

YACHTING.

The spirited way in which yachters are shaping to the coming season is worthy of note, and although according to present prospects Sir T. Elder's *Enchantress* and Lady Edith will remain with Sir Wm. Milne's *Hygeia* out of commission for a time there will be a good muster.

The grand sport has found some new aspirants to favour, and latest of all is Mr. T. King, M.P., whose aquatic proclivities led to his purchasing the *Haidee*, which has been lately sailed round from Melbourne by Young and then put into the artificers' hands for restoration. She was originally built in Sydney regardless of cost, and this fact is very well proved by the work she has about her. She is a full 20-tonner, and low under jury rig draws about nine feet of water. She is built without much sheer, has fine beam and deck, and sides as round as an apple, tumbling in very considerably above. As she looks now in her pleasure suit of gear one would think there was some good sailing in her, but when down to the lead-line, with racing canvas aloft, she will apparently pinch up some of the "cracks" to a tolerably close corner. Her owner desires her more for recreation and pleasure than for speed, so he has had her fitted out under easy sail for a start; but the full suit of balloons, spinnakers, and taffee are ready to take the pace out if necessary. The painters and decorators have ornamented the spicuous quarters below in a most excellent manner. Every fragment of room is here so well accounted for in the appointments that she is a gem of contrivance, and in heavy weather she may be so hatched over as to be impervious to wet.

Mr. Playfair, whose tact in turning out pretty dirgeys is well known, has a new one on hand for the *Haidee*, and as soon as she is finished the yacht will take a berth at Glenelg, the headquarters of her spirited proprietor. It is intended to take a spin out of her next Saturday, when, if a chance offers, she will show what she can do in narrow water.

Most of the yachtsmen are hard at work outfitting. The *Ethel*, belonging to the clan Honey, looks very fit for any work; and the *Vivid*, in which Russell has often won good opinions, is getting ready for the fray. The *White Cloud*, under new owners, is coming out as fresh as paint, and there are about half a dozen more quite equal to the pleasurable task of the coming opening day.

A well-attended meeting of members of the South Australian Yacht Club was held on Saturday evening, September 28, at the Ship Inn, Port Adelaide, Rear-Commodore Tapley in the chair. The following new members were elected:—Hon. T. Playford (Commissioner of Crown Lands), Dr. Gosse, Major Godwin, Messrs. H. A. Short, W. Pope, E. K. Horn, S. Tomkinson, J.P., and W. Mead. Six new members were proposed. Definite arrangements were made for opening the yacht season on October 12, the luncheon to take place at 1 o'clock, and the ordinary yacht manœuvring by signal afterwards. A letter was read from Mr. R. Jagoe, enclosing a specification sent from Melbourne of the yacht *Secret*, which it was thought the

of the yacht *Secret*, which it was thought the South Australian Yacht Club might purchase as a Club boat. The general opinion was that the craft was too expensive, and the matter was held over for further consideration. Mr. J. Opey mentioned that he understood that the Adelaide Amateur Rowing Club proposed to have their opening on the same day (October 12), and it had been suggested that perhaps an arrangement could be made by which that Club and the South Australian Yacht Club might amalgamate so as not to clash with each other and to make the opening demonstration more interesting. After some discussion, in which it was pointed out that the Rowing Club could communicate with the Yacht Club, the matter was allowed to stand over.

MEETING AT GLENELG RE NOCK'S ACT.—In our report of the meeting held at Glenelg on Friday evening the Rev. C. Manthorpe was made to say, "All the pauperism, &c., in the old country was traceable to an undue indulgence in intoxicating drinks," instead of "That a vast proportion of the pauperism, &c., was traceable to this cause."