

THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Victorian Rowing Association was held on Monday night, at Messrs. Young and Jackson's Princes-bridge Hotel. There was a large attendance of members, and the chair was occupied by Mr. G. E. Upward.

The report and balance-sheet were submitted. The former referred to the success for the eighth time of the Victorian crew in the intercolonial contest, the improvements on the upper river, the reduction in the charges for the carriage by railway of boats, and to other advantages which had been derived during the past year, and which were expected to conduce to the advancement of the sport. The balance-sheet showed that the revenue for the year, which included donations amounting to £72 15s., was £535 13s. 9d., while the expenditure came to £4 7s. 4d. less than that amount.

Mr. T. R. Gilchrist moved the adoption of the report. He desired to know on what principle the members of the intercolonial crew were selected, and if regatta performances were taken into consideration by the selectors when choosing the representative oarsmen. He suggested that it would be well in future to issue two ladies' tickets with each member's ticket, which would serve as a further inducement to the rowing men to become members of the association. Another step he wished to have taken was the registration by clubs of the coxswains, in order to prevent boys being tempted to disarrange the regatta programme and delay races, as well as inconvenience crews, in order that they might steer for several clubs, and so increase their chances of securing trophies.

Mr. A. Jacobs seconded the motion.

Mr. Upward said that he was one of the selection committee, and could assure the meeting that regatta performances were taken into account, and that every effort was made to secure the best men to represent the colony in the intercolonial race. The practice of issuing ladies' tickets had been tried, but, being found undesirable, was stopped.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. H. S. Franklin suggested that steps should be taken by the association to set apart certain races at its regatta for *bond-fide* oarsmen only.

The Chairman promised that the matter would receive consideration by the committee.

The election of office-bearers resulted in the re-appointment of Mr. H. G. Turner as president, Messrs. A. R. Blackwood (re-elected) and J. A. Levey as vice-presidents, Mr. G. E. Upward (re-elected) as hon. treasurer, Mr. W. B. House (re-elected) as hon. sec, and Messrs. P. O'Neill, G. E. Upward, C. A. P. Moline, W. Watson, and E. R. Ainley as members of committee.

The meeting then adjourned.