

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

The sixth annual general meeting of the Victorian Rowing Association was held at Young and Jackson's Hotel yesterday evening. All the Melbourne and suburban clubs were well represented, and close upon 200 members were present.

Mr. Justice Williams, the president of the association, having taken the chair, the hon. secretary, Mr. Maxwell-Hyslop, read the annual report, from which it appeared that, with the exception of the finances, the affairs of the association had progressed satisfactorily, and that the various regattas, &c., held under its auspices had been very successfully carried out. In reply to an application received from South Australia to be admitted to the intercolonial contest, an answer had been sent in the affirmative, provided that the representatives of that colony consented to row under the customary rules.

The first contest for the Intercolonial Amateur Sculling Race for the Krug Cup, rowed at Sydney under the auspices of the New South Wales Association, was won by the representative of the Victorian Association, Mr A W. Fittes, who, if he wishes to hold the trophy, must again compete for it in Sydney in November next. Owing to the unsettled state of matters in connexion with the new bridge over the Yarra, the committee had been unable to take any steps with regard to the new sites for boat sheds.

With reference to finances, the report stated that although the year had commenced very favourably, it had closed without any improvement in the club's monetary position, and that should it be desired to continue the intercolonial races, some means would have to be devised to raise funds. Many thanks were tendered to the leading football clubs for the liberal assistance they had rendered the association during the past season.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. Levey, then read the balance sheet, which showed the total receipts to have been £604 10s. 9d., made up as follows: - Balance from last year, £22 15s. 9d.; club guarantees, £135 ; entrance fees to regattas, &c., £171 10s , special prices from Krug and Co , £55 ; other receipts, £220 5s. The expenditure amounted to £582 15s. 8d., and consisted of opening of rowing season, prizes, &c., £17 4s., annual regatta, £339 9s. 10d., intercolonial boat race, £145 16s.; Krug Sculling Race, £47 2s.; and other expenses, £33 3s. 4d. Balance m hand, £21 15s. 1d.

The treasurer commented severely upon the apathy shown by the members in collecting funds, and urged them to make greater exertions to assist the committee, and also gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that in future rule No. 7, which required club guarantees to be paid within one month, should in future be strictly enforced.

Mr. Justice Williams, being the only one nominated for the post of president, was duly elected.

The PRESIDENT stated that he would do all in his power to add substantially to the funds. He suggested the advisability of obtaining rooms in proximity to the river, where rowing men

could meet, and form a kind of club, the subscriptions to which, after the first cost had been defrayed, would add largely to the funds of the association.

The election of representatives to the vacancies upon the committee was then proceeded with. The vacancies were caused by the retirement of Mr. R D. Booth, and the termination of the period of office of Messrs. Young and Ridge. Eight nominations were received - Messrs. Hughes, Kelly, Senior, Young, Upward, M'Leod, Ross, and Rolls, jun., Messrs Hughes and Kelly retired, and the ballot resulted in the election of Messrs, W. W. Senior, 76 (Victoria), T. H. Young, 69 (Melbourne); and D. M'Leod, 64 (Williamstown. Mr Rolls, jun., polled 63, and Messrs. Upward and Ross 52 respectively.

Whilst awaiting the result of the ballot, the chairman, on behalf of the members of the association, presented Mr, J. A Levey with a handsome gold watch as a token of the appreciation of Mr. Levey's long, unwearied, and valuable services to the association and the rowing community.

Mr. Levey having returned thanks, a vote of thanks was given to the chairman and hon secretary and treasurer, and the meeting terminated.
