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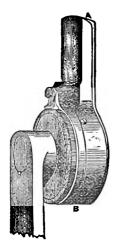
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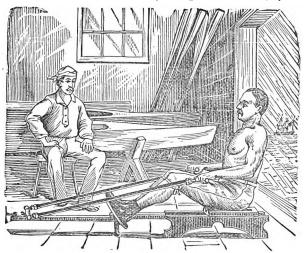
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Editorial.

THE first general meeting in London of that important athletic body the Bicycle Touring Club, which was looked forward to with so much interest, is now a thing of the past. A larger or more enthusiastic meeting of any club of any sport we never saw. There were evidently men present who felt the keenest interest in bicycling, and in the Touring Club in particular. The large influx of "new blood" in the shape of Metropolitan riders made itself felt, and, after the experience of Saturday, we have no doubt that the 'cute and able northerners who manage the club will realise the fact that, now it has grown to be really a national affair, somewhat different tactics must be adopted. There was no evidence of a desire on the part of any party to remove the Headquarters to London, or to alter the basis of management, but it was clearly shadowed forth by the feeling of the meeting that all leaning or apparent leaning to any one particular paper must be abolished, and that the monthly circular must either go out separately, or be simultaneously published in each of the bicycling papers. We trust, if the former course is adopted, that, for economy's sake, the circular will be restricted to its official news, and not drift into a Club Gazette, containing perhaps one page of real official news to six of twadlle, in the shape of fairy tales, involved accounts of well-known watering places, or attempts to extol personal friends under the guise of recounting a bicycle journey. So much for the club cir-It was also made very clear by the voice of the meeting, that the B. T. C. desired to stand alone, and that, white they had every good feeling toward the Bicycle Union. they did not desire either to amalgamate wi'h it on terms of equality, or to join it as a contributory in the manner of any of the large metropolitan or university clubs. The B. T. C. has certainly earned the right to stand alone, but we do think that some more tangible effort than mere "good feeling" should be shown towards a body which has alone, by the obtaining of reasonable bye-laws, done really more for touring bicyclists than any other existing body, including their special club. Whether this tangible effort, to which we refer, will be

shown by asking all members of the B. T. C., who do not now either individually, or by their position as clubmen, belong to the Union, to increase their annual subscription from 2s 6d. to 3s. 6d., in order that the necessary shillings may be sent to the Union as the "tribute" of the B. T. C., we cannot say; but perhaps this or some other better plan may be found whereby the good feeling towards the Union undoubtedly existent in the Touring Club ranks may be demonstrated in a more substantial manner than by mere words.

Touring men are, be it remembered, more interested in bye-laws, danger boards at hills, and railway charges, than are racing men; therefore it is absurd for any one to pretend that the Union is merely useful for racing purposes, and that it has no claim to support from riders, who do not indulge on the cinder path. It is a standing disgrace, reflecting, as it does, selfishness, for any rider from the highest to the lowest to withhold that support when it is open to anyone to join the Union for the absurdly small sum of one shilling per annum. Every person who crosses a bicycle saddle on the high-roads of this country has already benefitted by the existence of the Bicycle Union, and it is un-English in the extreme to refuse to pay for a benefit conferred.

Stub Aixtungs.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH.

Atalanta.—The Mitre, Bayswater, 3.30 p.m., for Sutton.

Athenxum.—Lord Stanley, usual time for impromptu run.

Clarence.—Headquarters, Boscobel Gdus., Alpha Rd., N.W., 3.30 p.m.,

for impromptu run.

Druids—Headquarters for run.

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Pulham. — Headquarters, 4 p.m., for impromptu run.

Guildhall. — Headquarters, 3.30 p.m., for impromptu run.

Huppy-go-Luckies. — Talbot Hotel, New Cross, for impromptu run.

Kildare. — Leinster Hotel, 3.30 p.m., for impromptu run.

Star. — Downs' Hotel, Clapton. 4 p.m., for impromptu run.

Widmore. — Hayes Lane (W. P.), 3.30 p.m., for impromptu run.

Woodford. — Canonbury Station, 3.30 and 5.30 p.m., for Barnet.

DINNERS, BALLS, &c.

North London.—17th February. Wellington Club, Wellington Street, N. 7.30.

Stanley.—24th February. Entertsinment.

West London.—8th March. Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street. (See advertisement.)

RACES.

(OPEN AMATEUR EVENTS ONLY.)

Coventry.—26th April, Druid's Sports, 3 bicycle handicaps. Coventry.—May (Whit Monday), Oddfellow's Sports: 2 bicycle handicaps.

Dewsbury.—5th June, at Dewsbury.

Heywood —6th and 8th March, 1 & 2 miles haudicap.

Notes by the May.

THE Sportsman, in reporting the B. T. C. meeting last Saturday, hints that the chairman gave a false return of the show of hands upon a division being taken as to joining the Bicycle Union.

Now, in the first place, this is unfair, because the chairman did not count the hands at all, that being done by Mr. Tanner of the W. K. B. C.; and, in the second place, I am assured by more than one member who was present, that the number voting was counted as correctly as possible under the circumstances, and the movers of the motion were themselves satisfied with the chairman's decision, that the motion was

Some Londoners who have recently joined the B. T. C., want to know how the officers are elected. The rules (which are not supplied to candidates until after their election) say nothing about this point; perhaps Mr. Cotterell will explain?

THE following has reached me from an anonymous correspondent:

There was a young cyclist called "Faed," A very good rider, 'tis said, Who collected his Rhymes From the Bicycling Times, And an excellent volume they made.

I HEAR there is some talk of the Alexandra Palace finally closing on May 1st next, when the present lease expires.

This will leave North Lo don clubs but one alternative, their racing ground being closed, to take up the matter of a special course at Willesden or elsewhere.

IF I remember correctly, it was Mr. English, the "Captain of Canonburie," who first invoked the project a year or so since in the B. T.; let us hope the present agitation will not be allowed to fall as

THERE is a splendid series of engravings in the "Mid-Winter" number of Scribner's Magazine, illustrating a tour unde taken by a number of Yankee 'cyclists; the cuts are far in advance of any that the enterprise (or rather was t of enterprise) of our English mags have ever given us. I am told the entravings alone in the number referred to cost no less a sum than £1500, the magazine being only

"FAED" and I start for a few days' tour on Saturday afternoon. This being leap year, we hope that our numerous admirers, the sisters and the cousins (never mind the aunts) of various 'cyclists will not ful to post their valentines early on Friday, in order that we may receive them by the first post on Saturday, and be enabled to decide impar-, ially as to which is to be Mrs. FAED, and who Mrs.

TREBOR NATTIRB.

THE LATE STANLEY EXHIBITION.

Report continued.

In our last issue we gave a full report of the exhibits at this Show so far as space permitted. We now therefore continue our notice from where we left off.

W. O. Aves, Barbican, exhibited a 56 in. City, weight 38 lbs., Pickwick bearings to front wheel, Pickwick bearings to back wheel, Schakle spring, front brake, rubber pedals, hollow forks, suspension saddle, the central swivel fork. An exceedingly well built machine

W. SARGENT, North London Bicycle School, 9, Brecknock-road.-52 in. Atalanta, weight 40 lb., double ball bearings to front wheel, reversed cones, bearings to back wheel, improved unbreakable spring, grasp break, plain pedals, hollow forks, suspension saddle, hind wheel bearings are of a new pattern, the cones are reversed, the hollow cone screwing into the hub. Perfectly dust proof. The spring

is hinged in front, and rests on india-rubber springing both back and front.

52 in. Atalanta, weight 40 lbs., double ball bearings to front wheel, reversed cone, bearings to back wheel, improved unbreakable spring, grasp brake, plain pedals, hollow forks, suspension saddle. The hind wheel bearings are a new pattern, reversed cones perfectly dust proof. The spring is hinged in front and rests on india-rubber.

S. Peake, 5, Lisle-street, Leicester-square.-54 in. the Royal, weight 44 lbs., ball roller learings to front wheel, cored bearings to back wheel, jointed spring, front wheel pull brake, quite dust proof pedals, hollow forks, suspension saddle. This is the same machine this firm built specially for H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor.

52 in. the Royal, weight 42 lbs., ball roller bearings to front wheel, coned bearings to back wheel, jointed spring, front pull brake, quite

dust proof pedals, hollow forks, suspension saddle.

52 in. Royal, weight 42 lbs., ball roller bearings to front wheel, cone bearings to back wheel, jointed spring, front pull brake, quite dust proof pedals, hollow forks, suspension saddle. As No. 1. and supposed to be the machine of the day.

50 in. Royal, ball roller bearings to front wheel, cone bearings to back wheel, jointed spring, front pull brake, dust proof pedals, hollow forks, suspension saddle. As on No. 1 fitted with perfectly rigid head.

40 in. Meteor tricycle, weight 60 lbs., parallel bearings to front wheel, cone bearings to back wheel, etliptical spring, giving great ease, leg rests on forks, ebony handles, spoons on head wheel brake, revolving improved pedals, cloth cushion and seat. This is the prettiest tricycle yet introduced; for speed and lightness it surpasses any other make. The manager at above establishment having ridden it 100 miles in one day without the least fatigue.

TANGENT AND THE COVENTRY TRICYCLE AND BICYCLE COM-PANY, Ariel Works, exhibited a Bicyclette, a machine which combines, apparently, the characteristics of the 'Xtraordinary, the Salvo, and the old boneshaker, and which is a most wonderful-looking affair. The machines are all well built, and reflect credit on the workmanship of the company's employés.

W. G. Lewis & Co., of Speedwell Works, Romford, exhibit three of their Britannias, a 54 in., and two 52's. These machines are very strongly built, and seem fit for hard work.

A Gold Twist Brooch was lost by a lady in the Hall on Wednesday evening. A liberal reward will be given to anyone leaving it at our office.

Slub Poings.

AIREDALE .- A General Meeting of the members of the above club was held at the Temperance Room, Charles street, Farsley, on Tuesday evening, the 3rd. inst. Mr. J. H. Firth of Bramley, presided. After the other business of the club was settled, the following officers were elected,—J. Haley, president; H. Slater, Vice President; N. S. Roberts, Captain; I. Wade, Sub Captain; M. V. Wilson, Hon. Treasurer; R. GAUNT, jun., Hon. Sec.

ALERT.—A committee meeting will be held on Thursday, 19th

inst., (at the Secretary's house) at 8 p.m. sharp. All committee-men are particularly requested to be present as there is very important business to be settled. As the Alexandra Palace will probably close in May, date of our race meeting has been altered from May 22nd, to

April 24th.—John McShaw, jun. Hon. Sec.
BRIXTON RAMBLERS.—A General Meeting will be held at Headquarters on Wednesday the 18th inst., at 8 p.m. Members will please attend.—F. G. DEAY, Hon. Sec.

CLIFTON. - At a General Meeting of the above club, the officers for the ensuing year were elected, with Sam Lang, Esq. as their President, viz., C. A. Badcocke re-elected Vice-President; L. A. Prentice, re-elected Captain; G. C. Gibbs, elected Vice-Captain; G. Ashmead, re-elected Hon. Sec. and Treasurer; and Messrs. Bridgman, J. T. Niblett, Ball, Fox, and F. C. Niblett, as committeemen. The runs for the season were also arranged, and some capital places selected. So that should they be favoured with more genial weather than last year, the season promised to be a most successful one, the club being now in a very flourishing condition.—G. ASHMEAD, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

CRICHTON .- The date fixed for the "Smoking Concert," is Wednesday 25th inst., at the Clarendon Hotel, Anerley, Fellow cyclists cordially invited. A committee meeting was held on Friday evening last, 6th inst, and much business transacted.

Members who have not yet received copy of new rules will please intimate same to me.—ALFRED M. BOLTON, Hon. Sec.



CRICHTON .- On Shrove Tuesday, several members and friends met together to discuss the latest events in the Bicycling world over a pancake supper. Unlike our ancestors, who, as it is know at Shrovetide in every parish in England confessed their sins, our party substituted a little innocent marriment. A few good songs were rendered after the frying-pan feast, and a most jovial evening was brought to a conclusion at 10.45 p.m. - ALFD. M. Bolron, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF LONDON .- On Thursday the 5th inst., our "Social," was again successful. A very pleasant time being passed, thanks to the united efforts of members and friends. About forty gentlemen being present during the evening. The following programme was got through. Mr. Pratt. solo Piano; Mr. Dankes, "Swatharts and Wives;" Mr. Lovering, solo piano, Mr. Wilcocks, "Never was and Wives; "Mr. Lovering, solo mano, Mr. Wilcocks, "Never was meant for the Sea;" Mr. Dix, "The Stirruo Cuo;" Mr. Morphow, "The Bull won't roar;" Mr. Exelby, "Give me the man of honest heart;" Mr. Pratt, Piano solo; Mr. Slozombe, (Arion B.C.), "The Skipper and his Boy;" Mr. Cullingham, "Jack's Yarn;" Mr Danell, Recit, "The Country Squire;" Mr. W. Hewitt, "Old Timbertoes;" Mr. Cushion, Piano solo;" Mr. Wormsham, "Poor Jack Brown;" Mr. Caswell, "Hearts of Oak;" Mr. Eleock, "Says" Annual of Moses, "Mr. Wormsham, "the Tasis Fearwall." Mr. Annual Jack Brown; "Mr. Caswell, "Hearts of Oak;" Mr. Elcock, "Say's Aaron to Moses;" Mr. Warren, "the Tar's Farewell; "Mr. Avery, "Allow me to see you home; "Mr. Whittaker (Arion BC), Mollie Darling;" Mr. Newell, "Cookie Darling; "Mr. Gosling, "Dollie Brown; "Mr. Dix, "In days of old; "Mr. Daniell, Recited "Army, Navy and Volunteers;" Mr. Cardingham, "Two in the morning;" Mr. Wilcox, comic song; Mr. Danks, "Raid of the McPherson; "Mr. Exelby, "Blue Captain; "Messr. Slocombe and Jacobs, (Arion B. C.), Dialogue, "Clarence's Dream; "Mr. Gosling, "I wish I was an elephant; "Mr. Monson, "I am an artless thing; "Mr. Danks, "Captain of the Pinafore; "Final "Auld Lang Sync." The evening was closed by a vote of thanks to the chairman (Mr. E. L. Lucas), also to Mr. Danks, who, as per usual, acted as accompanist. L. Lucas), also to Mr. Danks, who, as per usual, acted as accompanist. Our next "Social" will be held at Healquarters, on Thursday, 19th inst., at 7.30 p.m., when members and visitors are particularly requested to be punctual. Members of other clubs will be made welcome.-H. CASTER, Hon. Sec.

COMET .- At the first General Meeting of the above club, held on the 4th inst., the secretary reported that Sir Henry Peek Bart., had kindly consented to be President. It was resolved that the first run of the season should take place on Saturlay the 6th March, and that the Headquarters should be the "Freemasons' Hotel," Wandsworth Common. Members are reminded that the next meeting will be held there.—S. L. Bond, Hon. Sec.

DRUIDS.—A General Meeting was held on the 6th inst., at which it was resolved, "that every member should either get the new Club Balge, or have the letters on his old one enamelled black." Wells, High-street, Kensington, is the maker of the badges. The following runs were decided, and it is hoped that som members will attend them. Feb. 14th., Hampton Court.; 24th, Harrow; 28th, Carshalton; March 6th, Barnet; 13th, Ripley.-Theo Secretan, Hon.

EDINBURGH ROVERS .- The Second Annual General Meeting of the above club was held on the 6th inst. The following were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing season,—J. S. Gibson, Captain; J. A. P. Hope, Vice Captain; J. W. Gibson, Hon. Sec.; Messrs. W. Bennet, Clark, and W. Banks sen., committee, -JNO. W. GIBSON,

Hon. Sec.

FULHAM.—The First Annual Concert given by this club is arranged to take place at "Beaufort House, Walham Green," on Tuesday next, Feb. 17th, to commence at 7.30 p.m. Several eminent artistes have offered their services, including a full military band. The whole under the direction and man igement of Mr. Arthur Fagge, snd Mr. Vernon Ensom. Tickets may be obtained of the Hon. Sec. 3, Mulgrave-road, Fulham, or of the principal Bicycle Agents. All members are particularly requested to attend the meetings on Saturday, and Monday evenings next at Headquarters .- WM. EASY, Hon.

HIGHBURY.—The fixture hal to be abandoned in consequence of rain. There will be an impromptu run every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

from this date.-F. W .PAUL. Hon, Sec.

HULL.—The Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, February 7th, to receive the Secretary's Treasurer's report which was unanimously adopted. The Hon. Sec. in his report states that the Hull Club were represented by three members at the Hampton Court Meeting, being the only Yorkshire Club whose members rode down, and with one exception, the only Yorkshire Club represented. He (the Hon Sec.) also stated that twenty members attended the North of England meet at Harrogate in August, all having ridden there over very heavy roads, and that the members were complimented, in the Bicycling Papers, on their or terly tiding and neat uniform. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers:—Captain, Mr. G. Scarum; Hon. Sec. Mr. J. T. Hellins (both elected); Vice Captain, Mr. J. D. Storry, jun.; Treasurer, Mr. A. W. Keith; Committee, Messrs. Stromberg, Shaw, Hollen and D nison; Biglers, Messes, Hollins and Holden.

LUE ROVERS. - The Annual General meeting for the re-election of officers for the ensuing year was held at Headquarters on Thursday, on the state of th Blackshaw; co umittee, Messrs. Att iel I (re-slecte i); Jones (re-electe I); G. Spread with and W. Hillen. The rules were slightly altered, and three new members eleved. An alteration in the heal-dress having met with the approval of the me nbers, was duly carried. Gentlemen desiring to become mambers can obtain full information on application to the Him. Sec., H. GRIFFIN, 17, Rennell S reet, Lewisham.

LARKHAL .. - There was a fair muster of members at the annual meeting on Fab. 4th. The Committee submitted a new code of Rales, which were approved by the members present. Several important for the year. President and Treasurer, Wilton Parrish, Eq.; Captain, W. Seekins; Bugler, Thomas W. Dav; Committee, G. E. Wybrow, J. J. Lowing, and G. Shattlaworth, Him. Sec. H. E. Bolen, 162 Webs. 163, Witerloo Roul, to whom all communications and information respecting the club should be addressed. The next meeting will be held at Handquarters on Wednesday, Feb. 25th, at 8.30 p.m.-H. E.

BODEN, Hon. Sec.

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RYE.—I'he above Club gave their first Annual Concert on Thursday, February 5th, at St. Mary's College, Hanover Pirk, Peckham, which proved a grand success. The proceedings commenced with a pinnoforte solo, by Mr. E. B. Cox, "The Skipper and his Boy," by Mr. Marshall, met with a brilliant reception. Miss Westlake gave "I Cannot Forge"," and "There's a path by the River." Miss Matilda Robey, R. A. M., gave "When the Heart is Young." and "Twickenham Ferry," both of which were voniferously encored, for which she sang, "Coming through the Rye," and "Robin Adair." "The Distint Shore." and "The Shepherd and the Maid," were rendered by M. A. C. Bulmer Both in his usual good style. Miss Becker give "Then and Now," and "Roll ft." "Lovely Spring," and "Barney O'Hea," sang by Miss Clara Hill, were both encored, when she kindly gave "In the Glomning," and "Thady O'Flinn;" Mr. Carson, a very young reciter, made a big hit in "The Death of Rufus," and "The Arab's Farewell to his Steed." Mr. A. W. Pige gave a finte solo, and Mr. Hirrison and Miss Pain played a pianoforte gave a flute solo, and Mr. Herrison and Miss Pain played a pianoforte duet, "Zampa," in very artistic style. The lighter portion of the programme was admirably sustained by Mr. H. P. Matthews, the popular buffo, who was enormously successful in "Show me the Man," "Ln-li-da," "The Absent-minded Man," and "Quiet Lodgings. The National Anthem, played by Vr. F. H. Cozens, the accompunyist, closed a very pleasant evening. N.B. (to Manbert) Cinhaus commence on the first Saturday in March, when all are expected to attend in the new Club uniform .- ARTHUR C. COCKBURN, Captain R. B. C.

S TURN.-A General Meeting was held at Headquarters last Toursday night, commencing at 8 p.m., Mr. R. H. Benger (Bugler), occupying the chair. Some important resolutions were passed amongst which were the following two: That the Officers shall wear a tighter fitting jacket with a stiff collar, than the ordinary Norfolk jacket, And that the Saturn B. C. do form a division in the district of St. John's, London, S.E., the number of our members in that district enabling us to form one. Mr. E. J. D. Wigginton was elected Div.-Caprain. Mr. F. W. White was unanimously elected to fill the vacant place on the Committee, owing to the resignation of Mr. E. J. D. Wigginton. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—R. VAZIE-SIM NS, Captuin.

ST. JAMES'.-Members who have not yet got their new uniforms, are requested to order them as soon as possible of Messrs. Clare and Son, 70, Fenchurch-street, E.C., who have again been appointed the club tailors for this season. A general meeting of this club will be held at 44, Pall Mall, on Monday next at 8 p.m.-W. P. GIBB, Hon. Sec

STANLEY .- The next special entertainment will, take place on the 19th inst., at the "Boston" Junction-road, at 8 p.m. precisely. Members are desired to be punctual.—Arrhur Fox, Treasurer.

SURREY UNITED. -The Annual General Meetin; will be held at Headquarters, on Wedneslay, the 17th inst., at 8.30 p.m. (for the election of officers, etc.) when all members are earnestly requested to attend. The runs for the ensuing season are now ready, and I shal be very happy to forward them to any gentlemin applying for same -James Gomer, Hon. Sec.

SUTTON.-A meeting of this Club Committee was held last Monday, to arrange general business and runs for the coming season. The Earl of Egmont has consented to become our president, and

Franklin T. Allport Esq., vice-president. We muster 30 members. Gentlemen of the neighbourhood wishing to have particulars of the club, can obtain the same from RICHARD S. FARDEN, Hon Sec.,

Tower House, Sutton.

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE. - A club has recently been formed under the above title, with Headquarters at the George Hotel, Walsall. For a long time past the southern part of the county has been behindband in the matter of a good club, whilst in the northern and other parts of the county several clubs have been in existence for two or three seasons. Judging from the officers appointed, and the list of names which we are informed have been already enrolled as members, together with the fact that the club will be under the patronage of some distinguished county gentlemen, we anticipate for it a successful career. Already a series of weekly club runs to places of interest is in course of compilation, and meetings with other clubs are being arranged, so that with energetic management the club, which the promoters are desirous shall be of a high-class character, cannot fail to be the means of supplying a want long felt to riders in this part of the country, and will, we feel sure, be the means of turning out some good men on the racing path. The uniform agreed to be worn by the club is black. We subjoin a list of the officers :- Captain and Hon. Sec. pro to u., Walter Hughes; Vice-Captain, T. Partridge; Treasurer, Warren Paine; Committee, Messrs. E. Richards, W. Thomson, P. Taylor, S. Hughes, H. C. Adams, and J. B. tler.

TEMPLE.—The next Social Meeting will be held at the Portugal

Hotel, Flect-street, on Wednesday the 25th inst., at 6.30. p.m. Mr. W. C. Flegg has promised to read a paper, subject. "Bicycle Race Mectings." Members are requested to send to Mr. W. C. Flegg, 7a, Marlborough Place, N. W., the names of any songs, music or recita-tions with which they or their friends may favour. The usual Meet-ing for gymnastic exercises will be held at 4. p.m., on Friday next,

at the Paddington Baths.—F. Stevens, Hon. Sec.
WESTLOND)N.—The first annual ball of the above Club will take place on Monday evening, March 8th, at the Freemasons' l'avern, Great Queen street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. Dancing to commence at 8.30. Stewards: -Mr. C. Allen, 18, Richmond-road, Shephord's-bush; Mr. A. W. Bulow, 10, Stafford-place, S. W.; Mr. E. B. Gear, 18, Woodstreet, Princes-street, Kennington; Mr. C. Cammon, 40, Ernest-street, Regent's park; Mr. W. H. House, 17, Gol thawk-roat, Shepherd's-bush; Mr. R. W. Roylance, 66, Frishville-gardens, Shephord's-bush; Mr. H. Siden, 23, Ernest-street, Regent's-park; Mr. R. Newbury, 19, Percystreet, Tottenham Court-road; Mr. C. Davis, 143, Stunbope-street, Regent's-park; Mr. G. F. Bruce, 44. Great Marlborough-street, W. Tickets to admit lady and gentlemen (or two ladies), 7s. 6d., gentleman, 5s., lady, 4s.; supper ticket. 3s. 6d. Tick is to be had from the stewards.—A. W. Bulow, R. W. Rowlance, Hon. Secs. Ball Com.

Whael Chit-Chat.

I PRESUME the recent meeting of the Bicycle Touring Club was an "open event," for I entered unchallenged, and having left my own with other coats, proceeded, like a "chiel," to "take my notes."

The first face I saw was that of "Soriz of Shillelagh," which, however, I barely recognised, as sort sprige have given way to long ones, and this well-known touring man now sports the whiskers of the period.

The northern monthly editor treated us to a new reading of a critic's duties when he said, "If I see anything wrong I say nothing, but if there is anything good I praise it."

This was too much for "Fered noor," and who instantly made tracks for the "Arion" dinner.

"HE speaks somewhat as if he ware praying," was a re mark I over-heard. "Certainly," was the witty reply; "this is the 'Cetter's Saturday night,"

THE Stanley Hillier told us that no was now "on the house," but he would certainly have done is well at the bir, for he obened his case for the London versus the northern provincial bicyclas press and insisted on definite replies in a manner which night have been equalled but could hardly have been surpassed by a "pro"—professional man, we mean.

"Toby" evidently had in his mind his favourite song of, "And so say all of us," when he reminded the Chair, on a pain of order, that to obtain the vote of the meeting was the aim of Huron Short's motion.

INESON I recognised at once, from his photo, in the B. T., but F. Howard Warner was not done justice to by his photographer.

An acquaintance tells me that he wishes the West Kent were not so cleanly a let as they are, as he slept next the bath-room at Cannon Street Hotel, last Thursday, when their ball was on, and was awoke betimes by a general club bath between 4 and 5 a.m.

Among the "dodges" on machines at the recent Stanley Show was a mud guard over the back wheel of the Plowright's "Lynn Express' bicycle. It weighed about a pound, but in dirty weather would probably save half its weight, fro a the prevention of deposits on the rider's back.

THE Coventry Michinists' Company made a good move by adopting the spoon lever brake, instead of the roller applied to the handle. But no wise man will ever use the "locking apparatus" fitted to their spoon brake. The spoon lever brake is the only safe front wheel brake. 'Cause why? Why, because the fingers give at a movement to every irregularity of the road.

SAL BURY, of Long Acre. Way will men cell him Salsbury? He has no 'i' in his name, but two very sharp eyes, nevertheless, in his head, and he has seen that solder at the top of a hub lamp is not a thing to trust to. Heat makes it "abit sawler," and we know what that is worth. His new amb lamps at the show were all carried from the bottom by brass rods. This improvement may save many a broken

Springs are perhaps the most breakable things about a bicycle. A number of new ideas are affort on this subject, but it occurs to me that he who foregoes the old forward fast ming increases his danger, as springs usually break behind the saddle. Once forego the forward fastening, and when it breaks rilers are bound to imitate the old song of the waterman, "Overboard he Went."

THE sample Danger Board exhibited at the Stanley Show, by the Bicycle Union, looked most suitable for the purpose to which it is intended. It should also serve non-believers in the Bicycle Union, as a proof that they were working in the interest of the Touring Community. Mr. Blackwell deserves the thanks of every wheel man for his excellent suggestion.

Talking of Blackwell, those "comps." spelt his name Blickwell in last week's B. T. "Faed" remarked, on seeing the mistake, "he supposed it was the Poplar way of spelling it."

THE Saturn B. C. seems to be going aheal at a rapid rate; they have just formed a division at St. John's, which seems likely to prove a success, and have of late nearly doubled their numbers.

THE latest sensation in this week's bieveling literature, is an insult dished up by a scribbling office boy, and aimed at his editor through the medium of another paper. Who is it? I keep silence on that, but the name is no secret to

"One who Knows."

Misqellungn.

WEST KENT BICYCLE CLUB ANNUAL BALL.

It is a well-known fact, that what this club undertake they carry out in first-rate style, and their Second Annual Ball at "Cannonstreet Hotel," on Thursday last proved no exception to the rule. Everything was done in the most handsome and liberal style, from the formal announcement by name on arrival of the various guests to the champagne opened with no sparing hand, with which the club regaled its guests at the supper table. "Cannon-street Hotel" has now become quite a rendezvous for those clubs whose members have a leaning to the enjoyment afforded by the Terpsich rian art. Of the hall we need say but little, the qualities of its well-known floor not requiring praise from us, its splen lidly kept surface being too well known and appreciated by those who are fond of waltzing. Dancing commenced at about 9 p.m., and was kept up with great spirit until about 4 p.m., with only an interval for supper.

The comfort and entertainment of their guests was the object of the club, who did not seek to make a profit out of their ball. As a result, everything was most satisfactory, down to the minutest detail. Mr. W. B. Tanner, throughout the evening, spared no pains to make everything work smoothly, and his efforts were entirely successful. The speeches at the supper were confined to one proposal-"The

Ladies"-and the reply, Mr. Oram, the Captain, undertook the former pleasing duty, and a member of the club responded.

Of Dan. Godfrey's string band it is needless to speak; they are simply perfection for dance music. The great hall at the "Canuonstreet Hotel," and the accessories thereto in the way of refreshment, supper, and retiring rooms are complete for the purposes of a ball, while the facilities offered for dressing and staying all night at the Hotel, are luxuries not to be despised.

At the eastern end of the hall were two bicycles, kindly lent by Moir, Hutchins, and Hickling, tastefully grouped amongst hothouse plants. One of the features of the evening, was "Hieland Charlie, dancing the Highland Schottische, in his usual energetic style, with a young lady dressed in pink, who was evidently a capital dancer.

Too much praise cannot be given to the Committee of Management, and we trust that the West Kent may be encouraged to make their ball an annual affair, as it is now looked upon by bicyclists generally, as the event of the festive season in Wheel World.

Amongst those present were the following :-

Mr Frank Baggallay and party, viz.—Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Baggallay, Mr. W. Baggallay, the Misses Baggallay (4), Mr. J. Mills, Mr. F. wills, The Misses Phillips (3), The Misses Kingsford (2), Mr. Crace, Mr. Barton, Mrs. John Dudin, &c. Mr. J. S. Clarkson, and party, viz.—Mr. Clarkson, the Misses Clarkson (2), Mr. W. Smith, Mr. and Miss Harrison, Mr. and Miss Hancock, &c. Mr. A. R. Carter and party, viz.—Miss Carter, Mr. and Miss Rolls. Mr. W. H. Dieseldorff and party, viz.—Mrs. Dieseldorff, the Misses Diesedorff(2), Mr. Tysoe, Mr. R. M. Stuart, Mr. James Sheldon, Mr. J. Sheldon, Mr. E. Sh Sheldon, Mr. E. Sheldon, the Misses Sheldon (2), Misses Dibdin (2), Mr. Hendley, Mr. and Miss Weber, Miss Noakes, Miss Barwell. Mr. R. M. Esteourt and party, viz.— Mr. Wade, Miss Esteourt, Mr. Eady, Miss Cartwright, the Misses Griffiths (3), Mr. Buckmaster, Miss Hutchings, Miss C. Dunn, Mr. Casson. Mr. Ernest Foreman and party, viz.—Mr. J. Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lawes, Mr. and Mr. Goodison, Mr. and Miss Crowther, Mr. and Mrs. Soott, Mr. Butle, Mr. Pellit, &s. Mr. J. C. Murch and party, viz. -- Mr. an I Miss Aylwin, Mr. Govinge, &c. Mr. H. J. Price and party, viz .- Mrs. Price, Miss Price, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Gill, Mr. Burton, Miss Smith, Mr. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Hange, Miss Stewart, Mr. J. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Miss Hunt, Mr. Butler, Mr. G. Grant, Miss Arundel, Mr. Butler, jun., Miss Butler, &c. Mr. W. A. Snickleton and party, viz.—Mr. Fenner, the Miss Lewis (2), Mr. Franklin, Miss Morris, Mr. and Miss Methyin, Mr. Watson, Mr. T. F. Shackleton, Mr. Shackleton, &c. Mr. H. A. Windybank and party, viz .- Ar and Mrs. Windybank, Mrs. and Miss Boozey, Mr. and Mrs. St. Aubyn, Mrs. and the Misses Speed (2), Miss Wilcox, Mr. West, Miss Pawle, Mr. Relston, Mr. Prott. Mr. Stephen Withers and party, viz.—Miss E. Withers, the Misses Lloyd (2), Mr. Attree, Mr. Cutforth, Miss Douglis. Mr. John Shaw and party, viz.—Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Spencer, Mr. G. Edwards, Mr. John Edwards, Misses Edwards (2), Miss Hyde, Mr. Bates. Messrs. W. B. and J. H. Tanner and party, viz., Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burbidge, Mrs. Lanfear, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lanfear, jun., Miss Charlotte Tanner, Mr. Boys, the Misses Bertha and Ada Lanfear, Mr. Ernest Tanner, Mr. Ashpitel, the Misses Hayne (3), Mr. Warren, Mr. Britest Tailler, Mr. M. Ksipler, the Misses Thyle (3), Mr. Walrel, Miss Taylor, Mr. A. L. Norrie, Mr. Strong, Pickwick, Miss Chaplin Lanfear, Mr. Fry, Miss Burchen Young, Miss Griffin, Mr. C. B. Wilson, B. T. C., Mr. Tom Young, Tynemouth and B. T. C., Mr. F. Howard Warner, Reddich and B. T. C., Mr. Cosens, Canterbury and B. T. C. Mr. C. Wr. C. F. Chapler, North Suprove B. Annah Capter, with Man B. T. C. Mr. C. J. Fox jun., North Surrey B. A., and party, viz., Mrs. Carlton, Miss Carlton, Miss Douglas, Miss E. Douglas, Mr. S. Kazim Ali, Mr. Mitra of Calcutta, Mr. Logan. Mr. T. Dannatt and lady, An, Mr. Mitra of Calentia, Mr. Logan. Mr. I. Dannatt and lady, and Mr. Blomfield, Mr. Round, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Harry Keep, Mr. A. Kingrose, Miss Marshall, Mr. E. Pink, Miss Moore, Mr. W. A. Oram, Mr. A. E. Oram, Mr. E. Wilson, Mr. Payne, Mr. E. J. Brown, Mr. W. H. King, Mr. F. J. Ockley, Mr. Norton and lady, Mr. L. Grant, Mr. Harper, Mr. A. Lindley, etc. The following were the guests of the club. Mr. A. D. Rucker, London, and lady, Mr. E. Brown, Bookenham, Mr. Beningfeld, Pickwick, and lady, Mr. A. Farmer, Beckenham, Mr. Beningfield, Pickwick, and lady, Mr. A. W. Lacey, Kent, and lady, Mr. Cramphorn, Sydenham, and lady, Mr. C. W. Nairn and lady.—The following representations of other clubs were in ited out unavoidably prevented from being present, viz., Mr. L. C. B. Yeoman (Pickwick), Mr. W. Cornell (Wanderers), Mr. Gaisford (Temple), Mr. Honeywell (Surrey), Mr. F. T. East (Surrey).

BICYCLING IN NEW YORK.

FROM New York we learn that another race came off on the 24th ultimo, at the Building of the American Institute. The programme comprised: -One Boy's, two amateurs, and one professional race. The boy's race was won in 3 min. 201 sec. The first of the amateur races was a two-mile handicap in three heats, for a silver cup valued at £40. In the first heat Mr. Johnson fell off his machine and severely bruised his leg. The final heat was won by Mr. Clark, in 6 min. $47\frac{1}{2}$ sec. The second race was won by Mr. Noel in 19 min. $\frac{1}{2}$ s. The chief feature of the evening was the professional twenty-five mile race for a prize of £20. On the eighth lap D. Stanton's machine came in contact with a plank, and the rider fell to the ground; Mr. Belard, unable to check his speed, tumbled over Stanton, and was severely injured. Mr. George Harrison also sustained a fall, but quickly remounted, and finally won the race. D. Stanton's time for the full distance, was 1 h. 28 m. 45½ s. Mr. Harrison's time, 1h. 28m. 25½s. less 400 yards start, which he received from D. Stanton. Had he fully covered the distance, Mr. Harrison's time would be 1h. 29m. 49½s.

M'CULLUM HILL AND "THE REFEREE."

Our Sunday contemporary this week prints the following: "MR. W. A. SMITH .- "his gentleman has written round to the sporting papers complaining that we last Sunday described him as being 'ea-ily beaten by J. C. Hemment in the skating competition at Lillie Bridge.' We have questioned our representative, and he informs us that the names of the starter; were supplied him by the officials on the ground. Even Mr. W. A. Smith is not known personally to everybody. Mr. W. A. Smith's chief reason for writing seems to be the opportunity it affords hem of stating that he was privately tried over the Lillie Bridge track and was several seconds less than the time of the actual winner. As, however, Mr. W. A. Smith has already published himself as able to skate I mile 68 yards in 2 min. 37 sec., the ability of the gentlemen who run him his private trials may with some justice be questioned."

WITHAM BUYCLE CLUB ENTERTAINMENT.

On Tuesday and We in sday, the 3rd and 4th inst., at the Public Hall, Witham, an Enter-ainment took place in aid of the funds of the above Club, which proved a grand success, the hall each night being crammed to excess, and the 2nd night many having to be refused admittance. Great credit is due to the Committee for producing so good a programme. A first-class string band (residents of Witham), assisted by Miss L. Shee, on the piano, and conducted by Mr. H. Bowles, played an Overture and "Ires Cloches de Corneville Quadril es" in sple idid style. The first part, which consisted of vocal and instrumental music, was performed in a very creditable manner by all, encores being freely given. The second part, which was the great attraction, consisted of the amusing farce entitlel, "A Tourist Ticket." The valuable aid of four young laties was obtained to take the female characters, the rest, without exception, being members of the club. Miss Ives, as "Milly" was everything that could be wished for, whilst the characters of "Lucinda Barkius" and "Miss Simperton" were admirably performed by Miss E. Ives and Miss Groves. All the male characters were taken in a manner reflecting great credit, notably of which were Mr. J. B. Campling as "Farring for Fenchurch," Mr. W. E. Shee, jun., as "Mrs. Crankey," and Mr. J. Groves, Captain, as "Timothy Toppers.

The Hall was tastefully decorated with evergreen mottoes, the stage being surmounted by an elegant highly burnished bicycle. After the second might's performance the Club held a dance under the stewardship of ur. J. B. Campling, Mr. J. Groves, Mr. H. Quiter, and Mr, J. Nelthorpe, Hon. Sec. of the Club, fifty ladies and gentlemen being present. Dancing was kept up with great spirit till 6 a.m. to the

present. Dancing was kept up with great spirit till 6 a.m. to the strains of Mr. J. Patten's excellent quadrille band.

Programme: Part I.—Overture, "Tancredi," the Bind; song, "A Father's Love," Mr. E. R. Fuller; song; "My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair," Miss Lewis, Terling; duett, "Army and Navy," Messrs. F. Brown and R. Barwell; song, "People I Don't Like to Met," Mr. R. Cook, Captain W.E.B.C.; song, "Bonnie Sweet Bessie," Miss Groves; duett, piano and flute, "Rondo, in G—Beethoven," Messre. Bowles and Mortimer; song, "By the Banks of Fair Zurich's Waters." Miss Lewis; duett, piano, "Apies Lu Victoire," Miss L. Shee and Mr. Bowles; trio, "A Little Farm Well Tilled," Messrs. Mortimer, F. Brown, und R. Barwell; song, "The City Swell," Mr. R. Cook; quadrille, "Cloches de Cornville," the Band.

Part II.—The amusing and laughable farce, entitled—"The Tourist Ticket." Characters: Farringdon Fenciuse (a cierk with a limite)

Tick-t." Char: oters: Farringdon Fenerure: (a clerk with a limited salary), Mr. J. J. B. Campling; Sturter Shunt (a Station-Master), Mr. J. Nelthorpe; Timothy Toppers (a railway porter), Mr John Groves;

Mr. Romulus Rasper (late of "The Burhampooter Bungalorums"), Mr. G. T. Lewis; Bill Bolters (a village Imiller), Mr. S. Green; Giles Scroggins (a farmer), Mr. H. Quiller; Lucinda Barkins (a young lady at a refreshment bar), Miss E. Iv-s; Milly (a village Milliner), Miss Ives; Mrs. Cranky (an "Unprotected Widder"). Mr. W. E. Shee, jun.; Miss Simperton (a passenger by the 3.35 down train), Miss Groves.

AT IT AGAIN-THOSE PRINTERS!

PICKWICK B. C.—"Mrs. Tussell" should be "Mr. Fussell," "Shirley Pussell" for "Shirley Fussell," "Lemartine" for "Lamartine."

THE TOURING CLUB MEETING.

WE are indebted to the kindness of Mr. W. B. Tanner, of the West Kent Bicycle Club, who made all the arrangements for the Touring club meeting, for a large amount of the information contained in the full report of the half-yearly meeting which was held on Saturday last, which we publish in another part of the paper.

A BICYCLIST'S DRESSING CASE.

MESSRS. MAYNARD, HARRIS & Co. of Leadenhall Street, E.C., have introduced to our notice a very neat and handy little dressing-case for bicyclists, which fits into the bottom of their new M. I. P. big. It is very compact and well-fitted, and cheap at the price of 10s. 61. We hope to have an opportunity of noticing it at greater length on some future occasion, when we may be able to present our readers with an engraving of it.

SURREY ARABS BICYLE CLUB DINNER.

THE Arabs held their Second Annual Dinner, at the new Headquarters, the Swan Hotel, Walton-on-Thames, on Thursday evening last.

The Captain (Mr. E. Squire) presiding, Mr. Fortune Porter in the Vice-chair. After the usual loyal toasts, Mr. Eldridge, sen. proposed the toast of the evening, viz., Success to the Surrey Arabs' Bicycle Club, the same being drunk with musical honours. After a song by Mr. Goulter, Mr. E. Squire replied, and in the course of his remarks referred to the doings of the Club during the past season, saying he was very sorry the weather had been so unfavourable to Bicycling. The Arabs' had only been able to meet two or three times, but he was pleased to say thirteen were present at the Hampton Court meet. He hoped the members would put in an appearance at the next, and also attend regularly at the weekly runs. He was sorry the dinner was being held on the same evening as the West Kent Ball, as through is the members were deprived of the company of one well-known to Bioyclists and respected by all, he referred to Mr. C. W. Nairn (cheers). He (Mr. Squire) had received a letter from Mr. Nairn in which he expressed his regret at not being able to preside, owing to previous engagements—adding "nothing would have given him greater pleasure." (Applause.)

Song: Mr. Worthington.

The Vice-Chairman then proposed the health of the Captain in very

flattering terms.

Mr. Squire responded. He hoped to be able to devote more time to club runs, &c., than he had hitherto done.

Song. Mr. Goulter.
The Chairman next proposed the Sub-captain (Mr. Winterborne), Hon. Sec., and Tressurer (Mr. J. B. Woods). Referring to Mr. Winterborne, he had not had the pleasure of joining in many club runs, as he had had the misfortune to lose his bicycle, it having been stolen from him at Putney early in the last season.

Mr. Wood was well-known to every member of the Club, as a hard-

working officer and a thorough good fellow. (Cheers.)

Song: "Here he goes—or, a Friend at a Pinch," Mr. Squire.

The Sub-Captain hoped to be able to join in many jolly runs during the coming season.

The Hon. Sec. and Treasurer would do his best to make the coming reason a successful one.

Song: "Irish Schoolmaster," Mr. Porter.

Toast: the Committee, by Vice-Chairman; responded to by Mr. F.

Song: "Nil Desperandum;" Mr. Dee.
Toast: "Other Clubs," by the Chairman. Responded to by Mr.
Morris, "Imperial.' Mr. Goulter, Vice-Captain of the C.R.C.
Song: "All for Her," Mr. H. C. Morris.

The following toasts were also given; "Visitors," "Ladies" "Host and Hostess" "Chairman and Vice;" and songs by Messrs. Dee, Worthington, Barton, Smyth, Bake , &c.

The party separated shortly after midnight having spent a very en-

The dinner was served up in an admirable manner by the host and

hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Winterborne, ably assisted by the Misses Winterborne.

HIGHGATE BICYCLE CLUB.

THE Annual Ball held by the member of this compact and florishing little club was held on Tuesday evening last at the Athenœum, Camden Town. The hall, which has a very light and airy appearance, was gaily decorated with flags, shields, and various ornamental designs; shrubs and plants were placed in the various niches and around the orchestra platform upon which in front of the muscians were placed three very elegant machines, one of them being an exceedingly light racer, by Parr, of Leicester, the property of Mr. Sargent.

Dancing commenced soon after 9 o'clock when about, 100 persons were present, and was continued with great spirit until 4 a.m., when the company dispersed, seeming well satisfied with their evening's enjoyment. The club are to be congratulated upon the success of the various arrangements for the comfort of their guests, the little green room at the back of the stage being largely patronised by those who sought temporary retirement from the dancing. The "leap year quadrille," was quite a novelty, the ladies choosing their own partners. The gentleman to whom the success of the evening is to be mainly attributed is Mr. H. Fox, who acted as hon, secretary to the ball, and who was untiring in his attentions to the guests of the club; he was ally assisted by Messrs. W. Fox, A. G. Gurland, R. Garland, W. E. Slater, W. Greenfield, F. Cotton, H. Galway, J. J. Galway, T. Evans, P. Harrower, and H. Ball, who acted as stewards. We must not omit to mention that we noticed present the members of several other clubs, notably 'those of the Stanley, London, North London, North-Surrey, Tufnel, etc. B. C.s. Aylwin Field's band performed the dance music in a most creditable manner, the valses particularly being rendered in an exceedingly happy way.

BICYCLE TOURING CLUB.

THE following members of the council were present at the Meeting and Supper:—J. A. Cotterell, Stanley, President in chair; C. W. Fagan, Druid, Vice president; C. B. Wilson, Tynemouth and London; W. H. Smith, Bradford; Thomas Young, Tynemouth.—

Four, out of a total of nine.
Chief Consuls, C. W. Leake, Wellington; H. Sturmey, Coventry;
F. W. Warner, Redditch; F. W. Cramphorn, Sydenham; G. H.
Lacey, Kent; W. Cosens, Canterbury; E. R. Shipton, Ilchester,
W. B. Tanner, West Kent.—Eeight, out of a total of fifteen.
S. H. Ineson, Bradford, Honorary Treasurer; Walter D. Welford,

Newcastle, Secretary.

LOMBARD, B. C.

A MEETING of the above club was held at the "Three Colts," London Wall, on Wednesday, 28th January, 1880, Mr. Cork in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The treasurer's balance sheet, showing an improvement of 6d. in the balance over last year was r ceived subject to audit. The Hon. Secretary read the report of the committee, which showed that in spite of bad weather good work had been done, and the number of members had increased. The result of the ballot for officers was as follows :-G. M. Kelham, captain, second year, unanimously elected; Robert T. Cork, hon. sec., third year, unanimously elected; Geo. Stevenson, (London Westminster), ass stant hon. sec.; A. G. Martin (Smith), treasurer, vice, G. Coxnead, resigned. Committee:—Messrs. Horn, (Glyn); W. H. Nix, (City); H. C. Plummer, (London and Westminster); J. D. Strachan, (Union); A. Tripp, (Barnetts); R. Wilkins, (Central); H. B. Woollett, (Bank); W. Young. (Scott).

A vote of thanks to Mr. Alderman Fowler for accepting the office of Vice-President was carried.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Coxhead for past services was carried.

Messrs. Leach and Nowden were elected auditors.

The divisional offisers were elected as follows:—North East: Martin, Captain; D. uglas, Vice Captain. North West: Strachan, Captain; McCandesh, Vice Captain. South East: J. W. Young, Captain; J. B. Young, Vice Captain. South: Woollett, Captain; Nix, Vice Captain. South West: Left open.

It was resolved that a Race Meeting, including an open event, be leld this year at Catford Bridge, if possible, and towards the end of July. It was also resolved that the Championship Race be held in May.

It was resolved that all arrangements for the Races with the exception of the amount of Judges be left to the General Committee.

On the proposition of Mr. Leach, seconded by Mr. Strachan, it was resolved that to club give a concert and entertainment at as early a date as practicable. Arrangements to be left to the Commstee assembled by Mr. Leach. During the evening a handsome polished oak cabinet secretaire, was presented to the Hon. Sec., by members of the Club, according to the inscription, for his esteemed services. A vote of thanks to the chair closed the proceedings. - ROBERT CORK, Hon. Sec.

MR. WOODIN'S ENTERTAINMENT.

WE very much regretted that we were unable to be present at Mr. Woodin's entertainment at the Great Eastern Railway Institute, Stratford, on Saturday last, but were, like many other votaries of the wheel, compelled to give our undivide 1 attention to the important meeting of the Bicycle Touring Club. As no doubt very many riders were situated like ourselves, much disappointment must have been caused. This entertainment is, we believe, the only Burlesque on bicycling which has ever been put on the stage; and if we except that exceptionally clever little satire, "The Guardians," it is the only attempt which has ever been made to dramatise our sport; such being the case, we feel we shall be expressing the wishes of a large number of London riders when we suggest that Mr. Woodin should endeavour to give a second performance.

STAR BICYCLE CLUB BALL.

This large and influential North London Club held their second Annual Ball, with great success and éclat, at the Munor Rooms, Hackney, on Thursday last, July 5th. The dancing hall was most tastefully decorated, and on the platform devoted to the band (which, by the wav was very good), were two bicycles, one on each side, on- a 54 in, D. H. F. Premier, nickel-plated, belonging to "Faed," C. B. C, S. B. C., B. T. C.; the other a 52 in. plated Carver, belonging to Mr. Dodds, Captain Star B. C. both machines having lighted head and hub lamps, gave a very pleasant effect to the room, and looke I very pratty as they shone on the dress of some fair lady as she flitted by during the mazy dance. Dancing commenced about nine o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit until about 5.50 the next morning, the last figure in the various sets being in one or two cases encored, as was also the sleigh polks. At the end of the first part of the programme, the company adjourned to the adjoining room to supper. The tables were certainly arranged with the greatest taste, and did great credit to the club. During supper the following toasts were given and replied to.

"The Star B. C.," by Mr. Stidolph, was replied to by Mr. R. Starkey, the Hon. Sec., who gave a brief account of the club's doings during the

past year.

Mr. C. A. Sewell then proposed the "Ludies," for whom Mr.

F. H Griffiths replied. The "M. C.'s" by Mr. Hauxwell (North London

Hammond. Mr. Griffiths proposed the B. C.), was replied for by Mr. Hammond. Mr. Griffiths proposed the "Visitors," and Mr. Moore (Tower Hamlets B. C.) replied. There were about two hundred members and friends present amongst whom the following may be mentioned:—Messrs. H. Short, Rovers; Hauxwell, North London; Baines, North London; A. J. Wilson, "Faed," Canonbury; Robey, Pickwick; F. Moore, Tower Hunlets; and R. C. N. Brittain, Bicycling Times; A. Bishop, Arion. There were also members of the "Temple." "Victoria," and other bicycle clubs present. Mr. W. Hammond, and Mr. H. Stidolph, were most untring M. C.'s, and are certainly to be congratulated in bringing the ball to auch a successful issue.

CIVIL S..RVICE BICYCLE CLUB ANNUAL DINNER.

THE members of the Civil Service Bicycle Club held their Annual Dinner at the "St. James's Restaurant," on Tuesday, the 3rd inst In the unavoidable abscence of Lord Bury, the President of the Club, the chair was taken by Mr. E. H. Poole, the Vice-President. Among those present were Mr. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec. of the Civil Service Athletic Sports; Messrs. B yee, London; Cork, Lombard; Litchfield, Wanderers; Grene, Hornsey; Codier, Atalanta and Douet, South Norwood. After the usual patriotic toasts "The Civil Service Bicycle Club" was proposed by Mr. Collier, who expressed in very hearty terms the satisfaction he had in doing so. He said he had ridden with with the Club, had attended their musical evenings, he had the pleasure of being acquainted privately with several of the members. From his experience, then, he could say that everything the Club undertook was done thoroughly, and it was apparent that every member had the reputation of the Club at heart. He had great pleasure, therefore, in asking them to drink success to the "Civil Service Bicycle Ciub," and he would couple with the toast the name of their Captain, Mr. Rishworth.

On rising to reply, Mr. Rishworth gave a short resumé of the proceedings of the Club, and was glad to be able to say that it was progressing very satisfactorily. The Club had Provincial Members, gentlemen living beyond a certain radius from Headquarters, who joined on very advantageous terms, and he was glad to say these were on the increase. The Club being what he would call a class-club, did not grow so rapilly as open clubs, besides which it had to contend

with the inconvenience which beset most athletic clubs in connexion with the Civil Service, namely, that of its members being so scattered. However, as every member was now privileged to introduce one friend, it was thought the difficulty would be somewhat re noved, as, in riding, members would have company out and home if the friends they introduced lived near them. The Club was now entering its fourth year,

was in a most prosperous condition, and stood high in general estimation.

Mr. D'Olier then gave the toast "Other Clubs," and expressed the great pleasure of the members at seeing so many representatives present

on that occasion.

The members of other clubs responded, some amusement being caused by the Captain of the "South Norwood" Club, stating that when his club was started none of the members could ride.

Mr. Gaunt next proposed "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the name of Mr. Tomlinson, Secretary of the Civil Service Athletic Sports. Mr. Tomlinson responded in a very witty speech which evoked much laughter.

Mr. Rishworth, in proposing the "Bicycle Union," remarked that it had done a great deal in the interests of Bicycling; but as he intended to add the name of the Honorary Secretary to the toast, he felt

further recommendation was unnecessary.

Mr. Cork responded, giving an account of the work of the Bicycle Union since its foundation. He said that with regard to the defence fund, he believed the antagonism to bicycling had altogether disappeared, the fact of it having become known that there was an organised body of Bicyclists of some influence, having not a little contributed to bring about a better feeling.

Mr. Grene, Hornsey B. C., proposed "The Officers of the Civil Service Ricycle Club," coupling the toast with the name of Mr. C

Stuart Perring, the Honorary Secretary.

Mr. Perring, in responding, sail that he did not think that the efforts of the officers had been altogether without success, and he was sure that that success would stimu ate their efforts in the future. "The Racing Members" was then proposed by Mr. Turpin, and re-

sponded to by Mr. A. P. Shaw.

Mr. Thompson proposed the toast of "The Ladies" in a very

facetious speech, to which Mr. Audain responded.

After the health of the Chairman had been proposed by the Vice-Chairman, the proceedings were brought to a close with "Auld Lang Syne."

The musical programme was very effectively carried out by Messrs. Rendell, Wheeler, Howard, D'Olier, Thompson and Bailey. Dinner was an unqualified success, and the arrangements throughout reflected great credit on all concerned.

I ZINGARI BICYCLE CLUB SUPPER,

This well-known and popular West End club held their annual supper at the Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, on Wednesday evening last, February 4th. There were about a hundred members and friends present. The chair was taken at 7.30 precisely by the president of the club, W. A. Smith, Esq. (McCullum Hill), Mr. W. A. York, the capt in, occupying the vice-chair. The cloth having been removed, the chairman proposed th health of "The Queen and Royal Family," which was received with cheers and musical honours.

The chairman then presented, on behalf of the club, a splendid semi-hunter silver watch to Mr. F. E. Tobius, the Hon. Sec., remarking that the great success the club had attained was due to Mr. Tobias's hard

work and untiring energy.

Mr. Tobias, who was received with great cheering, thanked the chairman and club, for the handsome present, and said he always had the interest of the club at heart, and would always do his best to keep the club well to the fore. At the conclusion of his speech, Mr. Tobias was loudly encored, but as it is not usual to encore a speech, of course Mr. Tobias did not oblige The chairm in then presented the Captain, Mr. W. A. York, with a silver medal and case, for having attended the greatest number of runs during last season.

Mr. W. A. York replied, thanking the club for their kindness, and asked the members of the club to attend as many runs of the club as

Mr. Thompson, West Gloucester B. C., then sang, "Jack's Yarn."

Mr. Rex, Surrey B. C., recited, "The Quack Doctor,"
Mr W. A. York, Captain I.Z.B.C., then proposed the health of the visitors and bicycle Touring Club, coupling with it the name of Mr. C. Wilson (Highland Charlie), Tyn-mouth B. C. and B. T. C.

Mr. Wilson, in replying for the visitors and B. T. C. remarked upon the great favour with which the B. T. C. was received by bicyclists ge erally.

Mr. Davidson I. Z. B. C. proposed the "Ladies." For whom Mr. G. L. Hillier, Stanley B. C., replied. Mr. Burroughs, Tom O'shanter, B. C. then sang the Midshipmite.

The chairman next proposed the health, of the Sporting and

Bicycling Press, to which Mr. Welford and Mr. R. C. N. Brittan, "The Bicycling Times," replied.

Mr. W. A. Smith (M'Cullum Hill,) then sang, "Tom Bowline," and being encored sang, "Let me like a Soldier Fall;" Mr. Reginald Wobb then recited, "The Bridge of Sighs," and also being encored recited, "A Modern Sermon."

Mr. Tobias, Hon. Sec. then proposed the health of the chairman, their

President.

The Chairman, Mr. W. A. Smith then replied, thanking the company for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health, and said bicycling was his favourite sport, (cries of how about that skating). The Chairman continuing, Well even then I ride my bicycle to the place at which I am going to skate; he concluded by again thanking them for the kin I manner in which his name had been received. Mr. Pobias here informed the company that they had obtained an extension of time for keeping open, therefore, gentlemen need not hurry away. Mr. Thompson, Civil Service B. C. then sing the Admiral's song from H.M.S. Pinafore.

Mr. Wilson then sang, "D'ye ken John Peel?"
Mr. G. L. Hillier recited the "Lay of the departed Influenza."
Mr. Salinger gave "My Queen," in very good style, being followed by a recitation by Mr. Kirkbright, Kildare B. C., in his usual brilliant manner. Mr. Liddon, Carlton, then followed with the "Timid little Maid," and Mr. Webb's recitation, "Sir Rupert's Wife," gained an encore, to which he responded with a "Modern Sermon," the following gaythenen also kindly collision. the following gentlemen also kindly obliged, Messrs. Smark, Welford B. T. C.; Turner and Hillier, Stanley B. C.; Jacks, York, and Hart, I Zingari B. C.; Mitlock, Atalanta; and Warner, Redditch The proceedings soon after came to a close, with "God saye the Queen" and "Auld lang Syne"

and "Auld lang Syne."

There were a great number of Metropolitan and Provincial Club members present; no doubt this was in a great respect due to the fact that so many country riders were up for the Touring Clubdinner

 Λ gentleman took away a round felt hat, on this occasion, in mistake for his own; he will greatly oblige by communicating with the Hon. Sec., Mr. F. E. Tobias, 18, Ladbrook Crescent, Notting hill, W., as the one left behind is much too large for the gentleman in whose possession it now is.

ST. GEORGE'S BICYCLE CLUB, ANNUAL BALL.

THE third Annual Ball of the St. George's Bicycle Club was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst, at Lawson's Assembly Rooms, Gower Street. Owing to the dense fog that prevailed, not more than half the expected guests arrived. Some could could not get cabs to bring them, and others feared they would not be able to get conveyances home. Dancing commenced at 9, to the music of Mr. Prinsep's Band, and was continued with vigour until close upon midnight, when a short adjournment for refreshment took Dancing was recommenced, and went on with great spirit, several being encored, until 3 a.m. when a most pleasant gathering was brought to a termination. Among those present were members of the Clarence, Kildare, and Belgrave Clubs. Great credit is due to the Committee for the very artistic manner in which the programme was got up, and the music comprised all the latest and most popular tunes of the day.

Connespondence.

A RACING GROUND FOR BICYCLISTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE BICYCLING TIMES."

SIR,-I am extremely gratified to see that my letter on the above subject has attracted the attention of two such well-known m n as Messrs. Tanner and and Jourden of the West K nt and Belgrave B. C's. Up to a certain point I think Mr. Tanner is right, for I am well aware that when land is let on a building lease it is let with a proviso that when the lease has expired the land shall have risen in value equal to an amount agreed upon between the lessor and the lessee. But in this case, arrangements slightly different in detail to those just mentioned would, of a nec-ssity, have to be arrived at between the company formed, and the landowner. Mr. Fanner also observes that the land for the purpose would cost £1000 per acre. This I cannot confirm, as the price of the ground likely to be selected for the site of the proposed scheme would only be £300 per acre at the outside to purchase it out of hand in the locality likely to be chosen. Mr. Tanner should also bear in mind that land which would be

practically useless for building purposes, might be made available for the curpose in question. I am informed by Mr. Ernest Rudge, of the Harlesden C. C., that there are many such pieces of land in the neighbourhood of Willesden, and in proximity to the station. As a further answer to Mr. Tanner's statement in relation to the land, as well as some vindication of my estimate of the annual income to which your readers' attention has been drawn by Mr. Jour by I must beg you to allow me to repeat your own words on the subject. You said "We don't want a track of two laps to the mile: the Cambridge track is quite good enough for anything." If this is the case only one-fourth of the land I lai! down as requisite in my letter to you on the subject, of the 30th ult., would be required, besides the beneficial effect this inc. has on the constructional cost, by reducing the amount of capital to be raised. As to the serious deficiency Mr. Jourden is kind enough to indicate in my estimate of revenue, I will endeavour to prove that this can be got over by adopting your suggestion as mentioned above. I must admit its truth, but in extenuation, beg to say that I have had little or no connection with the working of race meetings, and unluckily I am not a member of a club that has been able to conduct one so successfully. However, with your permission, I will do my best to show that the undertaking could still be made to pay the percentage I have mentioned, notwithstanding the deadly blow my estimated income has received from Mr. Jourdon's penetrative ability. Now that I am aware that a track possessing four laps to the mile is all that is required, I am of opinion that the necessary site could be purchased outright at an upset price of £250 per acre. This is a fair price, as land likely to fetch such a sum in the open market would be rerted at £12 per acre, or 5 per cent. on the capital expended. The cost of laying down the track, as proposed above, would be as follows, and in this estimate I have endeavoured to arrive as nearly as possible at the actual cost of materials. At all events, men versed in these matters must not look upon what follows as an ordinary parliamentary estimate of expense (C.E's beware).

,	£	s.	d,
21 acres of land (freehold) @ £300 per acre	675	0	0
Brick rubbish	51	6	6
Burnt ballast	44	()	3
Gravel	21	19	6
Cinders	12	4	0
Exeavation	47	13	-0
Drainage	75	0	()
Railing and fencing	80	0	0
Gates	50	()	0
Dressing-room, etc	5 00	0	0
Laying-out grounds	60	0	0
Grand stand	200	0	0
	1817	3	3
Contingencies (10 per cent.)	181	14	3
Engineering expenses (5 per cent.)	90	17	1
Cost of construction	2089	14	7

This slightly exceeds my last estimate, but "en revauche" must bear in mind that we have entirely freed ourselves from the annual rental of £90, or in this case to agree with my former letter, £25, in addition to possessing the land for ever. In consequence of Mr. Jourden having so cruelly docked my estimated income, I have had to calculate to a small extent upon the speculative abilities of the directors, besides the rental of the rest of the ground for lawn tennis matches, croquet, and the like. I do not think I have exceeded the bounds of prudence in the amounts I have deemed these two items capable of producing, but I shall only be too happy to have any errors I may have made pointed out by Mr. Jourden or anyone else who may think the aselves qualified so to do.

The annual income I estimate at \$715, obtained thus:

	ناج	s.	a,
200 members @ £1 1s	210	0	0
Practice money, as before	30	0	()
Dressing-room fee, as before	15	0	U
15 Race meetings on Saturdays @ £12 p race meeting 10 Race meetings, not on Saturday, @	180	0	o
per race meeting	80		0
Speculative meetings promoted by Direct	ors 15)	()	0
Rent for ground used by L. T. and C. clu	ds 50	()	
	715	0	0

You perceive that in accordance with Mr. Jourden's remarks I resign the whole of the gate-money to the clubs hiring the ground, and I sincerely hope they may profit thereby. The annual expenditure would be the same as in my former letter, minus £90 rental. By means of the above calculations I arrive at the tollowing results: Capital required, £2500.

Constructional cost of ground, including purchase of site, £2089 14s. 7d.

Estimated annual revenue 715 0 0 Estimated annual expenditure 455 0 0 260 0 0

I have then a balance of £260 which is more than sufficient to pay

10 per cent. on the necessary capital.

If any difficulty was experienced by the promoters in raising this amount, an alternative offers itself in obtaining £1000 in the usual way, and the rest by mortgage when required. The money to be obtained on mortgage could be procured at 5 per cent. per annum, and its repayment spread over a convenient term of years. Supposing that the undertaking paid the 10 per cent. mentioned above, the shareholders would have to rest content with 5 per cent, which would thus enable the loan to be paid off in seven years. That grounds of the kind are wanted, is, I believe, a recognised fact among racing men, and I can but hope most fervently that somer or later some such undertaking will be carried out, as I am painfully aware of the danger of practising upon a track where running men, bicyclists, and pedestrians, are all training at one and the same time. I think this subject will still bear discussion, and I venture to hope that now there is something to criticise, men mentioned in rucing will let us have their opinions on the matter. If the proposition is only ventilated thoroughly, I feel assured its practicability will soon become self-

Apologising for this lengthened trespass on your valuable space, I am, sir, yours truly, NEMO, Kensington B. C.

LONDON MEETING OF THE BICYCLE TOURING CLUB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

THE half-yearly meeting of the Bicycle Touring Club, held on Saturday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, was one of great interest, as many questions of no little importance were most ably discussed. The first question asket was in reference to the B. T. C. Circular being annexed to "Cycling," and after a long discussion, during which no very satisfactory reply was given, it was agreed to refer the question to the next council meeting. It seems to me that although the President thought the Secretary would reply to the above question to every one's satisfaction, his expectations were not wholly realised. The proposition of Mr. Rucker, that the B. T. C. should join the Bicycle Union, seemed to be received in a very illiberal manner. As it is agreed that union is strength, therefore, by joining the B. Union the B. T. C. would be stronger than ever. Nothing could be more desired than for the working together of these two principal and largest bodies, both devoted to the inferest of bicycling, but in slightly different ways—the one for the management, &s., of touring, and the other for the management of racing matters, and assisting bicycling in any other way in its power. For two such similar bodies nothing could be more desired than their working together, and I cannot see why the President on such a proposition should express his intention of retiring from office. I feel sure he could not have seen this proposal in the light of its giving the B. T. C. more streng h, and consequently greatly increasing the power of the sport in general with such a strong leader at its head. I was glad to hear of the wonderful increase of the club, and only hope that due care will be given so as to satisfy all concerned in the difficult management of such a large and prosperous club. - OBSERVER, London B. C.

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TO THE EDITOR OF "THE BICYCLING TIMES." 14, Ferncliffe Road, West Hackney, February 14th, 1830.

DEAR SIR,—I am instructed by my com nittee to inform you, that it has been decided to convene a meeting of the Metropolitan Bicycle Clubs, for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of holding a "monster-meet" at Humpton Court, or elsewhere, this season. With this object I beg to inform you, that a meeting will be held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at 7 p.m., when I shall feel oblige I if all clubs will depute two delegates to atten!, with full power to act.—Yours,
LAMARTINE C. B. YEOMAN, Hon. Sec.

Should there still be any Metropolitan Club Secretaries not in possession of the above Circular, such are requested to accept the

invitation contained herein.

MIS-STATEMENT.

A STATEMENT having been made to the effect that the Bicycling Press had refused to insert Touring Club mutter seat to then, we take the earliest opportunity of giving the assertion the flattest contradiction so far as this journal is concerned. When Mr. Cotterell was secretary he always sent news for publication, and the practics only stopped with the appointment of an "ed toria' brother" as secretary of the Club.

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CHARLES BRITTEN .- We should advise you not to have anything to do with the proposed company to float the paper you mention. The proprietor must indeed be a single-hearted in lividual if he is willing to give the shareholders the property, if worth anything, for so trifling a consideration. Does it not strike you, as it has others, that the speculation being a failure, the proprie or and editor is anxious to prolong it, and thus secure himself existence and salary as an officer of a company formed by those whose money would be spent without reference to their wishes.

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S. T. BOND. - With pleasure. A. M. BOLTON.—Th.uks. Your rules are exceedingly creditable, the quotation from "Favart," is apt.

ATHOS .- We may shortly publish them, as you suggest.

W. EASY. - Most happy to do as you request.

A. S. Rose .- Tanks. As you like.

MASTER HUGHES. — We have sent it to the printers.

A. STAMP.—C. E. TAYLOR.—Tuanks.

H. C. Lewis. — Tanks for jour kirl wishes; we will see what can be done.

C. B. Wilson .- There is a letter at our office for you.

T. SECRETAN. -It shall be given him.

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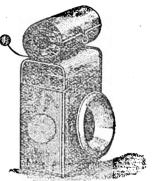
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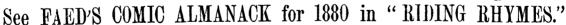
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