VARSITY ROWING.

SOCIJP TO SUCCESSFUL CREW.

A complimentary social was tendered on Saturday evening by the Adelaide University Boat Club to the members of The Clarion crew from the Yarra. A large and enthusiastic gathering was held in the clubrooms, and Mr. F. Hobson, M.A., in the chair, and the Special and University Regatta trophy, presented for competition in wassailing among the universities of the Empire, was prominently displayed on the principal table.

Professor Hendee, on behalf of the crew, was heartily honoured, mentioned that it had been a high privilege for them all in the matter of boating. Thirteen events had been won in all the championship races on the Port River, while the latest achievement in bringing back the 'sabre' from the hands of New Zealander and consumption of all the previous efforts. (Applause.)

Mr. Smith, in an exceptional circumstances of difficulty, with which the crew had had to contend training on the River, was a stormy day, and the Adelaide boat was the best position for every event, but it forged ahead until it did get in the best position, comparatively smooth water. They had been striving for this for a long time—it was almost a certainty that their success.

No better compliment could have been paid to the Adelaide crew than the large number of students who had rallied that man, together with so many who had been connected with the past, to do them honour. One naturally associated success with the stroke of the boat, although every man in it must have done his best. Mr. Hobson, a man who had done much recently for University rowing, was a man of spirit and knew how to make the most of it when he was rowed out. (Applause.)

Mr. Charlie Hendee, who took a prominent part in the whole expedition, and the infusion of the right spirit into the boating club, contributed to make the greatest to the ultimate success.

(Hear, hear.)

Mr. J. G. A. W. A. chairman, who was captain of the University Boating Club during 1928-29 and 1929-30, and Professor Stanley Malayko supported the toast. The latter referred to his experience as a student. Their cricket club had just got a star, and hoped to do great things. The same authorities would only let them pull out a football team, they would demur personally (Applause.)

Mr. J. G. Sharp, on behalf of the South Australian University, congratulated the University crew on their success, saying, "The success of the South Australian crew could not have been a greater triumph in the welding of the race, that if they could get the men. This year the students had not had the full requisites of the race, and their rowing had been of an object for sport than that. Had the in-estate crew had four or five Viney "varsity" boating clubs in the boat, instead of South Australia being his thought they would have had less of a position—probably third. He hoped in future it would be possible for members of the University Boat Club to take a more prominent place in the inter-state crew. That day he had met Mr. F. Hobson and the toast is a response to "let the boys know how proud I am that they won. They did not do anything for them, let them command me." (Applause.)

The South Australian Rowing Association (Mr. W. G. Auld) also forwarded his congratulations.

Mr. McAlpine, who was in charge of the crew, gave an interesting account of the race and paid a tribute of thanks to Mr. Arthur Nichols for his unflagging interest andgrepins them to depart for Melbourne. Students would like to nominate positions in the inter-state rowing, and remunerated that they were at the University, they had continued to practice. (Hear, hear.)

Ms. Bessie Scawen proposed, and Dr. Barry seconded, that "Mr. F. Hobson, acknowledge the bravery of the Varsity in the past year."

Mr. Hobson, in acknowledgement, thanked the University and the Varsity in the past year.

The "cap" of Mr. C. H. Hodge) read a humorous poem, anonymously written, to the memory of that year, and an enjoyable musical programme was given, attended by Mr. Chairman and Messrs. H. Josse, C. Mather, and Messrs. B. R. Hurley and H. Rough.