Annual Report, — Season ending 31st March 1898

entlemen ;—

The Committee beg to submit the financial statements their report for the last year.

The Association now consists of 12 Clubs, comprising 15 peting teams or nearly 250 active lacrosse players.

The expenses for the year have been considerably greater those of any previous year on account of the presence of Representative Teams n both South Australia and New South Wales in the month of July ; it is ore gratifying to know that although no less a sum than £68-18-0 spent in the maintenance of the Association and the reception, entertainment the visitors there is still a balance of £4-19-9 to the credit of the ociation. The Revenue has been made up chiefly from Club Subscriptions ofits of the Intercolonial matches, but the Committee wish to specially owledge donations of £1-1-0 from your worthy patron Sir John Madden d £4-3-6 from the Melbourne Cricket Club

The Results of the Intercolonial matches which are ended, clearly demonstrated that although rapid progress was being made ur players, they still fell very far short of the South Australian representatives- most deplorable feature in the play of the Victorians still being the absence serted action. New South Wales was completely outclassed by both of other Colonies, and although the team which visited us was anything but esentative of the mother colonies full strength, it is doubtful whether r best twelve could successfully compete against our leading mership Clubs. Victoria's record of 14 goals to nil against New th Wales is scarcely likely to be beaten in Intercolonial Contests.

The competing teams of the Association were ded into two sections at the beginning of the season : The competition premier position amongst the "A" Division teams was again very keen

ing to the kindly donation, for the second successive year, of gold medals from your
ended President Mr Philip Shaffere. Whilst the Committee decided
the weaker teams should not be overlooked and donated £3.3.0 towards
als or badges for competition by this section.

The University team, strengthened by the inclusion of several
South Australian players, brought themselves from 6th place in the previous year
nat of Premiers for 1894 and must be congratulated upon their splendid
ord of 13 Victories and only one defeat. M.C.C. who also had the
d fortune to secure players of known ability from other clubs, maintained
ir position as "Runners-up" scoring 12 Victories out of 14 games - being defeated
ce by the Premier team: Their goal record for the season, 101 goals in
mpionship matches, was a capital one; whilst in their second game with
th Melbourne, they established an Australian record viz 23 goals to nil.
Hawthorn who secured 3rd place is due, perhaps, more credit than
ther of the preceding teams, as they had to rely absolutely on their
wn years players or to local recruits - and the form shown by them
equal to that of the best premier team for many years previous.
ndon, South Melbourne, Collingwood, Flemington & Carlton fill the
mainder of the places in the order named.

The MCC second twelve were more successful than
first and succeeded in winning the "B" Division competition: Their
formance was meritorious indeed, as they had to rely almost solely
first season players: After being badly beaten in their first two matches
won every subsequent game: Moonee Ponds with three defeats
e Second and University third, followed by Auburn, Glenferrie,
th Melbourne and Brighton.

The leading goal throwers for the season were -
Premiership matches C.L. Murray 43, E. Gloss 36, A. Rudd (U) 29
Murray 25, F. Douglas 21, G. Hoskyns 21, and in all Associated games
ch includes the Intercolonial Contests &c C.L. Murray 55, E. Gloss 45
Rudd 33, B. Murray 32.

The Committee regret having had to disqualify the
lton Club for non-compliance with their order, based upon the Rules

of £1 towards the expenses of the Intercolonial Tournament but feel sure that their action will command itself to you all as the Rules of the Association and the doings of the Committee who are your representatives, must be supported by all Clubs and Players of the game is to make the progress that it deserves.

Notwithstanding this unfortunate circumstance and our further reverse at the hands of the South Australians, who are gradually forging ahead of us, the Committee reflects with pleasure on the year just ended; for at no time since its first introduction to this Colony, has the game had greater prospects than at present; the players are showing more skill and greater enthusiasm in their work, the interest of the public has been increased an hundred-fold on previous years, and the future advancement of the game is confidently left in your own hands: bearing in mind that it is probably now or never, you are counselled to set aside all selfish motives or desires and to make one grand and united effort to place Lacrosse to the very fore-front of Australian games.

Whilst the South Australian & New South Wales representatives were here a conference was held to revise the Rules of the various Colonies, to bring the three into harmony with one another; and it is gratifying to know that the Laws of Lacrosse already in force in this Colony were adopted in their entirety. At the Conference it was also decided that during the forthcoming season, South Australia should again send a team to Victoria, and after playing here, both teams (Victoria & South Australia) should proceed to and play in New South Wales.- Such interchange of visits to be continued alternately each successive year to Adelaide and Sydney. As it is imperative in the interests of the game that Victoria should fulfil her part of this undertaking every effort should be made not only to send a team to Sydney this year, but to send a team thoroughly representative of our strength.

During the latter portion of the season the Committee decided upon several alterations and additions to the Rules &c of the

or rejection as you think fit.

The election of a President, Vice Presidents, Secretary Treasurer, and two members of Committee also forms part of this evenings business: The two retiring members of the Committee are Messrs J J Heathershaw and R E Pope, and the nominations for the vacancies are Messrs James J Heathershaw and Frank Bainbridge.

The Committee desire to thank the press for the prominence given to the game during last season, and must express their highest appreciation of the efforts of your President Mr P Shappere, the Vice Presidents and others who devoted so much time and energy towards the successful execution of all arrangements connected with the Intercolonial matches and the entertainment &c of the visiting teams; and in conclusion must place on record their appreciation of the untiring efforts and unflagging zeal for the promotion of the game displayed by the Honorary Secretary during the past season and desire to convey the hearty thanks of the whole body of Lacrosse players for his valuable services

(Signed) P Shappere
Chairman
1st April 1898

Record of Premiership Competitions

"A" Division

Club	Matches			Goals		Points		Per Centage
	won	Lost	drawn	for	against	possible	Scored	
University	13	1	0	75	24	28	26	92
M.C.C	12	2	0	104	28	28	24	85
Hawthorn	10	4	0	76	35	28	20	71
Essendon	6	6	2	36	40	28	14	50
South Melbourne	5	7	2	40	70	28	12	42
Collingwood	4	9	1	20	58	28	9	32
Flemington	3	10	1	28	84	28	7	25
Carlton	0	14	0	17	57	28	–	–

"B" Division

Club.	Matches			Goals		Points		Percentage
	won	lost	drawn	for	against	possible	Scored	
MCC	10	2	–	50	16	24	20	83
Moonee Ponds	9	3	–	40	13	24	18	75
University	7	4	1	25	22	24	15	62
Auburn	7	5	–	45	19	24	14	58
Glenferrie	3	7	2	20	46	24	8	33
South Melbourne	3	9	–	16	37	24	6	25
Brighton	1	10	1	7	50	24	3	12

Season 1897

Matches Played under the Auspices of the Victorian Lacrosse Association

(not Premiership matches)

June 22nd

Victoria No 1 (C Murray 6 Goss 4 Handfield 2 Rudd 1 Douglas 1) 14 Goals Versus Victoria No 2 (J McCall 2, Moulton 1 Evans 1 Batchelor 1 Hoskyns 1) 6 Goals

July 3rd

South Australia (Newland 3 Fotheringham Kell Rosman King and Drew) 8 Goals Versus Victoria (C Murray) 1 Goal

July 5th

University (Wingrove 2 Elkington, Rudd, Evans,) 5 Goals Versus New South Wales (Hopkins) 1 Goal

July 6th

South Australia (Newland 6 Rosman) 7 Goals Versus MCC (B Murray 3) 3 Goals

July 8th

South Australia (Newland 6 King 3 Kell 2 Rosman 1 Drew 1) 13 Goals Versus New South Wales (nil)

July 10th

Victoria (C Murray 5, Goss 5, B Murray 4 Rudd 2 Wingrove 1) 17 Goals Versus New South Wales nil.

Balance Sheet for the Season ending on

Receipts

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Balance from 1896-7				5	14	6
Subscriptions:- M.C.C.	1	12	-			
University	1	10	-			
South Melbourne	1	5	-			
Essendon		18	-			
Hawthorn		17	-			
Auburn		16	-			
Collingwood		15	-			
Flemington		15	-			
Carlton		15	-			
Moonee Ponds		15	-			
Glenferrie		15				
Brighton		15		11	7	-
Special Contributions under Rule XVII				12	-	-
Donation from Sir John Madden				1	1	-
Voluntary Refund from M.C.C.				4	3	6
Sale of Tickets for Intercolonial Matches				24	10	-
Cash taken at Intercolonial Matches				15	1	9
Total				£73	17	9

the 31st March 1898

Expenditure	£	s	d	£	s	d
Expenses of Smoke night at Annual Meeting				✓ 1	-	-
Postage and Telegrams				✓ 4	5	6
Incidentals				✓ 1	13	6
Expenses receiving entertaining the Visiting Teams						
Cabs on arrival of S.A. Team	✓	17	6			
" " NSW Team	✓	15	-			
Reception of S.A Team at Grand Hotel	✓ 4	-	-			
" NSW Team at Pharos	✓ 1	17	6			
Dinner at Vienna Cafe	✓ 15	-	-			
Cigars	✓	10	-	23	0	0
Advertising in the Newspapers				✓ 4	14	-
A.H. Massina - printing a/c				✓ 13	10	6
Medical Attendance on Mr. E. Goss				✓ 1	1	-
"B" Division Badges				✓ 3	3	-
M.C.C a/c, —						
Printing & Posting Bills	✓ 4	9	6			
Gatekeepers (2 days)	✓ 3	12	6			
Percentage of total receipts 3 July	✓ 4	3	6			
Fee for use of ground on 8 July	✓ 2	2	-	14	7	6
S.M.C.C a/c, —						
Printing & posting Bills	✓ 1	3	-			
Gatekeepers	✓	15	-	✓ 1	18	-
Balance in hand				4	19	9
Total			£	73	17	9

Audited and found correct.

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Date	Club + Goal throwers	Goals	Club + Goal throwers	Goals	Result
May 8th	Essendon Moulton 3 F McCall 1	4	Collingwood S Lang 1	1	Won by Essendon
	M.C.C. C Murray 4 Simson 2 B Murray 1	7	Hawthorn Goss 2 Dakin 1 H Bambridge 1 Tate 1	5	" " M.C.C
	South Melbourne Thresher 3 Hambleton 2 Moss 1	6	Flemington Rudd 1 Radford 1	2	" " S Melb^ne
15 May	M.C.C C Murray 4 B Murray 3 F Handfield (2) Simson 1	10	Carlton Richards (Sub) 1	1	" " M.C.C
	University Rudd 8 Douglas 4 Evans 1	13	Flemington Radford 3 Rudd 1	4	" " University
	South Melbourne Cox Douglas	2	Collingwood Furneaux	1	" " S. Melb^ne
	Hawthorn Goss 3 G Hoskyns 2	5	Essendon F McCall	1	Hawthorn
22nd May	M.C.C C Murray 2 B Murray 2 Simson 1	5	Essendon F McCall 2 Moulton 2	4	" " M.C.C
	Hawthorn Goss 5 G Hoskyns 3	8	Flemington Gay 1 Radford 1	2	" " Hawthorn
	South Melbourne Thresher 4 Wilson 2	6	Carlton House 3 White 1 Butler 1	5	" " S. Melb^ne
29th May	M.C.C C Murray 6 B Murray 6 Simson 2 F Handfield 2	16	Collingwood	-	" " M.C.C
	University Evans 4 Rudd 2 Douglas 1	7	South Melbourne Wilson 1	1	" " University
	Hawthorn H Bambridge (2) Dakin 1 G Rashleigh + Hoskyns	5	Carlton House Charles	2	" " Hawthorn
	Essendon F McCall 3 Moulton 1	4	Flemington Sprott 1	1	" " Essendon
5th June	M.C.C C Murray 5 B Murray 1 Potts 1	7	South Melbourne Thresher	1	" " M.C.C
	Hawthorn Goss 4 (Col. Defence 1)	8	Collingwood	-	" " Hawthorn
	Essendon F McCall (3)	3	University Douglas 1 Rudd 1	2	" " Essendon
	Flemington Gay (4)	4	Carlton Walsh 1	1	" " Flemington
12 June	Hawthorn Goss 5 Hoskyns 2	7	South Melbourne	-	" " Hawthorn
	University Rudd 3 Douglas 2 Evans 1 Houle 1 Chapple 1	8	M.C.C C Murray (2) Simson (2) Potts 1	5	" " University
	Essendon B McCall 3 F McCall 2 Moulton 3	8	Carlton House	1	" " Essendon
	Flemington Gay 1 Rudd 1	2	Collingwood Batchelor (2)	2	A Draw.
19th June	M.C.C C Murray 2 Potts 2 Richards	5	Flemington	-	Won by M.C.C
	University Rudd 2 Douglas 2 Evans 2 McLeod 1	7	Hawthorn G Hoskyns H Bambridge	2	" University
	Essendon Moulton	1	South Melbourne Kent	1	Drawn

Date	Club & Goal Throwers	No. of Goals	Club & Goal Throwers	No. of Goals	Result
17th July	M.C.C. C Murray 8 B. Murray 6 Simson 4 J Handfield 4 Potts 1	23	South Melbourne	—	Won by M.C.C.
	University, Rudd 2 Douglas 1 Wingrove 1	4	Carlton	—	" " University
	Hawthorn Hosking 3 Pope 1	4	Collingwood Batchelor Bripney 1	1	" " Hawthorn
	Essendon J McCall 3	3	Flemington Radford 1 Gay 1	2	" " Essendon
24th July	M.C.C J Handfield (2) C Murray B Murray D White	5	Collingwood Shaw	1	" " M.C.C
	University Wingrove & Rudd	2	Hawthorn Goss	1	" " University
	Essendon E Scott 3 J McCall 1	4	Carlton House & Dilves	2	" " Essendon
	S. Melbne Douglas 3 Doney 2 Hambleton 2 Thresher 1	8	Flemington Radford	1	" " S Melbourne
31st July	University Douglas 2 Rudd Simson 2 Wingrove	5	M.C.C B Murray 2 Simson 2	4	" " University
	Hawthorn Hosking (3) Goss (2) H Bambridge (2)	7	S Melbourne Douglas 2 Doney Moss Wilson	5	" " Hawthorn
	Collingwood Batchelor Bripney Furneaux Arbuckle	4	Essendon J McCall J McCall	2	" " Collingwood
	Flemington Radford 4 Gay 2	6	Carlton Walsh (2) Dilves 1	3	" " Flemington
7th Aug	University Rudd 5 Douglas 1	6	Essendon	—	" " University
	Collingwood N Batchelor 2 Furneaux	3	S. Melbourne Doney	1	" " Collingwood
	Hawthorn Goss 5 Tate 2 H Bambridge 2 Hosking 2	11	Flemington	—	" " Hawthorn
	M.C.C	W.O.	Carlton	—	" " M.C.C
14th Aug	University Rudd 2 Douglas 1	3	Collingwood N Batchelor	1	" " University
	M.C.C C Murray 6 D White 2 B Murray 2 J Handfield 1	11	Flemington	—	" " M.C.C
	Hawthorn Goss 4, Hosking 3 Gordon Tate Pope 1 H Bambridge 1	10	Essendon Moulton 1 Sub 1	2	" " Hawthorn
	South Melbourne Douglas 3 Doney Cox T Wilson	6	Carlton Burbridge	1	" " South Melbne
21st Aug	University Douglas 3 Wilson 2 Wingrove 1 Holden 1	7	Flemington	—	" " University
	M.C.C C Murray 3 B Murray Simson Potts	6	Hawthorn Goss (2) Hosking 1	3	" " M.C.C
	Collingwood G Batchelor 2 N Batchelor Furneaux	4	Carlton Burbridge 1	1	" " Collingwood
	South Melbourne	—	Essendon	—	Drawn

University Douglas 2 Rudd 2 Evans 1	5	S. Melbourne Mather 2 Hambleton 1	3	won	by	University
MCC	w.o.	Essendon	–	"	"	MCC
Hawthorn	w.o	Carlton	–	"	"	Hawthorn
Flemington Gay 3 Radford 1	4	Collingwood N Batchelor Smith	2	"	"	Flemington

Date	Club and Goalthrowers	no of Goals	Club + Goalthrowers	no of Goals	Result.
11 Sept	University Douglas 3 Evans 2 Holden	6	Collingwood	–	won by University
18 "	University	w.o	Carlton	–	" " University
25 "	Collingwood	w.o.	Carlton		" " Collingwood

Results of Matches Season 1897 "B Division"

Date	Club & Goal throwers	No of Goals	Club & Goal throwers	No of Goals	Result
8 May	Auburn D^r Merrilees 1 R S Brain 1	2	University	—	Won by Auburn
	S. Melbourne P Leary 2 A Leary 1	3	Brighton (accidentally put through by Clarke S Melb^e)	1	" " S Melbourne
	Moonee Ponds G Gray 7 F Dunn 2 P Jowzell 1 L Watt 1	11	Glenferrie (Sub 1)	1	" " Moonee Ponds
15 May	Auburn B Merrilees 3 F Brain D^r Merrilees R S Brain L Brain	7	MCC Thomas 1	1	" " Auburn
	Moonee Ponds L Watt W Williams L Dunn	3	South Melbourne	—	" " Moonee Ponds
	University Randall 2 Eech 2 Turner 2 Thom 2	8	Glenferrie Moorhead	1	" " University
22nd May	Auburn B Merrilees 3 D^r Merrilees 3 R S Brain 2	8	Brighton	—	" " Auburn
	Moonee Ponds Dunn 1 Williams 1 Amos 1	3	MCC	—	" " Moonee Ponds
	South Melbourne Potts 1 Douglas 3 F Levey 1	5	Glenferrie	—	" " S Melbourne
24th May	Moonee Ponds O'Connor 2 Amos Dunn Jowzell 1	5	Brighton	—	" " Moonee Ponds
	M.C.C. Stevens 2 Thomas 2	4	Glenferrie	—	" " M.C.C.
	University Thom 3 Eck 1 Featonby 1 Baintridge 1	6	South Melbourne Douglas 2	2	" " University
5th June	Auburn D^r Merrilees 2 B Merrilees 1 E Brain 1	4	South Melbourne	—	" " Auburn
	MCC Thomas 3 Anderson 3 Staines 1	7	Brighton Merriman 1	1	" " MCC
	University Eck (2) Featonby 1 Bevan 1	4	Moonee Ponds	—	" " University
12 June	Auburn B Merrilees J Pearson	2	Moonee Ponds	—	" " Auburn
	MCC Anderson 3 Stephano 3 Grey 1	7	University (Baintridge)	1	" " MCC
	Glenferrie R Barbour	1	Brighton (Bennet ~~Merriman~~)	1	a Draw.
19th June	University	W.O	Brighton	—	won by University
26th June	MCC Thomas 2 C Eeles	3	Glenferrie ~~Moorhead~~	2	won by MCC
	University	W.O	S Melbourne ~~Barbour~~ Ricketts	—	" " University
17th July	MCC Thomas 6 Ricketts 4 Wellmott 1 Graham 1	12	S. Melbourne	—	" " MCC
	University Featonby Thom Eck	3	Auburn	—	" " University
	Moonee Ponds 3 F Dunn 2 W. Amos 1	3	Glenferrie Moorhead 1 Ricketts 1	2	" " Moonee Ponds

Club + Goalthrowers	no of Goals	Club + Goalthrowers	no of Goal	Result
MCC, Anderson (2) Pizzey + Macro	4	Auburn B Merrillees, Pearson	2	won by MCC
Brighton Bennet Campbell Richmond	3	S. Melbourne Tolmer + Levey	2	" " Brighton
Moonee Ponds Dunne 3 Williams 2 Trizell Scott G O'Connor A O'Connor	9	University	—	" " Moonee Ponds
MCC	W.O.	University	—	" " MCC
S Melbourne Subs Tolmer 2	3	Auburn Len Brain B Merrillees	2	" " S Melbourne
Glenferrie Waters 2 Younger + Moorhead	4	Brighton Campbell	1	" " Glenferrie
Moonee Ponds Dunne 2. a O'Connor 2	4	S Melbourne	—	" " Moonee Ponds
Auburn Len Brain 2 + Brain R S Brain Desmonde Pearson	6	Glenferrie Waters 2 Les Rickards	3	" " Auburn
University Lennon Mann	2	Brighton	—	" " University
Moonee Ponds Dunne 2	2	Auburn B Merrillees 1	1	" " Moonee Ponds
MCC Handfield 3 Thomas 3 Box 1 Macro 1 Stephens 1	9	Brighton		" " MCC
Glenferrie Waters	1	University Turner	1	Drawn
MCC Macro Thomas Skinner	3	Moonee Ponds	—	won by MCC
Auburn Len Brain 6 + H Brain 3	9	Brighton	—	" " Auburn
Glenferrie Waters Moorhead	2	South Melbourne Levey	1	" " Glenferrie
MCC	W.O.	S. Melbourne	—	" " MCC
Moonee Ponds	W.O	Brighton	—	" " Moonee Ponds
Glenferrie Waters 2 Younger	3	Auburn B Merrillees Len Brain	2	" " Glenferrie