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## ROWING NOTES.

### BY OUTRIGGER.

There was not a large attendance of members at the annual meeting of the Victorian Association on Monday evening last, and this was probably owing to the fact that there is no question to be considered in the near future of very great concern to them, and that they are satisfied with the management of affairs by the executive committee.

While this may be satisfactory to the committee and officers, it would be much more so if a larger number of the rank and file of rowing men were to interest themselves in the general work of the association. At no distant date one question must arise, viz., the raising of funds to meet the expenses incurred by Victoria being represented annually in the inter-State eight and four oared races.

Either the rowing clubs must provide these funds or some method must be devised, by which public support shall be obtained. It is not enough to say that rowing as a pure sport and exercise should receive public assistance so far as having the State properly and regularly represented. Year after year the association has had to rely, mainly upon the club subscriptions and the help of a few gentlemen, oarsmen of from 20 to 30 years ago, who have contributed regularly to the expenses of sending Victorian crews to the other States. The number of these gentlemen is diminishing, not increasing, and something is needed to supplement their assistance.

The association is not, at present, in such an unhealthy financial condition that a special effort by the members would not remove every liability and provide a sum towards the expense of sending the Victorian crew to Adelaide early next year. If the finances can be placed in a thoroughly satisfactory condition, the V.R.A. will progress with little effort.

The rowing at the regattas and the continued success of Victorian crews in the inter-State races amply prove that the standard of rowing skill is being maintained. The association clubs, too, are increasing their members' lists, so the ensuing season promises well.

The report and balance sheet were reviewed by Mr. Ellison, who moved their adoption, and the speakers who supplemented his remarks expressed pleasure at the way in which the report and the state of the finances were presented. A suggestion that the association should add a pair-oared contest to its list of championship events was favorably received.

The successes of the Mercantile club last season were duly recorded; and reference was made to the good work done by the retiring officers.

Mr. H. G. Turner was re-elected president, and Messrs. T. Ellison, G. E. Upward, W. Davidson, J. Aitken, T. F. Morkham, C. Miller, W. Siddeley and Cr. W. Strong were re-elected vice-presidents. Mr. J. Brown was appointed hon. secretary, and Mr. J. Williams hon. treasurer. The election of members of committee resulted as follows:— For two years,

Messrs. J. Macfarlane, A. J. Shepherd, A. B. Sloan, L. S. Lazarus, E. Kellett and W. R. Kerr; for one year, Messrs. D. Hancock and J. McCaffrey. A vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. Ellison, terminated the meeting.