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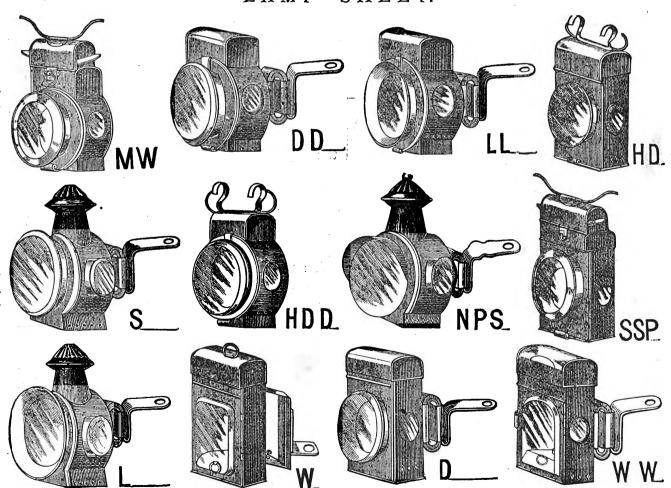
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Editorial.

"THERE are none so deaf as those who wont hear," is a proverb as old as it is true. This seems to be somewhat the state of certain gentlemen who were present at the General Meeting of the Bicycle Touring Club. Mr. Hillier, at that gathering, asked a question. That question was, practically, "Do the Bicycle Touring Club intend to address themselves to their members by private circular, through the bicycling press, or through the monthly magazine, which now advertises itself in 'Goy's Calendar' as the 'official organ' of the B. T. C.?" If the former, well and good! If the secon!, well and good! If the third, we venture to predict that the club will make a false step. We never heard of any large club who chose one paper for their official medium of communication, and still prospered. What we would draw attention to, however, is the statement which is being--indeed, has been -printed, to the effect that a conclusive answer was given to Mr Hillier. Nothing of the sort was given. The whole affair was referred to the Council or Managing Committee of the club, and they are pledged to do their best in the matter. What that "best" will be we will not venture to suggest, but there can be no ground for doubting the true feeling of the majority of members on the subject. It was decidedly in favour of action being taken to place beyond all doubt the possibility of any paper being mistaken for, or designated, the "official organ" of the club. We have always supported the B. T. C. from the first, and write this article solely in its interest. When Mr. Cotterell was Hon. Sec., every scrap of intelligence was sent to and printed in our columns, and this course only ceased when the new Hon. Sec. ceased to send in the club " сору."

WE are informed that Mr. Wm. Turner and several other members of the Stanley Bicycle Club, are strenuously exerting themselves to obtain a new Racing Track for Bicyclists in the neighbourhood of Willesden Junction, that being the site suggested by us in our Editorials upon the subject. There is, we are told, a suitable piece of ground which can, with but a small outlay, be made to meet all the requirements

of a racing track. We may mention that the ground in question is a square piece of seven acres in extent, already fenced in with a wooden fence seven feet high, and quite excluding the public view. The ground is almost level, but would require draining, and a track to be made. It has been ascertained that the present lessee is willing to enter into an arrangement to let the ground to the Union, in its present condition, for the nominal sum of £50 per annum for five years. Now we think upon these low terms the Bicycle Union might take the matter up, and with ordinary management make this affair a source of considerable additional income. The ground is close to Wormwood Scrubs Station, and easily reached from any part of London. Messes, Hillier, English, and Hutt, of the Stanley B. C., are at work on the matter, and it could not be left in better hands.

Stub Nixtungs.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st.

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

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

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

for impromptu run.

Pulham.—Headquarters for Harrow.

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

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

Childhall.—Headquarters, 3,30 p.m., for impromptu run.

Happy-go-Luckics.—Talbot Hotel, New Cross, for impromptu run.

Highbury.—Canonbury Station, 3.30 and 5.30 p.m., tor Barnet.

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.

DINNERS, BALLS, &c.

Athenann. — 19th February. Annual Dinner at the Holborn Restaurant. Stanley.—24th February. Variety Entetainment. West London.—8th March. Ball, Freemasons Tayern, Great Queen

West London.—8th March. Ball, Freemasons Tavern, Great Queen Street. (See advertisement.)
Tower Hamlets.—March 11th. Annual Ball, at the Town Hall, Shoreditch.

RACES.

(OPEN AMATEUR EVENTS ONLY.)

Heywood —5th and 8th March, 1 & 2 miles handicap.

Coventry.—26th April, Druid's Sports, 3 bicycle handicaps.

Coventry.—May 17th (Whit Monday), Oddfellow's Sports: 2 bicycle handicaps.

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Dewsbury.—5th June, at Dewsbury.

Civil Service.—3rd. July. Stamford Bridge. Annual Race Meeting.

Catford Bridge.—July (end of) Lombard B. C. Annual Race Meeting.

Idens und Incentions.

A NEW LATHE FOR AMATEURS.

The Britannia Manufacturing Company of Colchester, who are well-known as a firm who have given great attention to the manufacture of bioycles, have lately introduced into the market a light and handy foot-lathe, of which we give an illustration. It may seem strange to introduce such a subject to the notice of the readers of a paper so purely devoted to the interests of one sport as ours, but we know for a certainty that there are many riders in various parts of the kingdom remote from the manufacturing districts, who would be glad to have such a useful instrument by them to occupy their leisure moments in the manufacture of additional fixings for, or in repairing broken portions of their machines. The price of the lathes vary according to size, from £8 to £10. The lathe of which we give an engraving has a machine-planed iron bed, and is on very strong castiron standards, with fly-wheel, and the usual treadle movement.

The head stock has a caststeel mandril, conical neck, tail pin to run through with adjusting screw, and steel lock nuts to take up end thrust and wear, steel coned centre, three-speed turned coned pulley.

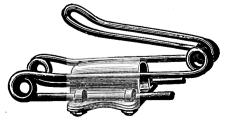
The tail stock has cylinder mandril, with square thread steel traversing screw and steel coned centre. Each lathe is accompanied by handrest with two tees, two face plates (large and small), two plain centres and one spur centre for wood.

We can thoroughly recommend them to all those who require a strongly-built and well-finished instrument at a low figure, and consider them very suitable for country agents who undertake small repairs.

THE ARAB CRADLE SPRING.

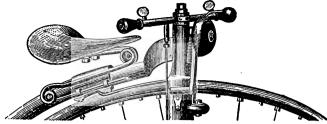
SINCE the bicycle was first invented and used upon the roads, no one part of it has exercised the minds of would-be inventors and bicycle manufacturers more than the spring. We always said, and still maintain, that the old-fashioned Sea-spring, invented by Mr. Thomas Sparrow, was the most comfortable, but it had the one objection fatal to anything connected with a bicycle

—it was most unsightly—and rather than use it, riders of the present day submit to the continual jolting and shake of the short cliptail spring. Mr. J. Harrington, of Ryde, whose name has become familiar in bicycling circles, as the inventor of the "Arab" bicycle; and the



"Arab" alarum has come to the rescue of riders generally, by the invention of what, we venture to think, is the easiest and least unsightly of any bicycle spring yet introduced. In the first place, it can be fitted to any machine in the market, which is in itself a great

advantage; and in the second, is so simple as not to be likely to get out of order or repair. We are enabled, by the courtesy of the patentee, to present our readers with a couple of illustrations,



depicting, first of all, the spring by itself, (Fig. 1), and secondly, the spring in situ, with the saddle attached, (Fig. 2). The engravings speak for themselves, and convey so adequate an idea of the simplicity of the invention, that it is needless for us to say more on the matter,

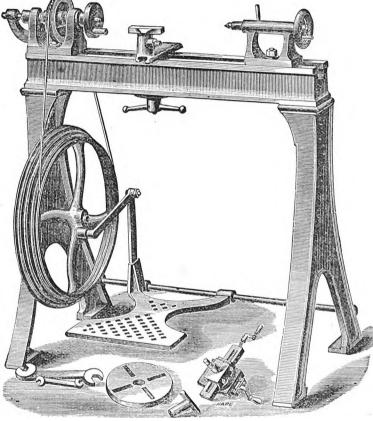
further than to impress upon bicyclists the immense advantages it possesses over any other spring in the market. Mr. Harrington deserves the thanks of all riders for the introduction of such a simple method of alleviating the distress caused by continual jolting over bad roads.

A NEW SERIES OF MAPS.

WHEN we remember our school days, and the appliances then available for the study of the most interesting of all subjects, geography, we are full of delighted astonishment at the improvement in the maps now at the disposal of the student compared with those of a former generation. Then the possessor of a good atlas was to be envied, for it was not every one who could invest in a small volume of maps, and most were obliged to be content with those interleaved in the ordinary school geographies. As an household book, an atlas was yet a rarer possession. Now all is changed, year after year various enter-prising publishers have earned the gratitude of all students of this favourite pursuit, by the issue of cheap and good maps, but it has been reserved for the Messrs Letts to crown the good work by the production of their "Popu-

lar Atlas," a truly magnificent work, replete not only with the divisions of countries and names of places, but by cunning devices, conveying on the map a great amount of information never before presented to the eye of the student, excepting in the ltter-press of his manual. No reading ever presented such a good idea of the ceaseless currents of the ocean as is shown him at a glance on these glorious maps. His eye at once takes in the wonderful sweeps of the great gulf stream, penetrating into the region of ice and snow, and rests with interest on the outlines of that S ragosso Sea, so nearly the grave of the expedition of Columbus to the lands of the west.

In these charming maps, not only are the inequalities of the land delineated, but the "depths of the purple sea" are measured, and it is shown by a variation in the shading where the water is deep or shallow; added to these, that the lines of electric telegraph are also boldly marked in red, and our readers will perceive the perfection of these epitomies of scientific geography. As maps, at any price they are wonderful productions, but when it is stated that Messrs. Letts intend publishing this magnificent atlas in monthly parts, each containing 3 maps 17 × 14 at 7d. each part, we really are at a loss to express the obligation we feel to them personally for their devotion to the cause of



popular science, and trust that they may meet with the response they deserve; that it may be to them as great a commercial success, as it is scientific and scholastic.

Glub Doings.

ARION.—The fortnightly Musical Evening was held as usual on Feb. 10th, an enjoyable vening being spent. Members are, however, requested to come a little earlier, as soon after 8 o'clock as possible; the next one is on the 27th Feb. Those gentlemen who are des rus of having new badges or stockings for the ensuing season, can have them on application to me. The Easter Tour is to Havan', thence to

Arundel, and then to Brighton. - A. R. BISHOP, Hon. Sec.

BOURNEMOUTH .- A pleasant social gathering of the Bournemouth Bicycle Clab took place on Wednesday, the 11th inst., in the Club room, the Hop. Sec Mr. F. A. K. Hounsell, presiding. A number of capital songs were sung by members present, and Mr. Shipton, Chief Consul of the B. T. C. gave a most interesting address on Bicycling, dwelling particularly on the advantages of the Bicycle Touring Club. Mr. Shipton's remarks were well read, and on the chairman passing round forms of proposal for membership of the B. T. C., a dozen names were readily given in. The Bournemouth Bicycle Club has long maintained an advantage over its neighbours in possessing a capital cinder-patha quarter of a mile in circumference—upon which is held annually some first class sports. Within the last two months the number of members has also been doubled, and fresh proposals are fast coming in. The club has been put upon a new footing, its rules revised, and uniform c'anged, and possessing, as it does, a cavital cinder-path and first-rate club room—the latter being open daily, from 10 a.m. till 11 p.m, it can fairly compete with any club in the district, and should rank among the most influential bicycle institutions. The o ening run of the season is fixed to take place by moonlight, on the 24th inst. and social gatherings of the club will be held every Tuesday evenings. -F. A. HOUNSELL, Hen. Sec.

BUCKINGH & M. - The Fourth Annual Dinner will be held at the Swan and Castle Hotel," on Wednesday, February 25, 1880, at 6.30 p.m. The President, E. Hubbard, Esq. M.P., will take the chair. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, which can be obtained of Mr. W. Betts, "Swan and Castle Hotel," or Mr. E. Elliott, Hon. Sec., on or before Saturday,

the 21st inst.

CROYDON .- At a General Meeting, held on 12th inst., the subject of uniform was decided, and members are informed that Messrs. Cobb and Son, 1, Baker-street, W., are now the club tailors. The spring fixtures (commencing 6th March), will be sent out in a day

or two.—J. W. Sharpe, Hon. Sec.
CLEVEDON.—The Annual General Meeting of this club was held on Wednesday Feb. 11th, when the following officers were elected f r the ensuing season: —Cap ain and Bugler, A. B. Chapman (re-elected); Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, R. W. Hooke (re-elected); Sub-Caprain, L Barling (re-elected); Committee, Messrs. Hanwel and Corpenter. It was decided that the opening cun for the season should take place on the first Saturday in March to Ham Common. Some further business was then transacted, and at the close of the proceedings the Captain offered to the club a Silver Me lal to be raced for monthly, and it was arranged that the first competition should take place at the opening run. Members will please note this.—R. W. Hooks, Hon. Sec.

CIVIL SERVICE.—At a Special General Meeting, held on Monday the 16th inst., the following resolutions were passed:-That the opening ride will take place March 20th. A club tour March 27th (Easter) .- That the club hold an amateur concert at "Steinway Hall," on Monday, April 5th, and a Race Meeting at Stamford Bridge

Grounds, on Saturday, July 3rd.—C. STUART-PERRING, 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 Badge, or have the letters on his old one enamelled black." Well, High-street, Kensington, is the maker of the badges. The following runs were decided, and it is hoped that some members will attend them. Feb. 14th, Hampton Court.; 24th, Harrow; 28th, Carshalton; March 6th, Barnet; 13th, Ripley. -Theo. Secretian Hon. Sec. GUILDHALL.—Adjourned Annual Meeting will take place at

the Great Central Hall, Bishopsgate-street, E.C., on the 25th inst,-

C. CAVANAGH, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

KENSINGTON.—At a General Meeting, held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, this Club join the Bicycle Union, and that the Hon. Sec. be appointed delegate to represent it on the Council.—HARRY J. SWINDLEY, Hon.

LANARKSHIRE .- The Third Annual General Meeting of the above Club was held in the "Grand Hotel," Glasgow, on Monday

evening, the 9th of February. Thirty-six members were present. Mr. P. W. Hendry was elected chairman. The Hon. Secretary's report showed that the memberships had more than trebled itself during the past year, and that the West of Scotland meet, on the 10th of May, 1879, which this club originated, had been the largest meet held in Scotland up to that time. The following office-bearers were then elected for the ensuing year:—Captain, James Steel; Vice-Captain, P. W. Hendry; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, H. M. Fraser, 59, Argyle Street, Glasgow. A ballot was then taken for the committee, when the following were elected:—J. Raeburn, A. E. Stephen, W. L. Fraser, G. H. Laird, C. J. Findlay, and John Fraser. The first annual dinner was fixed to held in Fergusson and Forrester's, on Monday, the 23rd February, at 7 c.m. It was resolved to write to the Lanark County Bicyc'e Club, requesting them, if possible, to change their name, as the similarity between the names of the clubs would be apt to lead to confusion. The rules were then revised, and a vote thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—H. W. BASER, Hon. Sec.

METROPOLITAN.—Members will greatly oblige by rendering an account to me of all ball tickets disposed of, not later than Tuesday, February 24th.—T. B. Gadsdon, Assistant Hon. Sec.

NORWOOD.—A General Meeting will be held at Headquarters, "The Norwood Institute" on Monday, Feb, 23rd, at which all members are particularly requested to be present.—W. G. TYLER, Hon. Sec.

RAMBLERS.—On Wednesday, the 11th inst. a meeting was held at Bridge House, Bridge Avenue, Hammersmith, for the purpose of forming a bicycle club. The meeting was well attended.—It was proposed by Mr. C. Cordingles, jun., and seconded by Mr. Maxted that the name of the club should be "The Ramblers' Bicycle Club."— Suitable rules were then read and adopted, shewing that the object of the club was "for the purpose of easy and sociable riding."—The next business was to elect the officers. It was proposed by Mr. Forster, and seconded by Mr. Brookman that Mr. Cordingley, jun., should be the captain, which was unanimously carried. For the vice-captainship, two members was proposed, Mesrs. J. Brookman and T. Hall, but ultimately Mr. Brookman was elected. The other officers were Mess rs. Forster, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer; Maxted, Senior Bugler; E. Hall, Sub-Bugler, T Hall, chairman; and W. Nash.—It was then proposed that the entrance fee new members should be 2s 6d., and that they should attend two club runs on probation, and should be proposed and seconded. The colour of the uniform has not yet been agreed upon.
RANGERS.—The First Annual Meeting of this Club was held at

Headquarter, the "Prince of Wales" Hotel, Queen's-road, N.W., on Tuesday. February 10th. The Captain occupied the chair. The elec-Tuesday, February 10th. The Captain occupied the chair. tion of officers resulted as follows :- President, G. W. Moon, Esq., unanimously re-elected; Captain E. Dockin, unanimously re-elected; Sub-Captain, R. Wisedill; tion. Secretary, ... Seale, unanimously reelected. Committee: R. Tarnaut re-elected; A. de Laspee, re-elected; J. Butler, W. Lauter, S. S. Montay, and G. W. Moore, junior. Buglers: C. Carnegie and G. Patterson, re-elected. It was decided to change the badge, it now being R. B. C. in an oval. The secretary's report was read with satisfaction, showing a balance on the right side. Eight new active and nine honorary members were proposed and elected. We now muster 28 riding members. Any gentleman wishing to become a member, I shall be glad to forward him a form. The secretary gave notice that the President determined to give four prizes for competition, and Messrs. Mackavoi senior, Griffiths, and Thomas Russell and Sons, Piccadilly, one each, making a total of seven in all. Opening run has been fixed for Easter Monday, H. Q. 8.30 am. for Dunstable.-H. SEALE, Hon. Sec.

ROVERS.—At the General Meeting held at Headquarters on 20th inst., the following officers were elected for the year 1880,—Captain, Arthur A. B. Woodin; Sub-Captain, P. F. Young; Divisional Captains W. R. Salaman, and H. W. Tyler. Committee:—L. F. Hoadley, H. E. Carpenter, R. A. Woolnough, Huron Short, W. Powles, and W. A. Nicholson; Treasurer, W. A. Nicholson. Great regret having been expressed at Mr. Huron Short being compelled to give up the duties of Hon. Sec., owing to other business, Mr. L. F. Hoadley, 23, Bruce-roal, Bromley E., agreed to act pro te-n.

STANLEY.—Members are reminded of the Concert at the "Athenmam," on Tuesday the 24th. I hope they will bring plenty of friends with them.—U. M. H. SWAN, Captain.

SPEEDWELL (Birmingham). - The Half Yearly General Meeting of the above large Provincial Club, was held on Wednesday evening, rebruary 11th, 1880, at Hamburgh House, Bristol-road, Birmingham, nearly 40 members being present, W. H. Clarke, Eq., President, in the chair. The Hon. Sec., Mr. S. J. Davis, was presented with a valuable testimonial in the form of a silver-fitted dressing case, in recognition of the very able services rendered by him to the club during his term of office. Mr. S. J. Davis, (who was received with great enthusiasm) returned thanks in very suitable terms. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and the balance

sheet examined, which showed the magnificent balance of £45 in hand. Mr. W. H. Clarke read an address, and commented upon the success of the club, which now numbers 57 riding members (including one elected at this meeting), and ter honorary members. During the season 41 prizes have been won by members of this club. Mr. F. Bennett, the popular captuin, standing first on the list, with 26 to his credit, of which 7 were first prizes, 11 second, and 8 third, 5 of them won from scratch. Mr. D. Davis proposed a vote of thanks to the president, and officers, for their past services, which was no mimously accorded. Mr. W. H. Clarke returned thanks, and said that his interest in the club would continue, and he hoped the day was far distant when the Spedwell Bicrole Club ceased to exist. A special vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Howar! Divis, Esq., for his donation of £1 ls. to the prize fund. The following were elected officers for the ensuing half year. W. H. Clarke, Esq., President, reelected. D. Davis, Esq., Vice President; Mr. S. J. Davis, Hon. Sec., re-elected; Mr. George Faulkner, Assistant Hon. Sec., re-elected; Mr. Dawes, Treasurer, re-elected; Mr. F. Bennett, Captain, re-elected; Mr. Nicholls, Deputy Captain, re-elected; Mr. J. Elmer, Bugler. Committee, Messrs. E. W. Westbury, E. Turnor, H. W. Clarke, A. W. Auster. Auditors, Messrs. H. J. Davis, and H. Sharp. Other important business was transacted, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.—W.H.B.

STAR.—Thirty members attended the General Meeting held at Headquarters on Wednesday the 11th inst. Amongst other business during the evening, April 3rd was fixed upon as the date for the opening run of season 1880, the "Castle," at Woodford, to be the destination. A vote of thanks was passed to the "Balcom aittee of management," (Messrs. H. Stidolph, W. Hammond, C. A. Sewell, and W. D. Taylor), for their labours in the successful achievement of bringing the Annual Ball to such a thorough success, not only socially, but financially. Mr. W. J. Dod is sincerely regretted to have to announce that, in consequence of his going to reside in the south of London (at the end of next mouth), he should be forced to resign the Captaincy of the Club, but notified his intention of always remaining an active member, and trusted that members would master well for his final run (as Captain), to Brighton at Easter. In consequence of the above, I should be pleased to receive, as soon as possible, nominations in writing of candidates for the offices of Captain and Bugler.-R.

STARKEY, Hon. Sec.

SYDENHAM.—A Musical Evening will be held on 26th, inst., at Headquarters, Longton Hall Hotel, West Hill, Sydenham, to commence at 8 o'clock. Members of other Clubs are cordully invited. A dance will be hell at the Lecture Hall, Sydenham, on Tuesday 9th March; for further information, apply to the stewards, or to ERNEST GIRLING, Hon. Sec. Claremont Villa, Lower Sydenham.
SLEAFORD.—The Annual General Meeting of this club was held

on Friday evening last, at the Bristol Arms Hotel. Mr. H. Watkinson (Hon. Member) in the chair. There was a large attendance of members, and the report read by the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, showing the condition of the club to be satisfactory, was unanimously adopted, the election of officers resulted as follow:—Captain Mr. L. Williams (re-elected); Sub-Captain Mr. D. Smith (re-elected); Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. M. H. Kenny (re-elected); Committee Messrs. Pailthorp, Cropley, Count Fitton, Curtis, and Spring; Bugler, Mr. G. Fitton. When the ordinary business was disposed of Mr. Kenny observed, that even when making every allowance for the unfavourable weather of last season, the runs were not so well attended as they ought to have been; he, therefore, in the hope of obtaining an improved state of things during the ensuing season, and for the encouragement of the sport, promised a silver medal to the member who secured the best attendance at the meet. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

SHEPPY .- I meeting of this club was held on Thurslay last at the Victoria Hotel, when a good muster assembled. The principal business of the evening was, (viz.), making new members, arranging the opening meeting, dinner, and ball. The run is fixed for Wednesday, March 17th, at one o'clock precisely. Dinner at six on the same day, tickets 3s. each. On Friday the 19th the ball will take place in the Victoria Hall; on this occasion the ball will be gaily decorated with flags and evergreens, and an exhibition of the members bicycles will be held.—R. J. Marsnew, Hon. Sec.

TOWER HAMLETS,-At the Half-yearly General Meeting the following officers were elected,—Mr. E. Melson, Captain; Mr. H. G. Hood, Sub-captain; Mr. H. G. Hood, Treasurer; Mr. W. L. Field, Hon. Sec. Committee:—Mr. G. Temple, W. J. Reitly. H. M. Parker, W. Bradbrook. The Annual Ball will be held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Thursday March 11th, 1880. Tickets (not including refreshments) may be obtained from the Secretary or Stewards, price 3s. 6d., single, 6s. double. The Secretary will be pleased to see those members who were not at the General Meeting at the earliest opportunity.—W. S. FIELD, Hon. Sec.

TEMPLE -The next Social Meeting will be held at the Portugal Hotel, rlect-street, on Wednesday, the 25th inst., when Mr. W. C. Flegg will read a paper on Bicycle Race Mec'inzs. Memb-rs are particularly requested to notice that the time is fixed for 6.30 p.m., as a heavy programme is anticipated. The names of songs, muse, or recitations, with which members or their friends may favour us on this occasion, should be sent without delay to Mr. W. C. Flegg, 7a, Marlborough-place, N.W. Members of other clubs are cordially i vited. Then use mosting for which is express will be held at the Paddington Baths, Queen's-road, Bayswater, on Saturday next, at 4 p.m.—S. STEVENS, Hoc. Sec.

Mhaat Chit-Chat.

"Toby" has had his watch, and now the Stanley men are going to "hutter" their sentiments in an equally practical form. A committee has, in other words, been formed to present a testimonial to their retiring Hon. Sec., Mr. A. W. Hutt.

The fog was probably fizzing about at the Zingari supper, as a gentleman took away a felt hat which must have been too small for him, as the "canister" left in its place "drowned" the hatless one.

To some riders, the advent of a man on a Bicycle of any kind is a sufficient introduction. To most a club badge induces talk; but there is one club I have heard of where the members, though meeting armed cap-a-pie with the club uniform, do not utter a syllable unless formally introduced!

So many bicyclists are in the throes of approaching "exams" for either medicine, law, or civil service, that the knowledge that an excellent coach is to be found in the person of Mr. John Jones, of 12, Coleherne Road, West Brompton, may not be unworthy of mention in the "Chit Chat" column.

ONE very worthy maker, Mr. Sparrow, knows something of the brush trade, and it would seem that Hillman, Herbert, and Cooper also knew the signs of that craft, as they call their new cheap machine the Premier. No. 0, noughts being favourite marks in brushes.

I have learned this week that land can be had at Willesden Junction at considerably under £500 an acre freehold, and that there are some suitable plots going for £1000 that would just suit for a bicycle ground.

I have serious thoughts of challenging Cortis to a race if he will only ride his new sliding crank machine, that is if "Juggins" won't come forward. Where is that energetic challenger lying dormant? That is a question known only to "ONE WHO KNOWS."

Misgellanga.

CHRISTCHURCH BICYCLE CLUB ANNUAL DINNER.

[From our own Correspondent.]

The Third Annual Dinner of this very popular club, which, during the past year, his nearly doubled its members, came off at Newlyn's Hotel, on the 10th inst., H. Pain, Esq., the mayor of Christchurch, presided, and was supported by the Captum, Mr. E. Clarke, the ex-mayor, G. Ferrey, Esq., Rev. W. Scott, C. W. Bollird, (Hon. Sec.), R. Dunott, J. W. White, C. Reeks, N. S. Newlyn, J. Lawrence, W. A. Marshall Carr, C. Gibbs. Bournemouth B. C., H. J. R. Hounsell, Burnemouth B. C., &c. The vice-chair was ably filled by Mr. W. Street, the Sub-Captain. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given from the chair, Messrs. Ferrey, Rocks, and Newlyn, responding on behalf of the volunt-ers, the latter remarking that bicyclists would always be ready to serve their country should necessity arise. Mr. J. W. White ably proposed, "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," to which Mr. Scott responded. The rev. gentleman, in a harpy speech, remarked that one was rother apt to look back longingly upon the good old times when archbishops and bishops did not think it beneath their dignity to grace the festive scenes of the day, and when bishops were not above breaking a lauce at a tournament with anyboly who liked to enter the lists against them. Those times were gone, and he thought it would be a long time before they saw an Archbishop of Canterbury taking his place at a bicycle meet, or a Bish p of Winchester coming off a field first bat of an eleven (loud laughter). From what he knew of the present Bishop of Winchester, however, he was certain nothing would give his lordship more pleasure than to help

forward the amusements of the rising generation (heir, hear), a matter which he took leave to think had been too much neglected in times past by the clergy. Anything which tended to sound morality and healthy amusement among the young people, ought to be encouraged; and, speaking to the Christchurch Bicycle Club, he thought few people could have seen their perseverance and their energy in the way in which they had directed their minds to the getting up of the club, without feeling that it was well those energies should be directed in that way. He expressed his willingness to do all in his power for the well-being of the club (applause). The Captain proposed "The health of the Mayor," whom he thanked for being present that night, and for the present of the billiard table which he had made to the club since the last year. The Mayor, in responding, paid a tribute to the excellent and thoroughly respectable manner in which the club was conducted, and stated as long as that lasted he should give it his support. (Cheers). "Success to the Christ-church Bicycle Club" was proposed by Mr. G. Ferry, and remarked that they had one among their number (Mr. E. W. Jenkins), who had taken many prizes, and was one of the best riders in this part of the country. The Secretary, Mr. C. W. Bollard, in responding, said that in the previous year the number of members was thirty, whilst at the present time the club comprised about sixty members. Since last year they had extended their club room; and they now had two billiard tables, one of which was given by the Mayor, and the other purchased by the club, so they might congratulate themselves on having had a very successful year. About twenty club runs had taken place, and something like 300 miles travelled. The bicycle meet in connection with the club last season, was the most successful in this part of the country, nearly 150 bicycles and tricycles being present. The club also gave a very effective firework display on the 5th of Nov. last. In conclusion, he stated that last year they had had £15 in the bank, but that had been taken out in order to pay for the second billiard table, upon which about £20 was still owing.

Mr. J. W. White then sang a song entitled "The "C. B. C." Words and music by himself.

The song was rapturously encored. The health of the President, Sir H. D. Wolff, K.C.B., M.P. (whose Parlix nentury duties precluded him from attenting), was draws a midst bull cheers. Mr. W. A. Marshall then proposed "The health of the Captain" (bull applause), who, he said, had worked hard in the interests of the club, and to who a a large portion of its success was due. He referred to the fact that Mr. Clarke was always re-elected without the slightest opposition, and testified to his graceful riding and his constant urbanity to var ls the members of the club. He presented Mr. Clarke on behalf of the members with a handsome j ig of oak, onamelled interior, and silver mountings. Upon the lid was the inscription: "Presented to Edward Ernest Clarks, Captain of the Christourch Bievele Club, by the members, February 10th, 1880." The Captain suitably responded, and subsequently proposed "The Sub-Captain, Secretary, and Committee," paying a high compliment to the manner in which the Secretary performed his arduous duties, and at the same time presenting that official with a black leather writing case, as a token of the memthat official with a black leather writing case, as a token of the members appreciation of the hard work he had done in promoting the welfare of the club. Mr. Bollard appropriately replied. "Neighbouring Bicycle Clubs" was proposed by J. Liwrence, and responded to by Messrs. Carr Gibbs, and J. K. Hounsell, Bournemouth B.C. "Racing and Touring Members," proposed by Mr. Bollard, responded to by Mr. E. W. Jenkins for the Racing Members, and by Mr. W. E. Burt for the Touring. "Sports Club" was proposed by Mr. Ferrey, responded to by Rev. W. Scott. The visitors proposed by Mr. J. White responded to by Mr. C. Racks who reparately for going time by White, responded to by Mr. C. Reeks, who re narked for some time he had been thinking of joining the club, and he had now made up his mind to do so. (Cheers).

Mr. W. A. Marshall proposed, in eulogistic terms, the health of Mr. J. W. White, who so ably presided at the piano, and remarked that him. The toast was drunk with musical honours. Mr. White having responded, "The Ludies" were ably proposed by Mr. J. Lawrence, and humourously responded to by Mr. H. Perkins.

"The Press," proposed by Mr. R. Drent, responded to by "Bournemouth Observer."

The following gentlemen contributed to the musical portion of the evening—Messrs. A. H. Davies, J. K. Hounsell, J. W. White, J. Lawrence, E. Clarke, E. W. Jenkins, Rev. W. Scott, W. A. Marshall, C. W. Bollard, &c. The company separated about eleven o'clock.

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NORTH LONDON B. C. ANNUAL DINNER.

THE Third Annual Dinner of this well-known club, toook place at their Headquarters, the Wellington Club, Wellington-street, N., on Tuesday evening last. The Club are to be congratulated upon having obtained Healquarters, which in our opinion are the best in London, as besides the usual club room, the rooms of the Wellington Club are placed at their disposal. About thirty members and friends sat down to table, the chair being occupied by Mr. Charles Dowding, the Captain, and the Vice by Mr. Arthur Bennett the Hon. Sec. arrangements were in every way most complete, and reflect the greatest credit on those who had the carrying out of them. Upon the conclusion of the repast, the chairman proposed "The Queen and Royal Family;" Mr. Arthur Bennett then sang "The Midship. mite," in very capital style.

The next toast was the "Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," after which Mr. Bartram of the London Rifle Brigade, responded to the

toast.

Mr. Dodds, Captain of the Star B. C., proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "Success to the North London B. C." It gave him great pleasure to propose the toast, coupled with the name of the Captain.

The toast having been received with musical honours.

Mr. Dowding, Captain, on behalf of the North London B.C., thanked those present for the kind way the toast had been received; the club was rapidly increasing. He then proceeded to give a few particulars of the progress of the Club; he referred to the hard work performed by Messrs. Bennett and Hawkswell, since they had chosen him for captain, he would do his best to please them. He referred to one member (Mr. Ashford, Treasurer), who always turned up on wet days, and seldom on fine ones, he liked getting wet (laughter).

Mr. Strachan proposed "Neighbouring Clubs." Mr. H. Fox returned thanks for "Highgate B. C.," hoping that the good feeling between the clubs would continue to exist. Mr. Dodds,

for the Star, proposed to have inter-club runs.

Mr. Wilson ("Faed,") for Canonbury, deprecated the multiplication of small clubs which had recently occurred in their neighbourhood; but thought there were many advantages in belonging to a small united club such as were both the N. L. B. C. and the C. B. C., were numerical strength not being the sole criterion of a club's success. On club runs he thought it enjoyable where only a few men were in company, there being less chance of having to wait for duffers, more probability of obtaining a satisfactory meal at the destination, and a more sociable feeling where the members were all well-known to each other than when riding with a crowd. He hoped that future inter-club runs would tend to still further cement the friendship existing between the North London and the Canonbury.

Mr. Allen, for the Tuffnel B. C., hoped the clubs would have a

club run together.

Mr. Warren proposed "The Officers of the Club, Messrs. Hawks-well, Dowding, Bennett, and Ashford." They had all worked hard in the interests of the club, and deserved their best thanks.

Mr. Ashford (Treasurer of the Club), in reply to the toast expressed the pleasure the officers always felt in doing their best for the club. "Faed," recitation.

Mr. Christis then performed a capital selection on the piano. Mr. A. Bennett proposed, in most complimentary terms, "The Bicycling Press," coupling with it the name of Mr. C. J. Fox, editor of the Bic cling Times. Mr. Fox having responded.

Mr. Hawkswell proposed in a flattering manner the toast of the "Hon. Sec." Mr. Bennett, in replying, said they had touched a tender point. He did not deserve such a reception; he had done his

best and would do so.

During the evening Messrs. Laurence, Titford, Strachan (Subcaptain), Warren, Greenfield (Highgate B. C.), Furneaux, Hunt, Percival, and Dowding, contributed to the amusement of the company, by a capital rendering of a series of songs.

The Chairman proposed the health of "Mr. Hart, Secretary of the Wellington Club," and thanked him on behalf of members of

N.L.B. C.

Mr. Hart responded, and said it would always please him to do all in his power to further the interests of the N. L. B. C.

After the toasts of "The Chairman," "The Visitors," and "Musical Friends," which were duly responded to, the company separated about 2 a.m., after a very enjoyable evening.

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HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS BICYCLE CLUB.

IMPORTANT SPEECH BY SIR UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH, BART., M.P.

[From our ow r Correspondent.]

A MEETING of the Hastings and St. Leonards Bicycle Club was held at the Headquarters, Sea ide Hotel, on Monday evening, February 1st., when there were present, Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth, Bart. M. P., Captain), Mr. A. Chesterfield (Sub-Captain), Mr. C. A. Palver (Bigler), Mr. F. Amon (Sec.), and a good attendance of members.

Mr. A. J. Lovett, the President, proposed that Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth by elected President for the ensuing year, and after a f w words, the Secretary, Mr. F. Amon, read a short statement of the financial position of the Club, showing a balance in hand of £7, which would be devoted to the fund for the races in the coming season. He also alluded very feelingly to the death of Mr. Davis, who had been one of

the members.

Mr. Gilbert (the Captain) said he looked on bicycling as very similar to horse riding; it had the same advantages. A bicyclist could enjoy a country ride, and visit the places of interest or miles round. It was

a manly sport, and rapidly increasing in popularity.

Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth said he was very pleased to make their acquaintance that evening. When he first received a letter asking him to become a member of the Club he had some hesitation, as he had some apprehension that they would desire to make him mount a bicycle himself. A surgeon of his acquaintance had informed him that zoon after bicycling became popular there were at the London hospitals several cases of fracture to the skull resulting from bicycle accidents; and he thought if he became a member of the Club he might have to be taken to the institution a short way off, the Infirmary, and that might interfere with the performance of his duties. But he found they did not expect him to do so, and he seemed chosen as President for his total want of power in riding a bicycle. Sir Ughtred then went on to speak of bicycling as a manly sport for young men, and no doubt it afforded them all a great amount of pleasure. As to there being any sort of aunoyance to the inhabitants in this place, his experience was, that in Hastings and St. Leonards there were many people who had nothing to do but to find fault with their neighbours, and if the bicyclists had given any cause of complaint it would have been heard of. No doubt in mastings and St. Leonards those who rode bicycles should be more careful than in London and the neighbourhood, as those who came to Hestings had very little to do, and any trouble that might arise to the n would be dwelt on and taken more to heart than it deserved. He was very much struck, wherever he went through the country, with the very respectful and considerate conduct of bicyclists. Horses had long since got accustomed to bicycles but the rid rs were also always ready to take extreme precaution, more than was even sometimes necessary, in order to avoid giving annoyance to those who rode or drove horses. He was exceedingly glad that his place would be so well filled by the Vice. President when he was unable to be amongst them. He had made a little inquiry as to whether any subscription on his part would be acceptable, but had been told that as the Club was in such a good condition it was not needed. He, however, hoped that by-and-bye at their race meetings, they would allow him to offer a prize to be competed for. He hoped in their competitions they would make one rule, so that the running might not entail any over-exertion on the part of the competitors. He thought this should not be lost sight of. He did not very much like the present system of great competitions in walk. ing-those very long, weary competitions. He did not like them, and many constitutions had been broken down by them. Sir Ughtre ! further spoke of the dangers arising from over-exertion, and concluded by thanking them for the compliment they had paid him. He also alluded to the death of Mr. Davis, and expressed his sympathy with the family, and the Club for the loss of a comrade.

A vote of thanks was passed to Sir Ughtred, on the motion of Mr. Chesterfield, the sub-Captain, and the proceedings then terminated.

STOCKWELL BICYCLE CLUB ANNUAL DINNER.

THE Annual Dinner of the Club was held at the Holborn Restaurant, when about thirty gentlemen sat down to the festive board. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been duly honoured, "The Health of the President" (the Rev. Allen Edwards) was proposed by Mr. Percy Coggin, sub-captain, who said that it was totally unnecessary for him to say anything in praise of their President, a friend of the Club and its members. He deeply regretted that his other duties prevented him being present. The toast was drunk with honours. The Captain's health (Mr. W. S. Dodwell) was then proposed by the Hon. Sec. (Mr. John Gliddon), who eulogised his conduct during the past year of office. At the conclusion of his remarks, the Hon. Sec. presented the Captain, in the name of the Club, with a masonic gold medal

won by him as champion, remarking that the race was well contested, and that undoubtedly the best man had won. The Captain's health was enthusiastically drank amidst deafening cheers. The Chairman having returned thanks, proposed the toast of the evening, "The Stockwell Bicvele Club," coupled with the names of the Hon. Sec., Mr. John Gliddon, and the Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. W. J. Keen, Mr. John Gliddon responded, reviewing the affairs of the Club during the past year, which he stated were in a most satisfactory condition, it having been necessary for a time to limit the number of Hon.

Members The toast was drunk with musical honours. The next toast, that of the Honorary Members, was proposed by the Secretary, and responded to by Mr. Alfred Snith. Mr. Sydney Smith gave "The Health of the Visitors," and other toasts followed.

The enjoyment of the evening was considerably enhanced by the able performances, vocal and instrumental, of the members and their friends, and the kindness of Mr. Grout, S.B.C., in presiding at the piano throughout the evening, was fully appreciatel, and will long be remembered. A most successful evening was brought to a close by

singing the National Authem.

THE "HUTT TESTIMONIAL."

THROUGH unavoidable circumstances, Mr. A. W. Hutt is about to retire from the position of Honorary Secretary of the Stanley Bicycle Club. We all know with what ability and success he has fulfilled his duties in this expacity, for not only has the Club been placed in a thoroughly sound financial state, but it has gained, in addition, the reputation of being the most enterprising Bicycle Club in the metropolis, and it is principally through Mr. Hut.'s extraordinary zeal and energy, the last two Exhibitions of bicycles in connection with the Club have been brought to a most successful issue, and almost all the hard work connected with the same has been done by Mr. Hutt, in a manner highly creditable to himself, and satisfactory to all concerned.

Many Bicycle manufacturers and agents, &c., as well as Members of the Stanley Club, are desirous of presenting Mr. Hutt, up in his retirement, with a Testimonial, showing their sincere appreciation of the work he has done; and for this purpose a Committee, consisting of Mr. Hickling (Messrs. Hutchins & Hickling); Mr. Arthur Fox, S. B. C.; Mr. G. L. Hillier, S. B. C.; M. W.Pye-English, S. B. C.—nas been formed. Subscriptions can b. sent to the Vice-Captain, Mr. W. Turner, 1, Fairbridge Road, Upper Holloway, N.

THE UNION DANGER BOARDS.

WE understand that although Mr. Blackwell, of the Canonbury B. C. first suggested the use of these boards in the columns of the bicycling press, it was Mr. William Pye-English, of the same club-who proposed their use to the Bicycle Union, and he has been entrusted with carrying out the scheme.

HAMMERSMITH.

A MEETING was held at Bridge House, Bridge Avenue, Hamm-rsmith, on Wednesday, for the purpose of forming a becycle club. The meeting was well attended, and it was decided unanimously that the name of the Ciub should be "The Runblers." The following officers and committee were elected: -C. Cordingley jan, Captain; J. Brookman, Vice-Captain; L. Forster, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer (51, The Grove, Hammersmith); Senior Bugler, M. Maxted; Sub-Sugler, T. Hall; and W. Nash. The colour of the uniform has not been decided

BILLIARD MATCH.

STANLEY v. HORNSEY.

THE final games in the return match between these two clubs were played at the "Boston," Junction, Road, N., on Tuesday the 10th ult, and to the surprise of nearly all prese it, the match resulted in a very easy victory for the Stanley, F. Baxter playing well for his club, and winning the cue. - OBSERVER.

KEEN AND "THE REFEREE."

TALKING of American books and papers reminds me (says "Pendragon") that the Spirit of the Times has a rare word to say about Keen's challenge to ride against the best trotting mile. When this appeared about a mouth ago, I offered to bet that so far from riding a mile in 2 min. 124 sec., Keen could not do 2min. 20 sec., on a fair ground; but the Spirit gets far and away in front of any such poor-spirited offer as that in the Referee. Under the head of "A Bicycular Blowhard," that paper republishes Keen's offer, and then proceeds to dispose of it in manner worthy of the occasion. The writer denies that Keen stipulated when in America that the track "was to be a fair one," and goes on to say that when the challenge first appeared "a

gentleman who sounded one of the party as to Keen's intentions received this answer: 'Jack knows he can't beat a horse. If anyone takes him up he will name the fifth loft of some warehouse, where the (adjectived) horse couldn't climb up, you know.'" If Keen really thinks he has a chance with $2 \text{ min. } 12\frac{3}{4} \text{ sec. he should not he sitate to}$ go out to New York and make a fortune at one fell swoop; if he does not reply to the Spirit's offers people will be wondering for what purpose he published his bombastic challenge. We are told that if Keen had put up any money when he spoke about St. Julien he would have been swamped with eager offers of odds, "and no one knows this better than he." If there be any article of sport that an American is prouder of than another it is the trotter-he is unique as an institution—and so it is not surprising that the Spirit waxes indignant, and winds up in a way which will well serve as corollary to the Referee's own remarks at the time this splendid specimen of "side" was first put forward here in England. "The Bicycler, no matter of what country or colour, who can beat the American trotter can win several millions of dollars, and Mr. Keen should give this matter his immediate attention."

[APROPOS of the above, Jack Keen has called at the Bicycling Times office, and says that, in spite of all this, no owner or backer of any American trotter has at all events yet had the pluck to risk his coin, and the reputation of his horse, in accepting his (Keen's) challenge, which was, although as he himself admits rather a startling one, yet one he is prepared to stand by. He adds that the challenge was issued by him, in the first instance, to test the relative speeds of bicyclist and trotter under the most favourable conditions as to track and day. This is, of course, on the face of it as fair for one as for the other. Jack says hell make those who can get them a present of the millions of dollars: he, with his usual modesty, naïvely remarking that he will be quite content with a prize of 20,000 dols.

Speaking of the extraordinary fast times to be got on a good straight road with a fair wind | chind one, we are prepared to produce a wellknown amateur who has done a mile in two minutes thirty-four

seconds under such conditions.

Keen, in talking to us, stated that in the two miles professional versus amateur race at Cambridge, in May last, he calculates that he did the last quarter of a mile of the race in a out thirty-five seconds. As near as can be calculated this would bring his time for a mile to about two minutes twenty seconds; if this isn't going, what is? ED. B. 7.]

AMERICAN WHEEL NEWS.

THE second of the series of exhibitions given at the American Institute Building, New York City, under the management of the Manhattan Athletic Club, took place on Saturday evening, January 24th. Nearly a thousand people witnessed the races, which were well contested and as follows:—First race, two-mile handicap, between amateurs, for a gold cup; first heat won by Wright (scratch), in 7 min. 233 sec.; second heat by Clark (75 yards start), in 7 min. 20½ sec.; and final heat won by Clark (75 yards start), in 6 min. $47\frac{3}{4}$ sec. In the first heat, Johnson fell at one of the turns, and was slightly hurt. C. Brookway then won the boys' race of one mile, with one lap start, in 3 min. 201 sec. The next event was the 25. mile professional handicap race for a purse of 100 dols. David Stanton (scratch), Daniel Beland (scratch), George Harrison (400 yards), and William Darling (1000 yards) started. Darling withdrew after going five miles, and Beland went only eight miles. The race was very close and exciting. It was won by Harrison in I hour 28 min. 25 sec. Stanton's time was 1 hour 28 min. 45 sec. The entertainment was brought to a conclusion with a five-mile handicap amateur race for a gold cup valued at 200 dols Wright (scratch), Rolfe (45 sec.), and Noel (2 min.), started. Wright won in 19 min. 1 sec.

UNDER the direction of a number of well-known amateur athletes in San Francisco, the first of a series of athletic exercises, was in-augurated at the Recreation Grounds on the 18th inst. The fivemile bicycle race was won by Bennett, in 21 min. 281 sec.

Palents.

(Compiled by Mr. F. Des Vœux, Office for Patents and Trade Marks, 32, Southampton-Buildings, Chancery Lane, London.)

571. William Woolley, of Birmingham, in the County of Warwick, "Improvements in the seats of bicycles, tricycles, and other velocipedes."—Dated 10th Feb, 1880.

BICYCLING TOURING CLUB.

BALANCE SHEET.

We have been favoured by Mr. S. H. I leson, of B alford, the Treasurer, with the folloving:

Cash account fo Half Year ending Jan. 31st, 1880. DEBLOK.

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S. H. INESON, Hon. Treasurer, Bradford. (Signed)

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(Signed) W. Johnson, Bradfor , B.C. & B.T. C. F. RILEY, B.T.C., Bradford.

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Adopted at Bi-Annual Meeting, London, February, 1880. (Signed) STINLEY J. A. COTTERELL, President.

Connespondence.

A MEET AT BRIGHTON.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE B.CYCLING TIMES."

Sin,-With the thoughts of Easter, one simultineously thinks of a ride to Brighton. In fact, it has become an established practice with most London clubs to arrange their Easter tours to that fivourite watering place. In consequence, a meeth is always been attempted, but, so far, with little success. I, mys if, think it a very favourable opportunity for such a display, and, if properly organised, the result would be very successful. Last year, if I remember right, the matter was taken up by the Chichester B. C., and the Hon. Sec. of that club worked very energetically to bring about a success, but I am afraid his efforts did not receive the reward they deserved. One very great difficulty he had to contend with was, that the m jurity of those who were to take part in the meet were Londoners, thereby causing a vast amount of correspondence.

I, therefore beg to suggest that a meet be held at Brighton on Easter Mouday, and that a committee composed of delegates from the cubs that intend riding there, be formed to carry out the arrangements. To facilitate matters, if Hon. Secs. will put themselves in communication with me, expressing their views on the subject, and I find they are in favour of holding the meet, I will call a preliminary meeting. I have no doubt the members of my club would give up their Headquarters for such a purpose.—Yours, R. W. ROYLANCE, Hon. Sec. West Lonion B. C.

[We should be glad to see this matter taken in time, and should like to see a meeting of the delegates of various clubs convened, but would suggest that it should be held at Anderton's Hotel, or some other place in the City, at the same time we would remind riders that the Brighton Review will be held on the same day. We fear that a success cannot be scored.—Ed. B. T.]

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THE BICYCLING LITERATURE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

SIR,-Like "one who knows" I was surprised at the effusion that appeared in a paper last week, more especially when I thought of the high tone endeavoured to be assumed by the print that contained it. Rudeness and brutality are often excused by those who indulge in them as "plain speaking," "straight-forward dealing," "no humbug," and the like. The excuse is weak, and the statement is false. An honest man knows how to be firm, yet courteous: true, yet gentle and polite. Affected roughness is one of the vulgar tricks of the day. Asses have been said to disguise themselves in lions' skins prior to the year 1880. A true critic is not a rough, but a gentleman. "Rambler," may be, and doubtless is in the opinion of "Rambler," a person of some considerable importance; but surely it ill becomes a gentleman of such a lofty nature to speak of another as a "double a gentleman of such a tolky nature to speak of another as a double distilled curiosity." When persons condescend to comment in such a manner as that adopted by "Rambler," surely it is time for something to be said to stop such a loose style of writing. Perhaps it would have been as well for "Rambler" to have kept his feeble inuendoes in the precincts of his mighty mind, as they are hardly worth the publicity accorded to them. Yours, -Constant Reader.

THE B. T. C. SUPPER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

SIR,-I am greatly obliged to you for your kind mention of my humble efforts on behalf of the ladies at the B. T. C. supper, but, as I so frequently report for your paper, I am f-a ful lest your flattering remarks may be attributed to my pen. I therefore beg of you a short space in the B. T. to say that the report of the B. T. C. supper was the work of another pen, and not that of, yours very truly,-C. W. NAIRN.

THE KENT BICYCLE CLUB AND THE KENTISH MEET

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

Sir,-1 have been instructed by my committee to issue circulars to all Bicycle Clubs in Kent, convening a meeting for Monday 1st March, at our Headquarters, the "Princess of Wales" Hotel, Blackheath, to consider the advisability of holding a meet of Kentish Bicyclists this year. Any Hon. Secs. who have not received this circular will kindly communicate with me at once. - A. J. RELTON, Baring Villa, High-road, Lee, Kent.

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TO THE EDITOR OF "THE BICYCLING TIMES."

Sin.-My attention has been called to a letter in the Hampstrad and Highgate Express, purporting to be written by a Mr. Maddox, of the Wanderer's B. C., whereby he answered a letter in the same paper inquiring as to a Club about Hampstead. In his letter Mr. Maddox "London" and "the Stanley" according to his social position. Now, Sir, evidently Mr. Maddox considers there is a great difference in this respect between these two Clubs; it would therefore greatly interest me to know what this difference is, and what his o inton is of the socal position of the Stenley B. C. Perhaps Mr. Maddox will have no objection to answer this question through your paper.—Yours, C. M. W. SWAN, Captain Stanley, B. C.

[We have before commented on the objectionable paragraph, and we think with Mr. Swan, that an explanation is due from Mr.

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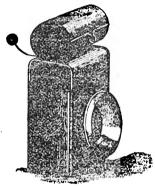
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