

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB



FIFTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
and
BALANCE SHEET

YEAR 1932/1933

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The Briars Sporting Club

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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Fifteenth Annual Report of Committee and Hon. Treasurer's Statement.

Gentlemen,

We present to you hereunder our Fifteenth Annual Report and the Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

The Club's activities during the past year have been reviewed with mixed feelings.

We are a sporting club, and it is therefore well that our sporting activities, both in outside and domestic competitions, should have been successful. However, your Committee views the social side of the Club—and this includes the work performed by the Club Rooms—with equal importance in maintaining the organization on a solid foundation, and is concerned at the indifference shown by so many members in this direction.

Previous reports have contained similar comment, and it was hoped that our remarks from time to time might have borne fruit. Possibly the decrease this year is due to the strenuous times we are passing through. However, we hope during the next twelve months to combat apathy by extending the more popular features—competitions, lectures and debates—and instituting an Inter-Club indoor sports competition with organizations having similar ideals. Such a competition, to include, say, Billiards, Ping Pong, Debating, etc., should stimulate interest in these activities and be the means of once again enabling the Club Rooms to be self-supporting, instead of a drag on general revenue, to the extent of more than 10/- per week.

If no improvement is displayed, Committee must be prepared to seriously consider the advisability of closing the premises at the expiration of the present lease in-September next year.

Meanwhile, we have not lost sight of the fact that the comfort of the Rooms could be improved considerably, and have been negotiating with the Mortgagees of the building throughout the year for extensive renovations. It is only recently that anything definite has really been done, and we have reason to believe that the work will be proceeded with within a few weeks, your Club contributing to the cost.

Alterations have already been made to the entrance at the top of the stairs, and the Committee Room extended and closed off. When painted, this room will house the library, and be found useful in other directions.

More comfortable furnishings had been provided for to synchronise with the completion of the renovations, and the provision of some form of heating considered, but these matters have been deferred until such time as funds become available by the payment of outstanding subscriptions.

The membership during the twelve months under review has remained stationary. Eight new members were received, and a like number resigned.

The importance of encouraging lads, still at or about to leave school, to join up is gradually being impressed on members, and we are hopeful that next year will see a satisfactory influx of young fellows.

The turf wicket laid outside Concord Oval last year was barely ready for the commencement of the season, and proved a little troublesome early, but as time went on it settled down gradually, and, under the careful attention of the groundsman, became well covered with grass. It should prove a good wicket this season, especially as the width has been increased by six feet, and will now accommodate three pitches.

The outfield is a little rough at present, but will gradually be improved with top dressing.

The Western Suburbs "B" Grade Shire team shared the wicket with your Club.

We are grateful to the Concord Council for the ready assistance it has ren

dered to us during the year, and also appreciate the grant of £10 received from the Cricket Association, which will be utilised on improvements to the wicket.

The two football grounds on lease were sub-let to the N.S.W. Rugby Union, at a rental that will reimburse your Club.

Arrangements were completed for a renewal of our lease of the Club Rooms for a further two years at a satisfactory rental.

CRICKET.

The 1932-33 season was made noteworthy by the entrance of your First Eleven into the Municipal and Shire "B" Grade Competition, controlled by the N.S.W. Cricket Association

The team, to show its appreciation of the efforts made and expense incurred in providing a turf wicket, was successful in winning the premiership, going through the season with but two defeats—both on the first innings. It was a remarkably good performance to achieve this honour against strong opponents, and under conditions that were entirely strange. The possession of a good all-round side, without anyone being outstanding, and remarkable keenness, no doubt, helped largely in the team's success. Congratulations, Firsts!

Results of the season's matches are as follows:—

Matches

Played	W.O.	W.1	L.O.	L.1.	D.	T.	Pts.	p.c.
13	9	2	—	2	—	—	88	84.61

Runs for, 2,541; average per wicket, 16.5; runs against, 2,371; average per wicket, 11.2.

A. Land was the team's sheet-anchor as opening bat, but was ably supported by K. Burnett, A. Dent, N. Fisher, W. McLaughlin, W. Wyllie and P. Murray. G. Arthur, who came into the side late, also batted well.

It is not usual to find seven regular bowlers in a team, and this fact was rather embarrassing at times, but each man justified his inclusion, as the averages will show.

The fielding of the team was of a high standard throughout, especially on the ground, although returns to the wicket were not all that could be desired.

W. Wyllie kept wickets very well once he settled down.

Through the courtesy of the Western Suburbs Club, your members were given the opportunity of practicing at Concord Oval, and availed themselves of the privilege freely.

Once again Mr. J. McGregor very kindly scored for the team, and A. Land prepared the statistics capably.

Batting and bowling averages are set out hereunder:—

BATTING.

Batsmen.	No. of Innings.	N.O.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Ave.
Land, A.	17	2	73	444	29.6
Arthur, G.	6	2	34	86	21.5
Burnett, K.	20	—	65	405	20.3
Dent, A.	16	3	46	240	18.4
Fisher, N.	19	3	52x	291	18.1
McLaughlin, W.	21	3	56	310	17.2
Lee, G.	12	1	49	186	16.9
Murray, P.	16	4	57x	192	16.0
Wyllie, W.	17	2	29	239	15.9
Jenkyn, K.	2	—	7	21	10.5
Stephens, W.	13	3	36	90	9.0
Clark, R.	12	3	21	64	7.1
Mitchell, F.	6	1	14	25	5.0
Vowles, D.	12	2	12	48	4.8
Higgs, A.	1	—	1	1	1.0

x Not out.

BOWLING.

Bowler.	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Ave.
Clark, R.	107.2	22	264	33	8.0
Murray, P.	170.4	24	498	53	9.3
Arthur, G.	55.6	9	153	16	9.5
Burnett, K.	103.5	23	262	27	9.7

Vowles, D.	95.7	—	415	35	11.8
Dent, A.	115.5	—	381	30	12.7
Stephens, W.	87.1	13	288	20	14.4

Two teams were entered in the W.S. Junior Association's Competition—one in 2nd Grade and the other in 3rd Grade.

With the rise of the 1st XI. into the Senior ranks, it was necessary to field an almost entirely new team in 2nd Grade, and the two 3rd Grade teams were drawn upon to provide this.

After an uncertain start, the side gained in confidence, and performed very well indeed, finishing up the season in 5th position in a division of 13 teams.

Its record is:—

Matches played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.	Position.
14	6	5	3	29	5th

Runs for, 3,037; average per wicket, 16.96. Runs against, 2,208; average per wicket, 13.9.

G. Arthur, for the short period he was in the side, batted very well, as did also G. Lee. Of the others, C. Cameron was outstanding, and received good support from F. Mitchell and M. Fenton. Frank Mitchell had the honour of scoring the lone century.

G. Arthur showed his ability as an all-rounder by doing best with the ball, but had plenty of assistance from A. Rose and W. Dyer, the latter finishing up with the most wickets, as usual.

Batting and bowling averages are set out hereunder:—

BATTING.

Batsmen.	No. of Innings.	N.O.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Ave.
Arthur, G.	8	1	47	211	30.1
Cameron, C.	15	4	88	324	29.4
Mitchell, F.	17	1	101	399	24.9
Fenton, M.	19	5	42	286	20.4
Wyllie, W.	2	—	23	23	16.5
Robinson, I.	20	—	67	305	15.3
Evitt, W.	20	1	34	248	13.0
Mitchell, C.	16	—	59	193	12.0
McMillan, L.	17	2	50	174	11.6
McInnes, M.	4	2	8	21	10.5
Glasgow, R.	6	—	37	62	10.3
Godfrey, S.	8	2	16x	57	9.5
Higgs, A.	18	—	75	165	9.2
Dyer, W.	15	8	25	62	8.8
Jenkyn, K.	2	—	8	13	6.5
Rose, A.	7	—	26	42	6.0
Munro, J.	4	1	11	16	5.3

x Not out.

BOWLING.

Bowler.	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Ave.
Arthur, G.	45	2	148	17	8.7
Rose, A.	65	10	221	23	9.6
Mitchell, C.	17.1	—	101	10	10.1
Higgs, A.	14	1	43	4	10.7
Dyer, W.	154.1	10	575	41	14.0
Cameron, C.	95.2	11	291	19	15.3
Fenton, M.	109.2	14	374	24	15.5
Godfrey, S.	28	2	215	12	17.9

The 3rd XI.—a very young team—was unfortunate in striking a particularly strong division, and achieved a rather poor record. It was capable of doing far better, but lacked the necessary concentration, and was rather slack at times. Nevertheless, the members were always cheerful, and even looked forward to their weekly trouncing, though always with the feeling that the wheel would turn sooner or later, and sure enough it did, in the last match of the season, when the opposition was routed for 4 runs (made in one hit). This is an Association record.

The following is the team's record:—

Matches played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.	Position.
14	2	11	1	14	11th

Members to show promise were: G. Johns and D. Rossell, with the bat; and R. Gee, who bowled very well at times.

Batting and bowling averages follow:—

Batsmen.	BATTING.			Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Avge.
	No. of Innings.	N.O.				
Johns, G.	26	2		85	334	13.9
Rossell, D.	10	—		43	133	13.3
McCredie, R.	20	—		42	179	9.1
Travers, A.	22	—		28	190	8.6
Bain, A.	13	1		24	101	8.4
Barrett, C.	26	1		45	204	8.1
McInnes, M.	8	1		18	57	8.1
Sams, D.	20	4		14	106	6.6
Mitchell, M.	8	—		18	52	6.5
Fraser, D.	19	6		17	76	5.8
Hulls, A. W.	20	1		34	104	5.4
Haigh, H.	11	2		16x	49	5.4
Matthews, W.	17	6		12	47	4.3
Gee, R.	23	3		12x	87	4.3
Dinning, J.	11	—		17	43	3.9

x Not out.

Bowler.	BOWLING.			Runs.	Wkts.	Avge.
	Overs.	Mdns.				
Gee, R.	106	5		427	30	14.3
McInnes, M.	38	3		147	9	16.3
Travers, A.	120	13		417	24	17.3
Matthews, W.	55	1		193	11	17.5
Fraser, D.	40	—		192	9	21.3
Johns, G.	81	2		461	21	21.9

A picnic match, that was greatly enjoyed by all who took part, was played against the W.S. Rugby Union Club towards the end of the season at Canley Vale. This match is now looked forward to as an annual fixture.

The First and Second Elevens tried conclusions with each other at St. Joseph's College, and a happy day was spent.

The usual practice matches at Canley Vale, prior to the commencement of the season, were again attended by sufficient members for two teams. Besides serving a useful purpose, these games, played in a picnic atmosphere, do much to encourage enthusiasm, and are to be commended.

FOOTBALL.

At the time of our last Report, the Footballers were approaching the end of the 1932 Season, and it will suffice here to record the final results:—

Matches	Points				Pts.	Pos.		
	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.				
Bourke Cup	13	5	7	1	134	11	5th	
Bourke Cup Res.	14	6	8	—	99	117	12	6th

This year, prospects looked far from good. A number of last year's players had signified their intentions of retiring—again—and new members were not coming forward. One team only appeared possible, and this a rather weak one for the grade, but members, displaying enthusiasm, worked wonders at the pinch; retirements were deferred for another season, new members were discovered, and two teams were once again entered in the Rugby Union Competitions—one in Bourke Cup, and the other in Bourke Cup Reserve Grade.

The Firsts started off in a promising manner by going down narrowly in a practice match with the strong Hawkesbury College side, and defeating Haberfield and Reliance clubs in similar matches.

However, our hopes were doomed to early disappointment, for the team crashed in its first four competition matches, having lost its early form completely.

The Second Round revealed the team in its true light, and a winning

sequence of six matches—twice against the leaders—gives the side quite a fair chance in its division.

Mal. Blair is coaching the team, and, no doubt, it is his efforts that have materially helped the team in its improvement. Many thanks, Mal!

The Second Fifteen have done very well indeed to occupy third position at the present time, only 4 points behind the leaders.

While the team's football has not been marked by any great display of skill, the keenness is there, and produces the desired results.

The attendance at training of both sides has shown a big improvement on last season.

Both teams visited Hawkesbury College at different periods, and our thanks is due to the College Authorities for the kindness extended to us while there.

The annual fixture against Royal Military College will be played this year at the end of the season, on 26th August.

It is pleasing to record Geoff. Whiddon's appointment to the Management Committee of the newly formed Metropolitan Sub-District Union, in which position he should acquit himself with credit.

GOLF.

The Club tournaments continue to attract, and the three held during the twelve months proved popular, particularly the Winter events at Blacktown. The experiment with a Summer tourney, although reasonably successful on this occasion, will not be repeated.

It was nice to have some of the Fathers taking part, and Messrs. R. May, N. Daly, W. Fisher, S. McGregor and Col. Beardsmore were very welcome. We hope a larger number will join in this year.

The following are the results of the various events:—

18/9/32.—Par Handicap: C. J. Holmes. Stroke Handicap: L. Nossiter. Eclectic Handicap: R. May and L. Nossiter, tie. Championship: Alan Hulls, 1st; G. Johns, 2nd.

11/12/32.—Canadian Foursomes: R. Brownhill and N. Coote. Four-ball—Best Ball v. Par: C. Daly and E. Siddeley.

11/6/33.—Four-ball—Best Ball Handicap. H. Beardsmore and C. Gale. Four-ball Stroke Handicap: Arthur Hulls and G. Johns. Four-ball Championship: Arthur Hulls and G. Johns.

SWIMMING.

Your Club broke new ground when it conducted a Swimming Carnival at Eastwood Baths early in March last, and Committee was very gratified with the successful result.

On this occasion, conditions were made rather severe for competitors by heats and finals being raced on the one night, but this will be avoided next year.

The races attracted entries from 37 members, quite a large crowd was present, and the racing was surprisingly good.

We are grateful to Mr. Tom Pauling, who assisted both in the preparation of the programme and as Starter at the Carnival; and also to Messrs. F. Doyle (who judged the diving), R. G. Herford, R. W. May, J. McGregor, G. Lucas, E. J. Siddeley and H. W. Whiddon, who acted as Timekeepers and Judges.

Mr. W. J. Coote is thanked for his generosity in presenting a very nice cup for competition, and it was decided to award this annually to the winner of the 100 yards Championship. S. Lamb will be the first to have his name engraved on the stand.

We were glad to welcome teams from Eastwood, Epping Harlequins and Reliance Clubs to compete in the inter-club relay race, which was won by your representatives, Messrs. K. Burnett, S. Lamb, C. Connelley and E. B. Stoney, by a very narrow margin.

The visitors also competed in a 50 yards Handicap event and the Diving Championship.

The results of the various races are given below:—

50 YDS. CHAMPIONSHIP.—1st, Bruce Stoney; 2nd, S. Lamb; 3rd, K. Burnett. Time 25 4-5 secs.

100 YDS. CHAMPIONSHIP.—1st, S. Lamb; 2nd, C. Connelley; 3rd, K. Burnett. Time 62 1-5 secs.

200 YDS. CHAMPIONSHIP.—1st, C. Connelley; 2nd, C. Daly; 3rd, A. Dent. Time 2.42 2-5 secs.

DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP.—1st, L. Macready; 2nd, K. Cramp; 3rd, E. Perrin.

25 YDS. NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP.—1st, D. Durham; 2nd, W. McLaughlin; 3rd, D. Fraser. Time 24 2-5 secs.

50 YDS. OPEN HANDICAP.—Final: 1st, R. Gee; 2nd, E. Perrin; 3rd, P. Murray. Time 32 secs

100 YDS. OPEN HANDICAP.—Final: 1st, C. Morgan; 2nd, J. Holmes; 3rd, S. Jones. Time 1.13 4-5 secs.

INVITATION RACE FOR VISITORS.—A. Buxton (Epping), 24 3-5 secs.

INTER-CLUB RELAY RACE.—1st, Briars; 2nd, Epping; 3rd, Eastwood.

CLUB ROOMS.

During the year your Committee has made every effort to maintain interest in Club Room activities, but met with a complete lack of co-operation from many members.

Bridge.—The Monthly Bridge Evenings were held on six occasions only, and were all fairly well attended. We had the pleasure of entertaining a number of visitors at times, and are always pleased to have them. The usual supper was provided on these evenings, and it is a pity the attendance is not more general, for a good night is always spent.

Billiards.—Four "40-up" Billiard Handicaps were conducted, and also a "100-up" Handicap, in which there were 32 entries, the winner being A. Campbell, with C. Morgan runner-up. Beyond these competitions, there has been a regrettable falling off in the use of the tables.

Ping Pong.—Two Ping Pong Handicaps were decided. These events attracted fair entries, and the respective winners were G. Johns and A. McClintock.

Lectures.—Pleasing innovations during the year were two interesting lectures; the first delivered by Mr. Harold Fletcher, on the Mawson Expedition to the Antarctica, and the other by Mr. W. Corry, on "Cricket and Golf." Both these lectures were illustrated, the former with slides and the latter with films, and were keenly enjoyed by the large number of members and friends who attended in each instance.

Smokos.—One of the best evenings ever was the Christmas Re-union. The Rooms were crowded, and community singing was indulged in, interspersed with short speeches. S. McGregor led the singing, while A. Land and L. McGlynn accompanied on the piano.

Another very enjoyable function was the send-off to Den Love, the Club's third "International," whose selection with the "Wallabies" to tour South Africa was very pleasing. He receives our heartiest congratulations. At the farewell, we had the Club's other two "Internationals" present, in Mal Blair and Billy Mann, and were pleased to welcome as a visitor, Alec Ross, the Captain of the touring team.

The members enjoyed an excellent programme provided by artists and, during supper, after suitable speeches, Den was made a presentation from the members by your President, Mr. Whiddon.

The evening concluded with the singing of songs specially prepared for the occasion.

The whole arrangements for the night were in the hands of Mr. Reg. Herford, who conducted the programme splendidly.

Cigarettes.—The sales of cigarettes and tobacco have decreased during the year, but this is only consistent with the decline in attendance.

During the period under review, several alterations were made to the premises, which have added to the general comfort of the members; and we are grateful to Mr. Adam Stuart for his generosity in presenting the Club with suitable doors and fittings, which lightened the cost considerably.

Club evenings have been made more pleasant through the kindness of Miss Vennard (an aunt of Chris Daly's), who presented us with a piano. It was a most acceptable gift, and is much appreciated.

Committee extends its thanks to the Stewards, who have unselfishly devoted a great deal of time to their duties, and assisted materially towards the well-being of the Club.

LIBRARY.

The Library is still a popular feature of the Rooms, and although the number of books read shows a falling-off from last year, 2,029 issues were made during the period.

As many as 83 members used the Library at different times, although the monthly average was under 40.

Forty-four volumes have been added during the year.

Mr. R. A. McCredie has carried out his duties as Librarian in a very thorough manner, and has spent considerable time in preparing new catalogues and repairing the books. We thank this member for his interest.

DEBATING.

Following on the proposals put forward last year, a Debating Society was formed in August last for the purpose of organising Club debating.

The inaugural debate was held in September, between teams selected from Club members, and was well supported.

Four more debates between members followed, before it was considered time enough to tackle outside opposition.

The first visit was from a Summer Hill team, led by Mr. Perrin, the subject being: "That the Federation of English Speaking Nations will effect more in the interests of World Peace than the League of Nations." The Club team on this occasion, Messrs. S. McGregor, L. McGlynn and D. Page, denied the subject, but were defeated by a very small margin.

A visit to Reliance Club followed, and on this occasion, too, your representatives, Messrs. A. Higgs, S. McGregor and L. McGlynn, were beaten narrowly when they denied the following subject: "That the Spirit of Patriotism should be discouraged."

The final debate, and easily the best, took place last month against a Concord team led by Mr. Gordon Farrer, who affirmed that "Modern advertising exceeds the bounds of common-sense and utility." Your Club was represented by Messrs. S. McGregor, L. McGlynn and D. Page, and the result was in favour of the visitors.

Members who have taken part regularly in debates have shown a marked improvement in their delivery, notably your representatives at the last debate, but it is regretted that a larger number have not interested themselves sufficiently to take an active part in the Society's proceedings.

The Club is indebted to Colonel Beardsmore and Messrs. H. W. Whiddon and D. Byrne for adjudicating at the debates; to Mr. R. A. Hughes for a very interesting lecture, and to the Reliance Club on the occasion of our visit there.

SOCIAL.

The three dances held since our last report—two at Croydon and one in the City—were well up to standard, and proved enjoyable functions, despite a reduction in the usual crowds.

The attendance at Hordern Bros. was particularly disappointing; we were unfortunate in striking opposition that undoubtedly affected the sale of tickets, and we believe the night—Friday—may have been a contributing factor, too. The latter possibility will be gone into before bookings are made for next season.

We were lucky in being able to call on a Ladies' Committee again, and its efforts were of material assistance. Mrs. Whiddon's help as President, with the placing of her home at the Committee's disposal for the holding of meetings, was also appreciated.

The many parents who provide the very nice sandwiches for our Croydon dances and other functions are deserving of our grateful thanks, too.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Your last Annual Meeting was the most successful yet held. By far the largest number was present, and enjoyed the entertainment provided by members in a stage presentation, "Around the Camp Fire." To Major Taylor and Messrs. C. Daly, F. Farrell, R. Glasgow, A. Higgs, G. Johns, S. Jones, S. McGregor and D. Page, we are indebted for a pleasant hour.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We have pleasure in recording the marriage of Don Ross to Miss Ruby Smith, and of his brother, Gordon, to Miss Beryl Grace. To each we extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

It is pleasing to report that Ken Jenkyn and Maurice Hill were each blessed with a daughter, and Sel. Lamb with a son—three proud fathers!

Many engagements are announced, and we offer our congratulations to the following: A. Campbell and Miss Olwen Kellett, Alan Hulls and Miss Phyllis Kennedy, Stan Jones and Miss Gladys Kadwell, E. Love and Miss Una Bossley,

S. McGregor and Miss Ona Ainscough, E. McDade and Miss Eleanor Barringer, P. Murray and Miss Beryl Murray, E. Perrin and Miss Marjorie Marchant.

OBITUARY.

It was with regret that we learned of the sudden death of Mr. A. Mitchell. To Chris and his family, we extend the Club's deepest sympathy.

PLAY.

Encouraged by the success of their first effort, members interested in Amateur Theatricals, under the direction of Major Taylor, and assisted by lady friends, staged a splendid revue in December, at the Burwood School of Arts.

The players consisted of: The Misses Jean Bond, Lyla McClintock, Sadie McClintock, Molly Daly, Nancy Sawell; and Messrs. C. Daly, D. Page, A. McClintock, G. Johns and Major L. Taylor. Each played a prominent part in the success of the show, which swung along without a dull moment, and the parents and friends who filled the hall had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Everyone concerned in the production earned the heartiest congratulations and thanks, not forgetting Mrs. Daly, for allowing her home to be used for the rehearsals.

It is learned that Major Taylor has collected quite a number of new items, so it would not be surprising if another show were mooted shortly. We hope so.

COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has met on 14 occasions during the 12 months, and the attendances have been as follows:—M. R. Blair 13, R. B. Clark 14, A. M. Fischer 11, C. N. Daly 10 (resigned 9/3/33), H. R. Haigh 13, R. G. Herford 5, C. J. Holmes 1 (appointed 11/5/33), A. C. Higgs 12 (resigned 13/7/33), R. W. May 12, P. C. Murray 13, E. J. Siddeley 13, H. G. Whiddon 13, H. W. Whiddon 11.

Resignations, through the departures of the members concerned from Sydney, were received from Chris Daly and Alan Higgs. Each has worked very hard in the Club's interests, and their services will be greatly missed.

The vacancy created by Mr. Daly's retirement in March was filled by the appointment of J. Holmes, and we were very fortunate that Jack was able to accept the position.

Perc. Murray has announced that he will not be a candidate for the position of Treasurer this year. The retiring officer has just completed 5 years of service, and he is to be thanked most sincerely for his efforts in a position which is no sinecure.

Difficulty will naturally be found in obtaining a successor, but we have hopes that Harry Haigh and Jack Holmes will be willing to carry on.

The former filled the new position of Assistant Treasurer last year very capably, and proved of considerable help in this office.

Mr. Norman Pardoe, our Honorary Auditor, instituted a new system of book-keeping this year, which has been an improvement, and we are grateful to him for the time and interest he has given us both in this direction and in his audit of the books.

In conclusion, we express our thanks for, and appreciation of, the work done by the Ladies' Committee, which comprised the Misses B. Bain, J. Bond, O. Dinning, M. Fischer, B. Hilder, P. Kennedy, J. Lucas, E. May, J. Siddeley and M. Thompson.

To Dr. R. Whiston Walsh, for his kind attentions to various members.

And to Messrs. R. Houslar and J. Cousins, for their liberal supply of oranges, always available at half-time for the football teams.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

H. W. WHIDDON, President.

R. B. CLARK, Hon. Secretary.

ADDENDUM.—I wish to place on record my appreciation of the work performed throughout the year by R. B. Clark (Hon. Secretary), P. C. Murray and H. R. Haigh (Hon. Treasurer and Assistant), and Members of the Committee.

H. W. WHIDDON, President



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