

by the Scotch College crew in the Head of the River race during the season. Your Captain (Mr. A. B. Sloan) officiated as coach to the crew.

Your Hon. Secretary (Mr. Don. Cameron) finds it necessary to retire from that position owing to pressure of business. The Committee desire to express their appreciation of the able and efficient manner in which he carried out his duties during the season.

RETIREMENT OF MR. A. B. SLOAN FROM THE POSITION OF CAPTAIN.

It is with great regret we have to announce that your Captain (Mr. A. B. Sloan) finds it necessary to retire from the Captaincy for business reasons, and we cannot let the occasion pass without referring to the splendid services rendered by him during his 10 years' occupancy of that position.

To his able management and forceful personality, as well as to his great ability as an oarsman, the present position of your club is largely due, and there is no doubt that his term of office as Captain has been an unqualified success. We feel confident that members share the regret of the Committee at the loss of Mr. Sloan's services, and join in our appreciation of his good work.

Mr. Sloan is not severing his connection with the Club altogether, so that we will still have the benefit of his experience and advice, and this fact somewhat minimises the loss.

It is intended at an early date to make a suitable presentation to Mr. Sloan.

The following resume of his career as an oarsman will be of interest to members:—

1892—Maiden Four, Upper Yarra; Maiden Four, Warrnambool; Junior Four, Warrnambool. 1893—Junior Pair, V.R.A. 1894—Inter-State Eight, Melbourne; Senior Four, Upper Yarra. 1895—Senior Pair, V.R.A.; Senior Four, Ballarat; Senior Four, Barwon; Inter-State Eight, Brisbane; Champion Four, Melbourne. 1896—Senior Four, V.R.A.; Champion Eight, Melbourne; Inter-State Eight, Sydney; Champion Four of Australasia, Sydney; Champion Four, Melbourne; Senior Four, Upper Yarra; Senior Pair, Upper Yarra. 1897—Senior Four, V.R.A.; Senior Four, Barwon; Senior Pair, Barwon; Champion Eight, Melbourne; Inter-State Eight, Melbourne; Champion Four, Melbourne; Senior Four, Upper Yarra; Senior Pair, Upper Yarra; Senior Pair, Nagambie. 1898—Senior Pair, V.R.A.; Senior Four, V.R.A.; Senior Eight, Barwon; Inter-State Eight, Brisbane; Senior Four, Upper Yarra. 1899—Maiden Sculls, V.R.A.; Senior Four, Upper Yarra; Senior Pair, Upper Yarra. 1900—Senior Pair, V.R.A.; Senior Pair, Ballarat; Champion Four, Melbourne; Senior Four, Upper Yarra; Senior Pair,

Upper Yarra. 1901—Senior Eight, V.R.A.; Senior Eight, Ballarat; Champion Pair, Ballarat; Champion Eight, Melbourne; Inter-State Eight, Sydney; Champion Four, Melbourne; Senior Four, V.R.A.; Senior Pair, V.R.A. 1902—Inter-State Eight, Adelaide; Senior Pair, V.R.A. 1903—Junior Sculls, Upper Yarra; Junior Sculls, Ballarat. 1904—Senior Pair, Footscray. 1906—Senior Pair, Upper Yarra; Senior Pair, Ballarat; Champion Four, Melbourne. 1908—Senior Eight, Barwon; Champion Eight, Melbourne. Eights, 15; Fours, 24; Pairs, 16; Sculls, 3. Total, 58.

The Fleet.

The Club's fleet of boats has been added to during the season by the purchase of a racing pair and two open sculling boats, and now stands as under:—

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

All the boats and the stock of oars and sculls are in good condition.

A considerable amount was expended during the season on repairs to boats and the purchase of oars, and it is hardly necessary to remind members that there is room for improvement in the manner in which boats and oars are handled.

Conclusion.

In conclusion the Committee desires to thank members for their co-operation and assistance during the season, and trusts that the incoming Committee will be accorded that support so essential to success. Anticipating this we feel confident that the approaching season will be even more successful than the one under review. That this may be realised is our earnest wish.

On behalf of the Committee,

DON CAMERON,
Hon. Secretary.

Melbourne, 12th September, 1908.

Dr. Statement of Receipts and

RECEIPTS.

1908.			
Sept. 18.—To	Subscriptions and Donations, including amounts		
	outstanding from last season	£323	8 6
	„ Entrance Fees—Regattas	44	17 6
	„ „ Club Races	24	16 0
	„ Dividend—Henley Regatta	12	0 0
	„ Annual Dinner	13	16 0
	„ Sale of Caps and Singlets	6	12 6
	„ Sale of Club Badges	4	18 6
			11 11 0
	„ Sundry Receipts	31	2 6
	„ Annual Ball, 1907 (balance)	22	7 7
	„ Annual Ball, 1908	17	1 4
			39 8 11
	„ Contributions towards presentation	10	1 6
	„ Sundry Refunds	3	2 2

£514 4 1

Audited and found correct.

THOS. F. BRENNAN, A.I.A.V.,

Hon. Auditor.

Expenditure for Season 1907-8.

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EXPENDITURE.

1907.			
Aug. 22.—By	Overdraft from 1906-7	£115	15 1
1908.			
Sept. 18.—By	Boats, Oars and Repairs	87	9 8
	„ Entrance Fees—Regatta Races	44	17 6
	„ Trophies for Club Races	39	16 0
	„ Wages of Attendant	28	0 0
	„ Club Badges	12	10 0
	„ Expenses Annual Dinner	15	2 6
	„ Part Expenses of Ball, 1908	24	0 0
	„ Contributions to V.R.A. and Registration of Coxswains	14	14 6
	„ Insurance on Property	9	1 11
	„ Water and General Rates	9	9 0
	„ Lighting	3	9 3
	„ Presentations	14	13 6
	„ Upper Yarra Amateur Regatta	1	17 0
	„ Rent	2	2 0
	„ Caps and Singlets	8	13 6
	„ Inter-State Representatives	6	0 0
	„ Coxswains' Expenses at Regattas	7	16 1
	„ Expenses—Meetings, &c.	3	10 6
	„ Repairs to Lighting and Water Services	3	10 0
	„ Postages	2	13 8
	„ Petty Cash	5	11 10
	„ Sundries	11	18 9
	„ Printing and Stationery	11	17 3
	„ Freight on Boats	6	8 9
	„ Coaching Expenses	5	5 0
	„ Subscription to Life Saving Society	0	10 6
	„ Penalty for late arrival of Maiden Eight at post —Henley Regatta	1	0 0
	„ Bank Charges and Interest on Overdraft	7	17 0
	„ Balance	8	13 4
		<u>£514</u>	<u>4 1</u>

Dr. **Balance-Sheet, as at 18th September, 1908.** *Cr.*

<p>To Edwards & Sons—Balance due £73 0 0</p> <p>“ Outstanding Trophy Orders 20 15 0</p> <p>“ Balance—Capital at Sept. 18th, 1908 1,102 5 4</p>	<p>By Boats, Oars and Sculls, as per valuation last balance £600 0 0</p> <p>“ Boat-House, do. 600 0 0</p> <hr/> <p>1,200 0 0</p> <p>Less 10 per cent. depreciation 120 0 0</p> <hr/> <p>£1,080 0 0</p> <p>“ Add cost of Boats and Oars purchased during season 60 0 0</p> <hr/> <p>1,140 0 0</p> <p>“ Outstanding Subscriptions 26 16 6</p> <p>“ Due for Ball, 1908 3 0 0</p> <p>“ Club Badges 8 7 6</p> <p>“ Caps and Singlets 4 3 0</p> <p>“ Sale of C. R. Eight 5 0 0</p> <p>“ Cash in bank and in hands of Treasurer 8 13 4</p> <hr/> <p>£1,196 0 4</p>
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Audited and found correct—

THOS. F. BRENNAN,
Hon. Auditor.

P. C IVENS, Hon. Treasurer.

Melbourne, Sept. 18th, 1908.