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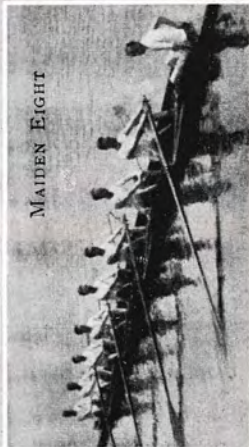
MAIDEN AND JUNIOR PAIR



WINNING CREWS
& TROPHIES
1919-20
SEASON



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Mercantile Rowing Club.



The 40th ANNUAL MEETING of the Club
will be held at the Boat House, Princes
Bridge,

SATURDAY, 21st AUGUST, 1920,

At Eight p.m.

BUSINESS.

To receive and adopt Report and Balance Sheet.
Election of Office-Bearers for the Ensuing Season.
General.

Nominations for Office-Bearers for the
ensuing season will close on the Notice
Board at the Boat House, at 5 p.m., on
Monday, 2nd August.

W. GEORGE BANNERMAN,

Hon. Secretary.

Mercantile Rowing Club.

SEASON 1919-20.

List of Office-Bearers.

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MR. T. W. MARSH.	

Selection Committee:

MR. J. HARDING.	MR. A. L. DOBBIE.
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Delegates to the Victorian Rowing Association:

MR. A. CLARKE.	MR. J. HARDING.
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Elected Members on the Victorian Rowing Association:

MR. A. L. DOBBIE.	MR. W. JOSEPH.
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Delegates to the Upper Varra Amateur Regatta Association:

MR. U. R. SMITH.	MR. W. G. BANNERMAN.
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Representative on Henly Committee:

MR. W. JOSEPH.

Delegate to the Victorian Amateur Sculling Association:

MR. W. G. BANNERMAN.

THE FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Mercantile Rowing Club.



21st August, 1920.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB:

Gentlemen,

Your Committee has much pleasure in placing before you this evening the Fortieth Annual Report and Balance Sheet, and congratulates you on the prosperity of the Club and also its sound financial position.

Finance.

The total receipts for the year amounted to £448/3/3, as compared with £238/9/1 for the previous period, whilst the expenditure absorbed £432/6/4, as against £186/3/9 for last year, leaving an excess of receipts over disbursements of £15/17/2.

High prices are exercising a severe effect on the Club's finances. Timber for oars is practically unprocurable, and your Committee has deemed it advisable to make arrangements for six new sets of racing oars to be delivered early in the ensuing season at a reasonable cost all circumstances considered. The cost of towels is prohibitive, and your Committee found it quite impossible to continue the practice of providing them for members as has been the custom.

The item "Repairs to Boats and Oars," £61/10/-, constitutes a source of concern to the Committee. Cases of grossly careless use of the Club's material have been noticed during the season, and it behoves all members to use the utmost care in this connection during the coming season.

Your Committee is pleased to report that subscriptions for the season have been well maintained, consequently the item "arrear" is proportionately low.

Membership.

The signing of the Peace Treaty in the early part of the past season, and rowing gradually reverting to its pre-war popularity, has caused a large influx of new members. Throughout the whole year the number of nominations for membership dealt with by your Committee was particularly heavy.

The total of the Membership Roll is 103, made up as follows:—

Life Members	3
Full Active Members	82
Junior Members	13
Honorary Members	5

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Boathouse.

The Boathouse has also had the attention of the Committee during the period under review, and necessary repairs and improvements have been effected thereto. The latter chiefly consisted of the installation of twelve new lockers in the dressing room.

The Fleet.

During the past season a new clinker racing eight-oared boat, the "Edward Kenny" has been added to your fleet, and was used without success by the No. 1 Junior Eight at Henley Regatta. Two sets of racing oars were also purchased early in the season, and the other oars have been kept in constant repair and are in good order.

Your Committee take the opportunity of again urging upon the members the necessity for the careful handling of the Club property, the repairs account being a very formidable item in our expenditure.

The following is a list of the boats at present in commission, which are all in good order:—

Best Eight ...	"A. R. Blackwood"	Racing Pair ...	"R. A. Cooper"
Clinker Racing		Racing Scul-	
Eight ...	"A. B. Sloan"	ling Boat ...	"A. G. Lindblade"
Clinker Racing		Practice Eight	"S. J. Morell"
Eight ...	"Edward Kenny"	Practice Eight	"J. C. Dillon"
Best Four ...	"A. L. Dobbie"	Practice Eight	"P. C. Ivens"
Best Four ...	"T. R. Gilchrist"	Practice Four	"E. T. Bradshaw"
Clinker Racing		Practice Four	"Frank Gibbs"
Four ...	"A. R. Moses"	Practice Four	"J. B. Whitty"
Clinker Racing		Practice Pair	"Walter Joseph"
Four ...	"J. E. Brown"	Practice Pair	"Stanley Guinn"

Two practice Sculling Boats, one old Racing Pair, and one old Racing Eight.

Donations.

Your Committee wishes to gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following donations, and to tender its sincere appreciation to the donors for their practical interest in the welfare of the Club:—Councillor S. J. Morell, £12/12/- for trophies; Mr. R. A. Cooper, senr., £5/5/-: Australian Amateur Regatta Association (Henley), £25; and "Anonymous," who so generously provided £2/2/- for trophies for the "Novice Pairs."

Committee Meetings.

During the past season 12 ordinary Committee meetings have been held, besides three special meetings. The attendances at the ordinary meetings were as follows:—

Mr. Kenny ...	11	Mr. Smith ...	12	Mr. Browne ...	12
„ Harding ...	11	„ Dobbie ...	10	„ Marsh ...	9
„ Clarke ...	12	„ Joseph ...	11	„ Bannerman ...	12
„ Gregg ...	11	„ Watson ...	11		

Rowing.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

Champion Fours, 15/1/19. Owing to the Senior Eight Race for the newly-inaugurated "Morell" Cup being included in the December programme of the V.R.A. Regatta, your selectors did not deem it advisable to compete in the *Champion Fours*, as it was considered preferable to concentrate efforts on the winning of the "Morell" Cup, in which event your Club was successful. The *Champion Four* was won by the Nagambie Club.

Champion Pairs, 17/1/20. Six Clubs entered for this race. Your Club was represented by a crew composed of the following:—H. W. Lloyd (bow), J. Harding (stroke), E. Counihan (coxswain), who, however, were unsuccessful, the race being won by the Nagambie Rowing Club.

Champion Eights, 13/3/20. This event attracted an entry from seven Clubs, and was rowed on smooth water under perfect conditions. W. B. Davy (bow), J. L. Mounsey (2), G. M. Dallimore (3), J. Harding (4), R. V. Gregg (5), J. M. Buchanan (6), H. B. Cole (7), C. N. McKay (stroke), J. H. Counihan (coxswain), were the members of the crew who represented your Club in the race on this occasion. The Civil Service crew was the first to catch the judge's eye after an interesting race from start to finish. Your crew finished fourth.

Champion Sculls, held the same day as the *Champion Eights*. Six scullers competed in this race, Mr. W. C. Harvey representing your Club. He had the misfortune, when about half-a-mile from the finishing point, of being blocked in his course by the s.s. "Monaro," which was clearing port and had swung out in midstream, thus interfering with his chances of success, the race being won by Mr. J. Barton of Richmond.

THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION'S PREMIERSHIP LIST, 1919-1920.

Senior.							
Club.	Wins.	Points.	Club.	Wins.	Pts.		
Nagambie	...	6	34	Corio Bay	...	1	8
Civil Service	...	1	24	Banks	...	1	8
Mercantile	...	3	16	Richmond	...	2	4
Junior.							
Banks	...	9	76	Richmond	...	3	5
Albert Park	...	9	58	Bairnsdale	...	2	4
Corio Bay	...	4	48	Warrnambool	...	1	4
Civil Service	...	7	38	Ballarat	...	2	3
Mercantile	...	8	36	Yarra Yarra	...	1	3
Barwon	...	4	23	Sale	...	3	2
Wendouree	...	4	9	Nagambie	...	1	2
Footscray	...	2	6	Ballarat City	...	1	2
Essendon	...	1	6	Colac	...	1	2
				University	...	1	1

Points were not awarded for the *Junior Fours* at Bairnsdale and Sale Regattas which were won by your Club, owing to there being only two starters.

We take this opportunity of heartily congratulating the Nagambie and Banks Clubs on their splendid achievements.

Inter-state Racing.

Inter-State Eight-oared Race. After a lapse of five seasons, due to the great war of 1914-1918, inter-state racing was resumed this year. The race was held at Brisbane on May 15th, and resulted in a comfortable win for South Australia, Victoria finishing fifth. Your fellow-member, Mr C. N. McKay, rowed No. 2 in the Victorian crew, and your Captain, Mr. Kenny, officiated as manager.

The *Sculling Race* was held the same day and was won by Mr. A. A. Baynes, of Brisbane; Mr. Jas. Barton, the Victorian representative, finished third.

Regatta Racing.

Your Committee is pleased with the enthusiastic manner in which members entered for the various races, and which enabled the Club to be represented at every Regatta held during the past season. Though unsuccessful in gaining either of the much coveted Premierships, we met with a fair measure of success by winning in all eleven races, including three cups, viz., the "Elswick" Challenge Cup, the "Morell" Cup, and the South Melbourne "Citizens" Cup. It is interesting to know that no other Club equalled our total number of wins for the season.

Henley.

This was the first Regatta of the season, and was held on 25/10/19. The following crews were entered:—

Maiden Four.—A. G. Treharne (bow), O. C. Whitelaw, H. Smyth, V. M. Ryan (stroke), Eric Counihan (cox). Defeated by Albert Park in heat.

Maiden Eight. A. R. Martin (bow), E. Stirling, F. Stirling, Harold Rush, S. Lucas, S. Gomm, W. S. Fraser, U. R. Smith (stroke), J. Cosgriff (cox). Defeated by a few feet by Footscray in heat after an exciting race.

Junior Eights.—Two crews were entered, viz., No. 1 crew: J. T. Clarke (bow), M. McQualter (2), J. Tanner (3), A. H. Morley (4), H. W. Lloyd (5), K. C. Wootton (6), W. G. Bannerman (7), E. Kenny (stroke), J. Cosgriff (cox). No. 2 crew: H. C. Maling (bow), C. G. Shaw, I. H. Cowling, J. G. Paton, G. B. H. Cole, J. M. Buchanan, G. M. Dallimore, C. N. McKay, (stroke), D. D. Best (cox). Both crews were drawn against Civil Service in the first heat. The No. 2 crew was compelled to withdraw during the race owing to the Leichhardt crew, which was proceeding up to the starting post, obstructing their passage under the Botanical Bridge. Civil Service defeated the No. 1 crew easily. The Regatta Committee, however, ordered the heat to be re-rowed, when our No. 2 crew won from Civil Service, but were defeated by the Banks crew in the final.

Junior Four ("Elswick" Challenge Cup)—W. B. Davy (bow), Robert T. Rush, R. V. Gregg, J. L. Mounsey (stroke), Eric Counihan (cox). This crew proved successful by defeating Essendon and Corio Bay.

Victorian Rowing Association Regatta.

6TH DECEMBER, 1919.

The following crews were entered :—

Maiden Sculls—R. A. Cooper. Cooper met and defeated Clarke of the Yarra Yarra Club in his heat but was defeated by Ashkenasy of the University Club in the final.

Maiden Pair—J. T. Clarke (bow), M. H. Anderson (stroke), Jas. McGregor (cox) defeated in heat by Civil Service.

Maiden Four—J. Tanner (bow), A. H. Morley, M. S. Williams, K. C. Wootton (stroke), Eric Counihan (cox), defeated Albert Park in heat but lost to Corio Bay in semi-final.

Maiden Eight—E. Stirling (bow), S. Gomm, F. Stirling, Harold R. Rush, J. G. Sprigg, J. M. Buchanan, H. E. B. Scriven, U. R. Smith (stroke), J. Cosgriff (cox), defeated by Barwon in heat.

Junior Four—W. G. Bannerman (bow), J. G. Paton, B. H. Cole, C. N. McKay (stroke), Eric Counihan (cox), defeated Corio Bay by 1½ lengths in heat but lost to Banks in final.

Senior Eight—"Morrell" Cup—W. B. Davy (bow), Robt. T. Rush (2), W. C. Harvey (3), J. H. Picken (4), H. W. Lloyd (5), J. Harding (6), R. V. Gregg (7), J. L. Mounsey (stroke), J. Cosgriff (cox). This was our first entry into senior eight-oar racing since the 1913-1914 season. The crew showed particularly fine form, winning by 1½ lengths from the Footscray and Banks crews who dead heated for second place.

Nagambie Regatta.

26TH DECEMBER, 1919.

The following crews were entered :—

Maiden Pair—J. T. Clarke (bow), F. W. Betts (stroke), J. D. McGregor (cox) defeated by Essendon in heat.

Maiden Fours—Two crews from the club entered. No. 1 crew—J. Tanner (bow), A. H. Morley, M. S. Williams, K. C. Wootton (stroke), Eric Counihan (cox), defeated by Banks in heat. No. 2 crew—A. G. Treharne (bow), Harold R. Rush, H. Smyth, J. M. Buchanan (stroke), J. Cosgriff (cox), defeated Yarra Yarra in heat and won the final, defeating Hawthorn and Banks.

Junior Pair—W. G. Bannerman (bow), C. N. McKay (stroke), J. D. McGregor (cox), lost to Banks.

Senior Pair—H. W. Lloyd (bow), J. Harding (stroke), J. D. McGregor (cox), were unable to compete.

Colac Regatta.

1ST JANUARY, 1920.

Conditions on the lake were adverse to good rowing, the rough water causing many of the competing boats to become water-logged over the course. The following crews were entered :—

Light-weight Maiden Four—H. J. Nugent (bow), R. A. Cooper, E. A. McKenzie (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), did not compete.

Maiden Pairs—Two crews entered. No. 1 crew—J. T. Clarke (bow), F. W. Betts (stroke), Jas McGregor (cox). No. 2 crew—H Smyth (bow), J M Buchanan (stroke), E Counihan (cox). Thirteen crews started in this race which was won by your No. 2 crew, No 1 crew finished fourth.

Maiden Fours—Two crews entered No. 1 crew—J. Tanner (bow), A. H Morley, M. S Williams, K. C. Wootton (stroke), E. Counihan (cox). No. 2 crew—A. G. Treharne (bow), H. R. Rush, H. Smyth, J. M. Buchanan (stroke), J. Cosgriff (cox). Owing to the illness of Mr. Tanner his place was taken by an emergency. Neither crew was successful.

Junior Four—A. G. Treharne (bow), A. H Morley, M. S. Williams, K. C. Wootton (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), defeated by Banks.

Junior Pair—W. G. Bannerman (bow), C. N. McKay (stroke), J. D. McGregor (cox), did not compete.

Senior Pair—H. W. Lloyd (bow), J. Harding (stroke), Jas McGregor (cox), did not compete.

Senior Four—W. B. Davy (bow), Robt T. Rush, R. V. Gregg, J. L. Mounsey (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), were successful, winning from Richmond, Footscray City and Wendouree.

Upper Yarra Regatta.

24TH JANUARY, 1920.

The following crews were entered:—

Maiden Sculls—E. McKenzie, defeated by S. Stevens of Richmond in heat.

Light-weight Maiden Four—H. Nugent (bow), A. R. Martin, A. Wood, A. Dorman (stroke), E. Counihan (cox) defeated by Lake Colac in heat.

Maiden Pair—J. T. Clarke (bow), F. W. Betts (stroke), C. H. Harvey (cox), defeated by Yarra Yarra in heat.

Maiden Four—G. Facius (bow), A. H. Morley, J. Tanner, K. C. Wootton (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), defeated by both Footscray and Civil Service in heat.

Maiden Eight—F. R. Connolly (bow), E. Roberts, J. C. Sprigg, H. Rush, H. E. Scriven, U. R. Smith, G. Dallimore, J. M. Buchanan (stroke), J. Cosgriff (cox), defeated South Melbourne and Richmond in heat, but finished second in final which was won by Albert Park.

Senior Pair—W. C. Harvey (bow), R. T. Rush (stroke), C. H. Harvey (cox), defeated by Civil Service in heat.

Senior Four—H. W. Lloyd (bow), J. Harding, R. V. Gregg, J. L. Mounsey (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), rowed a splendid race against Nagambie, but were defeated at the finishing post by inches.

Albert Park Lake Regatta.

26TH JANUARY, 1920.

The weather conditions on the Lake were against good rowing. The following crews were entered:—

Maiden Sculls—E. McKenzie did not compete.

Light-weight Maiden Four—H. Nugent, R. Martin, A. Wood, A. Dorman (stroke) E. Counihan (cox), defeated by Albert Park in heat.

Maiden Pair—J. T. Clarke (bow), F. W. Betts (stroke), C. H. Harvey (cox), defeated Yarra Yarra in heat, but lost to Footscray and Albert Park in final.

Maiden Four—G. Facius (bow), A. J. Morley, J. Tanner, K. C. Wootton (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), won their heat, but were defeated in the semi-final.

Maiden Eight—South Melbourne "Citizens" Cup—F. R. Connolly (bow), E. Roberts, J. G. Sprigg, H. Rush, H. E. Scriven, U. R. Smith, G. M. Dallimore, J. M. Buchanan, were successful defeating Lake Colac and Footscray in heat and Banks and Richmond in the final.

Senior Pair—W. C. Harvey (bow), R. T. Rush (stroke), C. H. Harvey (cox), did not compete.

Senior Four—H. W. Lloyd (bow), J. Harding, R. V. Gregg, J. L. Mounsey (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), met the same crews that competed for the race at the Upper Yarra Regatta. This time they were successful and reversed Saturday's decision, defeating Nagambie by a few feet at the finish after another great struggle.

Ballarat Annual Regatta.

21ST FEBRUARY, 1920.

Held on Lake Wendouree under conditions suitable for good rowing. The following crews were entered:

Maiden Sculls.—E. Roberts and E. McKenzie entered, but McKenzie did not compete. Bad steering handicapped Roberts, who lost to V. Headlam. He also competed in the *Junior Sculls*, but lost to C. Hutchins.

Maiden Pair.—G. Facius (bow), H. C. Maling (stroke), C. H. Harvey (cox). Through fouling badly with Hawthorn during the race they had their boat damaged, and sank almost immediately.

Maiden Four.—J. G. Sprigg (bow), K. C. Wootton, H. E. Scriven, U. R. Smith, (stroke), J. D. McGregor (cox). Thirteen crews started in the race, your crew finishing fourth. The same crew competed in the *Junior Fours*, and gained second place, defeating the winners of the *Maiden Fours*.

Junior Pair.—H. Smyth (bow), J. M. Buchanan (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), were successful.

Junior Eight.—J. T. Clarke (bow), M. G. McQualter, H. Smyth, H. Rush, B. H. Cole, J. M. Buchanan, G. M. Dallimore, C. N. McKay (stroke), E. Counihan (cox). Albert Park won after a good race, Corio Bay were second. Your crew finished third, a canvas behind the winners.

Senior Eight.—W. B. Davy (bow), R. T. Rush, J. Watson, J. H. Picken, H. W. Lloyd, J. Harding, R. V. Gregg, J. L. Mounsey (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), finished third.

Barwon Annual Regatta.

28TH FEBRUARY, 1920.

The following crews were entered:—

Maiden Pair.—G. Facius (bow), H. C. Maling (stroke), C. H. Harvey (cox), unsuccessful in heat.

Maiden Four.—J. G. Sprigg (bow), K. C. Wootton, H. E. Scriven, U. R. Smith (stroke), J. D. McGregor (cox), won heat, but lost to Albert Park in final.

Junior Eight.—J. T. Clarke (bow), M. G. McQualter, H. R. Smyth, H. Rush, B. H. Cole, J. M. Buchanan, G. M. Dallimore, C. N. McKay (stroke), E. Counihan (cox). Lost heat by 2 feet to Corio Bay, who won final.

Senior Sculls.—W. C. Harvey and E. Roberts. Harvey was unable to compete and Roberts was unsuccessful.

Senior Eight.—Jas. Watson (bow), R. T. Rush, H. W. Lloyd, J. H. Picken, R. V. Gregg, J. Harding, W. B. Davy, J. L. Mounsey (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), defeated by Corio Bay in heat.

Bairnsdale Easter Regatta.

3RD MARCH, 1920.

The following crews were entered:—

Light-weight Maiden Pair.—A. Wood (bow), R. A. Cooper (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), defeated by Sale.

Maiden Pair.—H. C. Maling (bow), H. Rush (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), defeated by Barwon in heat.

Maiden Four.—J. G. Sprigg (bow), K. C. Wootton, H. E. Scriven, U. R. Smith (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), finished second, being defeated by Barwon.

Junior Four.—H. C. Maling (bow), H. Rush, H. R. Smyth, J. M. Buchanan (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), were successful.

Sale Easter Regatta.

5TH APRIL, 1920.

The following crews were entered:—

Light-weight Maiden Pair.—A. Wood (bow), R. A. Cooper (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), defeated by Sale.

Maiden Pairs.—H. C. Maling (bow), H. Rush (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), defeated by Albert Park in heat.

Maiden Four.—J. G. Sprigg (bow), K. C. Wootton, H. E. Scriven, U. R. Smith (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), were successful.

Junior Four.—The crew which won at Bairnsdale again won at Sale.

We take the opportunity of congratulating J. M. Puchanan and H. R. Smyth on their success in "Regatta Racing."

Masters Eric Counihan, J. D. McGregor, junr., J. Cosgriff and C. H. Harvey have steered the numerous crews in the different regattas that have been held. Special praise is due to the former, who has been a most regular attendant at the boathouse throughout the racing season and winter months.

Sculling.

During the season several members entered for the races conducted by the Amateur Sculling Association. The only entrant to meet with success was G. Facius, who on March 27th won the *Novice* and on April 24th the *Handicap Sculls*.

Combination Racing.

V.R.A. COMBINATION EIGHTS, 4TH OCTOBER, 1919.

U. R. Smith stroked the crew that won the final, and Eric Counihan won the coxswain's trophy.

"MORELL" COMBINATION EIGHTS, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1919.

These races are conducted by your Club for trophies presented by your President, and are always well supported by metropolitan oarsmen. This year twenty crews competed, the final being won by A. R. Horsborough (B) bow, H. Hede (R), L. Vandeburgh (F), L. S. Harrold (A.P.), C. L. Smyth (A.P.), E. Horsborough (C.S.), T. Keogh (B), H. La Roche (E) stroke, J. Cosgriff (M) cox.

"YARRA YARRA" COMBINATION EIGHTS, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1920.

H. Nugent (bow), C. Pender (4), and W. G. Bannerman (7) rowed in the crew that won the final.

"ALFRED WOOD" COMBINATION FOURS, 24TH APRIL, 1920.

Conducted by Richmond Rowing Club. H. R. Smyth stroked the crew that won the final.

Club Races.

Novice Pairs, 1/5/20. For members who have never won a regatta race. Ten crews competed for the trophies, which were presented by "Anonymous," and some interesting and close finishes resulted. The winning pair was E. L. Guinn (bow) and C. Braithwaite (stroke).

Trial Fours, 19/6/20. Ten selected crews raced for the trophies, which were presented by your President, and was won by the following crew:—E. Davy (bow), A. R. Martin, G. Facius, J. Harding (stroke).

Social.

The great European War having happily ended has enabled us to revive a few of our social functions, which in the past had been a feature of the Club. Chief among these was the Annual Dinner and "Welcome Home" to our returned soldier members, who were the guests of their fellow-members. The dinner was held on September 24th at Wickliffe House, St. Kilda Esplanade. There were also present as guests of the President, representatives of the various metropolitan rowing clubs, who, together with the large number of members who attended, thoroughly enjoyed the arrangements and musical programme that had been arranged by Mr. Walter Joseph, your late Secretary. During the evening Messrs. Dobbie and Joseph were the recipients of handsome rosebowls presented by the members in appreciation of their past sterling services to the Club.

To celebrate their winning of the "Morell" Cup, your President tendered a complimentary dinner on December 17th to the members of the senior eight at his home at South Yarra. The function was much appreciated by those present. On February 8th your President also entertained the senior eight, that was undergoing preparations for Ballarat and Barwon Regattas, at his residence at Panton Hill. Messrs. A. B. Sloan, Syd. Edwards, Jack McGregor, Kenny and Bannerman were also present. The break in the training provided by this country outing was much appreciated.

Prior to his departure for West Australia, Mr. R. A. Cooper, junr., and Mr. Stan. Gomm having joined the ranks of the benedicts, were the guests of their club-mates at a dinner party which was given in their honour at Hosie's Café on May 22nd. During the evening both these gentlemen were the recipients of small mementoes from members of the Club.

It is announced that Mr. Jas O'Reilly has also joined the ranks of the benedicts, and to that gentleman your best wishes and congratulations are tendered.

The Annual Ball was revived this year, and took place on July 22nd at the Gregory Hall, St. Kilda. It was a complete success, and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. The arduous duties of hon. secretary were performed by Mr. U. R. Smith, who is to be heartily congratulated and thanked for his efforts in organizing this most enjoyable function. He was ably assisted by Messrs Marsh and Gregg, the latter officiating as hon. treasurer.

Your committee is disappointed at the lack of support, more particularly by the older members of the club.

General Club Items.

The coaching of Regatta crews has been undertaken by several gentlemen, prominent among whom are Messrs. Kenny, McGregor, and Counihan, senr., whose indefatigable work has been rewarded by a fair measure of success. Mr. J. McGregor has right throughout the season taken great pains with the senior crews. Messrs. Dobbie, Lindblade, Sloan and Cody are also to be heartily thanked for attention to crews.

Thanks are also due to Brigadier-General Lloyd and Messrs. Smith, Clarke, Gregg, R. T. Rush, Mounsey, Davy, Les. Johnson, Buchanan, Harding and other gentlemen for their attention to new members.

Your Committee regards with gratification the enthusiasm displayed by members throughout the winter months for week-end rowing. Nearly every week-end all the practice boats have been in commission.

Since our last annual report was issued we have been pleased to welcome home seven of our soldier members—Messrs. Stanley Guinn, J. G. Sprigg, F. J. Wellings, E. Baum, A. Aubrey, Les. Elliot, and W. B. Davy. These members found their way down to the boathouse shortly after landing, and it is pleasing to see them taking an active part in the sport once more.

During the season we have been pleased to welcome to our Boathouse many visiting crews, viz., the Leichardt senior eight and the Derwent sculler, Mr. Westbrook, competing at Henley; Nagambie crew for the Champion Fours, Ballarat crews for V.R.A., West Australian crew en route to Brisbane, and the Sydney crew competing in the inter-varsity boat race on the Yarra. We have also been pleased to receive at different periods numerous interstate soldier oarsmen, chief among whom were Messrs. O. J. Wood, H. Hauenstein, A. Cox and Smedley of Sydney, J. Nicholson of

Hobart, and Farr of Adelaide. Mr. Alf Felton, whilst en route from England to his home in Sydney, also visited the Boathouse.

Mr. Paul Wade, and Messrs. H. Mortensen and J. Southern former members, have, we are pleased to note visited the boathouse at different periods whilst on holidays in Melbourne.

Late hon. secretary, Mr. Walter Joseph, attended his 100th consecutive committee meeting on September 23, and was congratulated by the chairman on his unique record.

We offer our congratulations to our fellow-member Mr. E. Roberts in winning the invitation Marathon race of 26½ miles, held under the auspices of the Malvern Harriers on May 8.

The arrangement between Scotch College Rowing Club and your club still continues to the mutual satisfaction of both parties.

The best thanks of members are again due to Mr. W. C. Harvey, A.I.C.A., for officiating as hon. auditor during the past season.

Throughout the season your interests have been well cared for by your delegates to the Victorian Rowing Association, and Messrs. Clarke and Harding deserve thanks in this connection.

To Mr. Kenny, your many thanks are offered for the able manner in which he has administered his duties as captain.

Your committee feels that a special word of thanks is due to the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Clarke, his work during the past season has been particularly arduous, and it is largely due to his unremitting care that the finances of the club are in such a satisfactory state. Mr. R. V. Gregg, his assistant, has also worked hard, and to that gentleman your many thanks are tendered.

The thanks of the club are due to the press, particularly the sporting editors of the "Australasian," "Leader," "Herald" and "Weekly Times," for publishing items and information throughout the year of an interesting character.

Conclusion.

In relinquishing office, your committee wishes to thank members for their support and assistance in bringing the affairs of the Club to such a satisfactory issue, as is disclosed in the foregoing report, and recommends members to give every assistance to the incoming committee, feeling certain that it is only in this way that the present high standard can be maintained.

On behalf of the Committee,

W. GEORGE BANNERMAN,

Hon. Secretary.

Your hon. secretary, Mr. W. G. Bannerman, has decided not to seek re-election. Mr. Bannerman undertook the arduous duties at a time when the sport was being re-organized after the long suspension of active rowing caused by the war, and our sincere thanks are tendered to him for the conscientious manner in which he filled this important office.

S J. MORELL,

President.

Dr. Statement of Receipts and

RECEIPTS.

To Balance at Bank of New South Wales,			
1st August, 1919	-	-	£46 11 6
Balance at Victorian Savings Bank on			
1st August, 1919-	-	-	9 9 1
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Subscriptions—			£56 0 7
Arrears, Season 1918-1919	-	5 19 0	
Full Members, 1919-1920	-	167 2 6	
End of Season Members, 1919-1920	-	6 6 0	
Junior Members, 1919-1920	-	8 4 6	
Honorary Members, 1919-1920	-	6 2 6	
In Advance, Season 1920-1921	-	12 12 0	
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			206 6 6
Donations and Contributions	-	-	107 14 0
Entrance Fees—Club Races	-	-	22 0 0
Entrance Fees—Inter-Club, per contra	-	-	5 0 0
Entrance Fees—Regattas	-	-	55 15 0
Receipts, "Welcome Home" Dinner	-	-	35 3 6
Receipts, Annual Meeting	-	-	4 2 6
Sale of Singlets	-	-	1 17 0
Refund of Freight	-	-	2 18 1
Interest-	-	-	7 6 8

£504 3 10

9th August, 1920.

A. CLARKE,

Hon. Treas.

Expenditure for Season 1919-1920 Cr.

EXPENDITURE.

By Repairs to Boats, Oars and Sheds	£61 10 0
Renewals of Boats and Oars	78 15 8
Printing, Stationery and Postages	6 7 8
Printing Annual Report and Postages	9 16 0
Insurance	10 17 3
Expenses of Annual Meeting	15 16 6
Expenses of "Welcome Home" Dinner	36 3 8
V.R.A. Dues and Fees	14 4 0
Coxswains' Expenses at Country Regattas	8 7 10
Lighting, Water and General Rates	16 2 10
Trophies for Club Races	8 18 6
Caretaker's Wages	43 2 6
Lease of Site and Contribution to Staging	8 8 0
Bank Charges	0 10 0
Entrance Fees, Inter-Club Races	5 0 0
Entrance Fees, Regattas	56 5 0
Freight on Boats, etc.	10 5 0
Subscription, Upper Yarra Regatta Association	2 2 0
Sundries	6 0 11
Expenses "Morell Eights"	4 2 3
Xmas Boxes	3 3 0
Hire of Boat	2 0 0
Singlets, Towels and Caps	24 7 6
Balance at Bank of New South Wales	25 2 0
Balance at Victorian State Savings Bank	46 15 9
	£504 3 10

Audited and found correct,

W. C. HARVEY, A.I.C.A.,

9th August, 1920.

Hon. Auditor.

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st July, 1920.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
Trophy Orders Unpresented - - -	Boathouse at estimated value - - -
£8 18 6	- £1,000 0 0
Boat Building Fund—	Boats, Oars and Sculls at estimated value -
Invested in Commonwealth	545 0 0
7th War Loan at 5% (1923)	Club Fittings at estimated value - - -
as per contra - - - £100 0 0	30 0 0
Held at Victorian State Sav-	Carpenter's Bench, Boat Boxes and Rowing
ings Bank, as per contra - 46 15 9	Machine at valuation - - -
146 15 9	6 0 0
Outstanding Accounts - - -	Singlets and Caps - - -
3 13 6	15 18 0
Subscriptions for Season 1920/1921, paid in	Outstanding Subscriptions for the season
advance - - - - - 12 12 0	1919-1920 - - -
Capital, by excess of Assets over Liabilities - 1,613 1 6	16 5 6
£1,785 1 3	Commonwealth 7th War Loan (1923) 5 %
	bond at cost - - -
	100 0 0
	Balance at Bank of New South Wales - - -
	25 2 0
	Balance at Victorian State Savings Bank - - -
	46 15 9
	£1,785 1 3

Audited and found correct.

W. C. HARVEY, A.I.C.A., Hon. Auditor.

A. CLARKE, Hon. Treasurer.

10th August, 1920.

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