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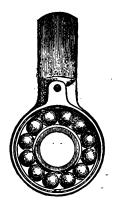
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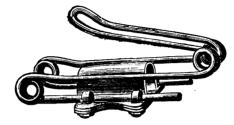
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Editorial.

THERE have been two very important meetings in connection with bicycling during the past week. The first was that held at the Mercantile Club, in the City, for the purpose of taking preliminary steps towards the acquisition of a track for Metropolitan Bicyclists. At this gathering a provisional Committee was formed, comprised of members of the Pick. wick, London, Stanley, Civil Service, Hornsey, Lombard, Zingari, Canonbury, Kent, and Chichester. Members of the Surrey, Temple, Wanderers, and other important clubs are to be asked to join this provisional body, when a mass meeting of all persons interested in the sport will be called, and subscriptions invited for the floating of the scheme. We purposely avoid giving the names of any of the provisional committee, because the formation of a track is not a matter for any particular individuals, or, for that matter, clubs, but for Bieyclists at large. When a sufficient number of Bicyclists, or those interested in the sport, entirely without reference to clubs, have promised their support by taking up shares, a working committee will be elected, the names of those gentlecomprising which we shall, of course, print. must have a beginning, and as it was impossible for any one individual to call a meeting with any chance of success. the happy expedient of a provisional commtttee of wellknown riders from equally well-known clubs, was hit upon. This Committee wish to arrogate nothing, and leave alike the decision as to amount of shares and locality to be decided by the vote of those who are prepared to throw their lot into the venture. We reserve any further remarks until the mass meeting has been held; but if we may make a suggestion it is that the shares should be limited to £1, so that as large a number of Bicyclists as possible may feel a personal interest in it, and that a guarantee be given that none but bicycle riders shall ever use the track.

THE second important meeting of the week has been that relating to the Hampton Court meet. Following the precedents of former years, the oldest Bicycle Club in London,

through their Honorary Secretary, sent out invitations to the various clubs to send delegates to a meeting to be held at the Guildhall Tavern, to discuss the advisability of holding another General meet. This meeting was held last Tuesday evening, the 24th instant, when a gathering of club delegates, at once enthusiastic and unanimous, decided in favour of a monster meet. Only two Clubs of any note were absentthe London and the Wanderers-and of the latter it is only fair to state that they never make any pretence to take a leading or active part in bicycling, being content to enjoy the pastime in their own way as a private local club. It being therefore the unanimous decision of the vast majority of Metropolitan riders, that there shall be a Hampton Court meet in 1880, we trust all will work harmoniously to make it a success. As far as our humble efforts go, it shall have every assistance from the press.

Słub Pixtungs.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st.

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

Athenœum.—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 Carshalton.

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

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

Happy-go-Luckies.—Talbot Hotel, New Cross, or Imprompts the Highbury.—Canonbury Station, 3.30 and 5.30 p.m., for run. Kildare.—Leinster Hotel, 3.30 p.m., for impromptu run. Star.—Downs' Hotel, Olapton. 4 p.m., for impromptu run. Widmore.—Hayes Lane (W. P.), 3.30 p.m., for impromptu run.

DINNERS, BALLS, &c.

Stanley.—24th February. Variety Entetainment.

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

Sydenham.—9th March. Ball at Forest Hill.

Middlesex.—11th March. Ninth Annual Dinner at the Holborn.

Tower Hamlets.—March 11th. Annual Ball, at the Town Hall,

Shoreditch.

RACES.
(OPEN AMATEUR EVENTS ONLY.)

Heywood —6th and 8th March, 1 & 2 miles handicap.
Leicester.—27th March. 100 Miles Championship.
Coventry.—26th April, Druid's Sports, 3 bicycle handicaps.
Coventry.—May 17th (Whit Monday), Oddfellow's Sports: 2 bicycle handicaps.

Dewsbury.—5th June, at Dewsbury.

Pickwick.—5th June. Annual Race Meeting at Stamford Bridge.

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

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

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Jollings by the Wen.

THERE are many bicycling jokes pervading the country which have no meaning beyond the range of one locality, but what Glasgow or Ayrshire bicyclist would not appreciate, "Lauchlan, prepare to lead the Kilmarnock!"

ME. CHING, of the "Hautboy and Fiddle," has brought an excellent mole trap from Aldershot, which he now keeps on the premises. Bicyclists wearing india-rubber soles are liable to be caught by this machine; for further particulars of which apply on the premises.

WHEN an eminent northern member of the B. T. C. saw the Thames at Sunbury last Sunday for the first time in his life, it was in full flood, and he exclaimed "By Jove, I say, it is a fine wideriver; why, there are actually trees growing in the middle of it!"

MISS SUSAN PAGET, of Ripley, has, so a Bradford B.C. man informs me, come to reside at the railway station in that town as a change from Bank Top, Manchester.

MR. BOXALL, a well-known inhabitant of Ripley, is about to enter the state of holy matrimony. "Here's luck, Boxall!"

HARRY DIBBLE, of the well-known bicycling hostelry, the "Anchor," at Ripley, has had some very narrow escapes in Afghanistan, having had one horse shot and two speared under him, whilst serving with the 9th Lancers, in which corps he is a non-commissioned officer.

THERE are no stones sufficient to hinder riding the "usual run" on the Portsmouth Road, but the gravel is saturated with wet in such a manner as to make riding very laborious, particularly in the dark—in fact, to the tune of $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours for 23 miles, with no halts!

SIMPSON & Son, the makers of the "Defiance," have been sending round to the bicycling inns a pair of almanacks, each containing a coloured picture of a fair female. If the firm have any regard for the press, they may send a copy of the girl in the mob-cap to

WILL 'OSIER.

Glub Poings.

ALERT.—The opening run is fixed to take place on March 6th to oughton. Tea at King's Head. Start from Headquarters at 4 p.m. sharp. Other runs for March as follows:-13th, Enfield; 20th, Chigwell; 26th to 29th, Easter tour to Portsmouth and Brighton. Full particulars of tour will be sent to members by special circular in a few days. The following races at the Alexandra Palace on April 24th:—1 mile invitation scratch. 1 mile handicap. 100 yards slow race. 10 mile race for championship of club. All members are particularly requested to attend opening run. Members of other clubs and unattached riders are cordially invited.—John M. M. Shaw, Hon. Sec.

ARROW.—Members and friends (especially those who saw them at the Stanley Exhibition on 4th inst.,) will be sorry to learn the unexpected death of Mr. Henry Sayer, our bugler, on 15th inst., and of Mr. D. Doudney our esteemed Captain, on 18th inst.-T. SAYER, Hon. Sec.

ATALANTA.—THE Second Social Evening held at Prince Albert Tavern, on Wednesday 18th inst., owing to the bad state of the weather, was not such a success as the first, only about forty being present, a pleasant evening was spent, all the same.—Frank W.

CLULOW, Hon. Sec.
BEDFORD AMATEUR.—Members are advised that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, March 3rd, at 7.30 p.m., at No. 5, St. Mary's, to receive the Secretary's Report for 1879, and to elect the Officers for the current year. It is hoped that every member will be present as other important business is to be brought forward.—James Roper, Hon. Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—The Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, 17th inst., when the following officers were elected: -President, Mr. C. W. Millmer; Vice-President, Mr. T. Sumner; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Gaskell; Hon. Sec. Mr. G. H. Hopkins; Captain, Mr. R. Williams; Sub-Captain, Mr. A. W. Willmer. Committee :—Messrs. J. Powell, H. Thomas, and H. Williamson. The first run is fixed for the 6th March, meet, at Cavendish-road, 3.30 p.m., for West Kirby.—G. HEBBERT

HOPKINS, Hon. Sec.
BRIXTON RAMBLERS.—A General Meeting was held at Headquarters on Wednesday the 18th inst., Mr. F. Hutchins in the chair. After the other business of the club was settled, the club badge was chosen, and may be had from me after March 20th. The first club run will take place on April 3rd .- FRED. G. DRAY, Hon.

CHICHESTER AND DISTRICT .- The Fifth Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday evening, March 3rd, at Messrs. Raper and Freeland's offices in West-street. The President, R. G. Raper, Esq., will take the chair at 8 o'clock precisely. Members are particularly requested to attend.—Victor V. Vick, Hon. Sec. CIFY OF LONDON.—On Thursday last, the 19th inst, our Fort-

nightly Social attracted about sixty gentlemen, among whom were members of the Arion, Banbury, Clarence, St. George's, and Zephyr members of the Arion, Banbury, Clarence, St. George's, and Zephyr Clubs. The following programme was got through:—Mr. J. Danks, "Simon the Cellarer;" Mr. Callingham, "I am so Volatile;" Mr. Newton, "The Harp that once through Tara's Halls;" Mr. Wilcox, "The Timid Little Maid;" Mr. Nelder, Clarence, "Four Jolly Smiths;" Mr. Danks, Piano Solo; Mr. Siree, "Cooperation;" Mr. Boyden, "Good-bye Sweetheart;" Mr. Avery, "The Anchor's Weighed;" Mr. Carter, "She'd a Feather in her Hat;" Mr. Richardson, "The Mariner;" Mr. Wolff, "Complaints;" Mr. Dores, Song, name unknown; Mr. Danell, Recitation, "Army, Navy and Volunteers;" Mr. W. S. Smith, St. George's, "Jack's Yarn;" Mr. Whitaker, Arion, "What an Afternoon;" Mr. Richardson, "Alice where art Thou;" Mr. A. Bishop, Arion, "The Wearing of the Green;" Mr. Beart, "Mabel, sweet Mabel;" Mr. Binfield, recitation, "Modern Sermon," Mr. Wolff, "Quiet Lodgings;" Mr. Kershaw, "Robin Adair;" Mr. Lucas, "Club Song;" Mr. Siree, "I Tickled her under the Chin;" Mr. Beart, "Sir Anthony Nash;" "Auld Lang Syne," in full chorus, closed a very enjoyable evening. It has been decided that Thursday last very enjoyable evening. It has been decided that Thursday last should be the last of the Winter Season Socials. A Social Supper will take place on Friday evening, the 12th of March, at H. Q. Tickets 2s. 6d. Gentlemen wishing for tickets should please apply at once to me, as the number is limited. Opening run, March 13th, at Dean's Court, at 3.15. p.m. sharp for Ewell. First Riding Season Social, March 25th at 8 p.m., at H. Q.—J. Danks, Hon. Sec.

CLARENCE.—The impromptu runs of the past three months have been carried out by a few members only, Saturday last not proving an exception; the roads to Ham Common were, however, found Saturday 6th March, at Headquarters, 3.30 p.m., for Barnet. Easter Tour: The following arrangements have been made; upon this occasion we shall be joined by the Kildare B. C., 26th March (Good Friday), Headquarters 8.30 a.m. for Oxford, via Wycombe; 37th Oxford, and Rodford, 28th 27th Oxford to Cambridge, via Buckingham and Bedford; 28th Dunstable, via Hitchin; 29th London, via St. Albans.—George Dunford, Hon. Sec.

FULHAM. On Monday last a General Meeting was held, when it was decided that the opening run take place on the 20th March, all members returning to Headquarters for supper; uniform compulsory. There will be a General Meeting on Monday next, at 8.30 p.m., all members please turn up to settle for their concert tickets.—Wm. EASY, Hon. Sec.

GREENOCK AMATEUR,—The Annual General Meeting of the Greenoch Amateur Bicycle Club was held in the White Hart Hotel, on Friday evening the 20th inst., Mr. C. W. Clink occupied the Chair. The following office bearers were appointed for the ensuing year:—President, Robert Kerr; Vice-president, Mr. Alexander Ross; Captain, Mr. John Forrest; Vice-captain, Mr. C. W. Chink Rear-captain, Mr. Harry Orr; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Daniel McCrae, jun. Committee:—Mr. Arthur Skivington, Mr. James Hill, jun., Mr. Robert W. Kirdy, Mr. A. Campbell, Mr. Richard Wilson,

-DANIEL McCrae jun., Hon. Sec. HAMMERSMITH.—On Wednesday, February 18th, the Tenth General Meeting of the above Club was held at the Headquarters and was attended by nearly all the members, unfortunately the Captain, C. F. Nash, Esq. was unable to be present. The Club has just reason to congratulate itself on its success thus far, as it now musters between twenty and thirty members, and has had an average attendance of ten throughout the winter at all the meetings. It has been decided to open the season with a run to Ripley on Good Friday, and a dinner to take place one evening in the following week. The buglers for the season are, Howard Stanton, Esq., and F. Shearman, Esq. A desire has been expressed by some of the members that the Club change the pattern of the helmets, but it has been decided to retain the original one, which has been very generally approved. It was decided at a previous meeting, that the Bicycling Times be used as the Club medium, and that all important notices be inserted therein.—Alfred Selden, Hon. Sec.
HORNSEY.—Special Gen. ral Meeting will be held at Headquarters

(Victoria Hotel, Muswell Hill), on Thursday, 4th March, at 8 p.m., when it is hoped every member will endeavour to be present.—

ALGERNON PROUT, Hon. Sec.

HIGHBURY.—Two members and a friend faced the elements on Saturday for the run to Barnet, but after an hour's drenching, thought it wise to return. A Special General Meeting was held on Thursday last, when Mr. Vowler resigned the Sub-Captaincy. The resignation was reluctantly accepted. Mr. George De Pinna was elected to the vacant office, and Mr. Rowland Lee appointed Bugler.— F. W. PAUL, Hon. Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD.—The First Annual Dinner of the above club took place on Thursday the 19th inst., at the Zetland Hotel, when about 20 members and a few friends sat down to an excellent repast. In the absence of the President, Mr. Alderman J. Woodhead, J. P., the chair was occupied by the Captain of the Club, Mr. H. A. Crowther. After the removal of the cloth, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were duly hououred. Mr. Spencer then proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "Success to the Huddersfield Bicycle Club," to which the Captain responded. The Chairman next proposed the "President and Honorary Members," after which the following toasts were proposed by various members, "The Officers and Committee," "The Racing Members," responded to by Mr. J. E. Tolson, the amateur Yorkshire Champion, "Other Clubs," "The

Visitors," etc. Music and singing filled up the interval of a most successful and enjoyable evening.—J. F, SYKES, Hon. Sec. KILDARE.—Feb. 21st. Six members of this club joined by W. S. Britten, Captain Clarence B. C., started from the "Leinster Hoiel," on Saturday last, in such weather that would drown any ordinary "Butterflies," and successfully carried out the rin to Ham Common, this being the last under the captaincy of C. W. Johns. A very enjoyable evening was spent at the New Inn, returning by the favour of a glorious moonlight. Members are reminded of the Annual General Meeting at Headquarters on Friday next. 27th inst., 8.15 sharp, Mr. W. B. Taylor

in the chair.—MR. H. Pook, Hon. Sec.

LOMBARD - A Committee meeting of the above club was held on Wednesday 13th Feb. G. M. L. Kelham in the chair. Meisri. Liw, Sheppee, Pizey, and Godden, were elected members. Mr. Leach submitted programme of concert to be hell at the "Athenæum." Cim len Road, on Tuesday, 20th April next, which was approved. Posters, etc. were drawn up and further arrangements mide. - GEORGE STEVENSON, Assistant Hon. Sec.

MERRIDALE (Wolverhampton).—A General Meeting of this Club was held on the 11th inst., at the Clarendon Arms Hotel, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing season. The following were appointed, Captain, E. H. Tomkins; Sub-captain, A.

Docker.—H. WILKINS, Secretary.

MIDDLESEX.—Members are informed that the Ninth Annual Dinner will take place at the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday, March 11th, 1880. Tickets 5s. each, are now ready, and can be had of W. H. BRYANT, Hon. Sec.

PICKWICK.—This Club will hold a Race Meeting—open to Amateurs only—at Stamford Bridge, on Saturday, June 5th. Further particulars will be duly announced.—LAMARTINE C. B.

YEOMAN, Hon. Sec.

SHAKESPEARE .- Headquarters, Shakespeare Tavern, Shakespeare-road, Stoke Newington, N. At a preliminary meeting held here on Wednesday last a Club was formed of the above name And a General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2nd, at half past eight p.m., to elect officers, etc., when we shall be glad to see any gentleman wishing to become a Member.—R. T. VAUGHAN, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

STANLEY.—The Half-yearly General Meeting of this Club will be held at their Club rooms, The Boston, Junction-road, Holloway, on Tuesday, March 2nd, members are particularly requested to be present: business, the election of a new Secretary, etc.—W. Allan Thornhill, Hon. Assist. Sec.

STANLEY.—A Social Evening of the above Club was held at The Boston, Junction Road, on Taursday last; Dr. F. Waymouth, M.A., a Vice-president, in the Chair. The proceedings were commenced by Mr. English, who gave in a very humorous in inner,—
"That's what puzzles the Quaker." In the absence of Mr. Webb,
Mr. Kinnaird obliged with a Bujo Song, which was well received,
after which Mr. Bell sang "London Society," eliciting great applause, next followed an amusing Farce very creditably sustained by Messrs. Harpham, Morrell, Fox, Waymouth, Hillier and Harrison, the acting of the above gentlemen causing much amusement. Mr. Chinn sing in his well-known style "Merrie, merrie England." Mr. Turner gave "Pretty Souls" in a most amusing style. The Chinaman, in character, by Mr. Harrison, was very laughably rendered and evoked a round of applause. Mr. Kinnaird, next came on with a Barie Sale and Song in character. Kinnaird next came on with a Binjo Silo and Song, in character, which was very ably rendered, and received an encore, in response to which he gave "I don't think I'll say any more." Mr. Hillier made a great hit with his "Eaton Square," also in character, an encore was demanded; he then gave the "Lost Child." Mr. Salter, of the

Tam O'Shanter B.C., sang "The Vagabond" in a most efficient manner. Several songs not on the Programme were afterwards given. Mr. Swan, the Captain, proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for so ably presiding, which was seconded by Mr. A. Fox. The Chairman, in his remarks, expressed the great pleasure he had in presiding at such an excellent entertainment, and was sure it only needed to be better known to be generally appreciated. He hoped that bicycle friende from other Clubs would pay a visit to the Stanley B.C., as they wer always cordially invited; he was sure they would go away, having ex pressed themselves delighted with such an enjoyable evening. Mr. H. Waymouth proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Moore of the Rangers B.C. coupling the names of Messrs. Thorp and Hall for so ably presiding at the piano, which was seconded by Mr. Turner, Vice-Captain.

ST. GEORGE'S.—Members are informed that new Headquarters have been obtained at the Old Red Lion, Old Cavendish-street, W., and they are requested to assemble there instead of at Stratford-place for Club Runs. They are also reminded that the Opening Run of the season is fixed for March 6th next, when it is hoped that (weather permitting) all who can conveniently do so will attend. The Club tailor is now H. Brinkmann, 325, Oxfor i-street, W.-Members and friends are respectfully informed that as the bicycling season is fast approaching, the social meetings will be discontinued.—H. W. K. HOUSEMAN, Hon.

STAR.—Two members, (the Captain, Vice-Sub-Captain), went for a run last Saturday to the "Eagle," Snaresbrook. Roads fearful.—R.

Starkey, Hon. Sec

SURREY UNITED.—The Annual General Meeting of this club was held at Headquarters (The "Paxton Hotel," Gipsy Hill), on Wednesday, the 18th inst. There was a very good muster of members. Mr. D. Marshall having been elected Chairman, called on the Hon. Secretary to read his report, from which it appeared that the club is in a very flourishing condition, and has a considerable balance in hand. Captain also read his report, in which he referred to the fact, that despite the wet season, out of twenty-six runs set down, there were only two blanks. The officers for the ensuing season were next elected. Captain, Mr. C. A. Watkins (re-elected); Sub-Captain, Mr. W. Skinner (re-elected); Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. Gomer (re-elected); Committee, Mr. D. Marshall, J. M. Jones, A. G. Emms, and W. T Builey. Three new members were also elected. The Chairand W. T Bailey. Three new members were also elected. The Chairman next proceeded to distribute the prizes as follows:—Ten michampionship (a massive silver medal), A. G. Emms; Two mile Handicap, 1st prize (silver medal), W. Skinner; 2nd. prize (a silver-plated cup), C. A. Watkins; 3rd prize (a silver-plated cup), A. G. Emms; 100 yards slow race, 1st prize (plated tankard), W. Skinner; 2nd (cruet stand), C. A. Watkins; Run attendance medal, C. A. Watkins. A few toasts and songs brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. During the evening Mr. C. A. Watkins (in the name of the c'ub), presented Mr. Gomer, (Hon. Sec.) with a silver medal as a token of their appreciation for his past services. Any gentleman wishing to become a member, I shall be happy to forward all particulars. -J. Gower, Hon. Sec. Springfield, Hamatton Road, Lower Norwood.

SYDENHAM.—A Dance will be held at the Foresters' Hall, Forest Hill (not Lecture Hall, Sydenham), on 9th March; for tickets and further information apply to the Stewards, or to Ernest Girling,

TEMPLE .- It a Committee Meeting, held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., it was decided that the Club should have an Easter tour. Messrs. Chapman and Moore will have the arrangement of it. Further particulars will be given later on. The usual meeting for gymnastic exercises will be held on Saturday next, at the Paddington Baths, at 4 p,m. -F.

STEVENS, Hon. Sec.

TWICKENHAM.—The members of this club gave a most successful concert on Thursday evening last, February 19th, at the Aragon-road Schools, the proceeds beeing devoted to the Twickenham Provident Dispensary. The Vicar Rev. H.F. Lumpus, M.A., occupied the chair, and there was a good audience, including Lady Adeliza Manners, the Churchwardens, and many of the resident gentry. The following ladies and gentlemen took part in the programme:—Misses Holmes, Freshwater, Wallis, Shrimpton, and Mrs. Tait, and Messrs. F. Val, Richer, H. Norwood, B. A. Corben, S. Meymott, E. V. Powell, Arthur Clark, R.A.M., Fred. F. Freshwater, E. Bencher, A. G. Holmes, W. Pope, and R. Lane. Messrs. Hooper and Co., the well-known florists of Covent-garden and Twickenham, kindly lent some flowers for the platform, and Mr. Corben, as musical director, carried out his work well. Mr. Fred. F. Freshwater, the Hon. Sec. and the Committee acted efficiently and courteously as stewards.

YORK .- The fourth Annual Meeting of the Club, was held at Headquarters, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, on Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., there being a large attendance of members. The Report, and Balance Sheet, which showed the club to be in a very prosperous condition, were read by the Hon. Sec., and unanimously adopted. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows :-

President, the Right Hon. James Lowther, M.P.; Vice-president, W. S. Cadman, Esq., J.P.; Captain, J. L. Varley, (re-elected); Treasurer, Wyvill Smith, (re-elected); Hon. Sec. and Sub-captain, Thos. L. Smith (re-elected); Assistant Hon. Sec., C. H. Smith; Bugler, J. H. Smith. Committee: J. S. McLean, J. J. Krous, J. B. Sampson, H. F. Potter, S. W. Arnold, and N. R. Yeomans.—Thos. L. Smith, Hon. Sec.

Stub Potes.

THE Arion men have fixed their Easter tour to Havant, Arundel and Brighton.

THE Bour remouth entered to open the season on the 24th, with a moonlight run.

THE Fourth Annual Dinner of the Buckingham B. C. was held at the "Swan and Castle," last night.

THE Croyden men commence running on the 6th of March.

The Captain, Clevedon (Mr. A. B. Chapman), has just presented his club with a medal to be raced for monthly. The first race will take place at Ham Common on the first Saturday in March.

MARCH the 20th has been fixed by the "Civil Service," for their opening ride. They in end holding a Race Meeting at Stamford Bridge on July 3rd.

Mr. WILSON is, we understand, to be the new president of the Druids. Our esteemed friend, Mr. Fagan (Sprig of Shillelagh), having resigned on account of the pressure on his time.

The Kensington B. C. have, we are glad to hear, joined the Union Mr. Harry Swindley, the Hon. Sec., has very properly been appointed delegate.

Mr. James Steel, who has just been elected Captain of the Lanark shire, from what we hear, is the right man in the right place.

The New Club at Hammersmith have styled themselves the "Ramblers." There is, already, we think, a Ramblers' club in London, nt all events there used to be, hailing from St. Joha's Wood, or neighbourhood.

The "Rangers" have recently adopted a new Badge, viz., R. B. C. in an oval.

Arthur Woodin, Jupiter, has just been re-elected Captain of the "Bovers." We much regret, however, to hear that the hard working Huron Short has had, owing to other business, been obliged to resign the Hon. Secretaryship.

THE Hon. Sec. of the Speedwell B. C. (Mr. S. J. Davis), has been resented with a handsome silver fitted dressing case, in recognition of his services to the club.

Mr. W. J. Dodds, the popular Captain of the Star, is about to resign office; his loss will be regretted by all.

THE Sydenham have a Musical evening to-night, at the Longton Hall Hotel, West Hill, Sydenham.

MR. M. H. KENNY, Hon. Sec. of the Stratford, offers a Silver Medal for run attendances during the ensuing season.

On Friday last, the Sheppy B. C. held a Ball at the Victoria Hall, which was gaily decorated.

THE Tower Hamlets announce their Annual Ball for Thursday, March the 11th.

Ar the Temple Social Evening, last night, Mr. W. C Fligg roal a paper on Bicycle Race Meetings.

THE Mayor of Christchurch evidently takes great interest in the Club, as he has just presented them with a Handsome Billiard Table.

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BUTLER'S REGISTERED RAT-TRAP PEDAL SLIPPER.

MR. J. BUTLER, the well-known bicycle agent, of 63, Queen's Road, St. John Wood, N.W., has recently introduced his rat-trap pedal slipper, for the use of bicycle and tricycle riders. This ingenious invention, of which we give illustrations, is designed by the patentee





to fix or clip on to the rubber pe lal in ordinary use, for the purpose of converting it into a rat-trap for rading, or to prevent slipping when riding in wet weather. The patentee claims that it is superior to the ordinary rat-trap, for the simple reason that while the rider is using it, he enjoys not only immunity from slipping, but also, owing to the cushion of subber beneath, suffers less from the vibration. It can be



adjusted to the pedals in a moment, and just as easily withdrawn It is requisite in ordering, to mention the name of the machine for which the slippers are required, as the pedals of different machines vary considerably. The price is exceedingly low, and the weight only 2 oz. In the above engravings, fig 1 shows the ordinary pedal; fig. 2, the slipper off; fig. 3, the slipper fitted to the pedal for use.

THE "ACME" DRESSING CASE FOR TOURISTS.

WE had occasion to notice, in a recent issue, the new toilet case which has just been brought out by Messrs. Maynard, Harris, and Co., of 126, Leadenhall-street, E.C., and we stated at the time, that we hoped to be able to notice it at greater length and give an illustration of it—this we are nowable to do as will be seen by the engraving the "acme' case. It is oblong and shallow, is made of the finest leather, and fastens, with a stout strap. The contents of this useful dressing case are as follows:



hair brush, comb, spap tin, shaving brush, razor, and tooth brush. All 'the foregoing are of first class material and manufacture, the razor being of the fluest steel, with an ivory handle, of which last named material the handle of the shaving brush is also formed. The case is so constructed that it fits tightly into the Impovel M. C. B., recently brought out by this firm, and which we noticed in the se columns. The price of the above little article is only half a gainea, and thus it is well within the reach of all touring men, by whom it will be found most usesul.

Caurion to Buyers of Lamps.—The original Salsbury Bicycle Lamp has the name stamped on the outside and the name and address on the burner inside: none others are genuine. The success of these lamps has prompted many makers to produce spurious imitations and much inferior in quality. The Salsbury Lamps can be obtained at all the principal Bicycle Makers and Agents in Town and Country, and at the Manufactory, 125 and 126 Long, Acre, London, W. C. Established 1806. Also the new Supply Oil Bottle in Tin, to avoid breakage.—[Advt.]

A NEW DISCOVERY.—The best article for fixing rubber tyres o, Bioycles is S. PROUT'S ELASTIC GLUE.—Of all oilmen, leathersellers Bicycle agents, &c., or of the manufacturer, 22, Silver Street, Regent Street, Lond &6 12s. per cwt- Term cash.—[ADVI.]

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Raging.

THE SIX DAYS' BICYCLE RACE AT THE AGRICULTURAL HALL.

THE following are the selected competitors for this event, which commences on March 15: —Charles Terront, of Paris; Jules Terront, of Paris; W. Cann, of Sheffield; H. Higham, of Nottingham; Charles Hommey, of Paris; A. Andrews, of Birmingham; G. Edling, of Leicester; Wm. Shakespear, of Romford; F. Palmer, of Wokingham; Derkinderen, of Coventry. In the event of any of the man not accepting, one of the following will be selected:—H. Leeming, of Oldham; H. A. Barrow, of Wandsworth; R. Roberts, of Cramlington.

BIRMINGHAM, 23rd. February 1880.

At Myers's circus on Monday evening last the opening heats in a five-miles bicycle handicap, for £100 were run. Sixteen competitors entered the list, and produced the following results: -Heat 1: J. Prince, 70 yards start, first; P. Kaze, 150, second; T. Andrews, 150, third; J. Barrett, 135. Prince gradually drew up with his opponents, and won easily by five yards. Heat 2: W. Phillips, 45, first; J. Halford, 160, second; G. Forster, 190, third. Phillips was enabled to do pretty well as he liked with his opponents, and won by a lap and a half. Heat 3: J. Keen, scratch, first; J. Bailey, 190, second; D. Slater, 149, third. Won easily by close upon a lap. Heat 4: R. Patrick, 90, first; Smith, Darlaston, 150, second; Whitehouse, 120, third. This was the best race of the lot, Smith holding Patrick at bay for more than two miles, though the latter went to the front at last and won by 100 yards. On Tuesday the final of the handicap was run off, when Phillips came in first; Patrick, second; Keen, third, and Prince fourth. Phillips won by a couple of yards, the same distance divided second and third. Time, 32 min. 38 sec.

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THE HAMPTON COURT MEET.—PRELIMINARY MEETING. [Specially Reported.]

THE meeting convened by the Pickwick Bicycle Club to take into consideration the advi-ability of holding a Monster Meet of Bicyclists for this year, was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Tuesday, Feb. 24. Great interest was taken in this movement, as no less than 135 gentlemen attended as representing metropolitan Clubs only. We noticed, on referring to the attendance sheet, that several Clubs, who, no doubt, intend to take part in the Meet, did not send delegates.

The following delegates attended the meeting:

Albion: H. M. Turner; H. Barnett. Alert: John Mc M Shaw;
James Challis. Alwyn: H. P. Watson; J. N. Burke. Anchor: W.
Crichton Saunders; John P. Brittan. Arion: H. J. Slocombe; A.
R. Bishop. Atalanta: C. Whitiman; F. W. Clulow. Athenœum:
F. Hamilton-Mansell; Beckenham: P. McKinlay; Charles Farmer.
Belgrave: R. Jourden; W. H. Ross. Belsize: R. Hampton-Roberts;
W. Ernest Milner. Brixton: J. T. T. Brunskill; G. McCaffray,
Brixton Ramblers: F. Hutchins; E. Grimwood, Capt. Camberwell:
H. M. Jackson; G. L. Whitehead. Canonbury: H. Blackwell, Jun.; Wm.
Pye-English. Centaur: A. Surr, Capt.; James Rows, Sie. City of
London: E. C. Lucas, Capt.; J. Danks, Hon. Sec. Civil Service: W.
W. Rishworth, Capt.; C. Stuart-Perring, Hon. Sec. Clapton: A. H.,
Sælton, Capt.; H. Highstead, Hon. Sec. Clarence: W. S. Britten
Capt.; Geo. Danford, Hon. Sec. Comet: J. E. Clark; S. T. Boad
Crichton: H. J. Wood; H. G. Thompson. Criterion: H. Errle; J.
Halliday. Croydon: W. J. P. Peacock; F. Jones. Druids: J. R.
Hamilton; Theo. Secretan, Ferrnought: R. H. Browne. Finchley: W.
Turnell Tubbs; W. B. Parker. Forest Hill: Ernest Vincent Grose; Allan Turnell Tubbs; W. B. Parker. Forest Hill: Ernest Vincent Grose; Allan D. Mollison. Fulham: Edwin Elson; William Easy. Gresham:
A. Knight; J. Howard. Happy go Luckies: J. G. Hammond; H. W. Gates. Highbury: E. Seymour Paul. Highgate: J.
B. Box. Irish Champion: H. H. Griffin. I Zingari: F. E. Tobias; Frederick Salinge. Kent: Arthur W. Lacy; Arthur J. Relton. Kildare. W. H. Pook. Kingston: W. A. Swears; Edwin J. Wright. Lewisham. F. Wilson; J. H. Clayson. Lombard: Robert T. Cork; L. D. Walter London Scottish: John Turnbull; W. H. Neslie. Metropolitan London Scottish: John Turnbull; W. H. Nestle. Metropolitan T. B. Gadsden; W. Sargent. Norbiton: Sidney M. Poulton Henry Johnson. North London: Arthur Bennett; Charles Dowding' North Surrey: W. Churton; C. J. Fox. Norwood: T. C. Berington Thomas Morris. Owl: A. Arlett; McClure, F. A. Pelham' Thomas Holmes; Harry Heading. Pickwick: J. W. Beningfield C. F. Mess. Rangers: E. Dockree; R. Turner, Richmond: A. Clart. J. P. Messenda P. Parest A. Arkett. J. R. Toogood. Rovers: Arthur A. B. Woodin; Huron Short.;

St. Georges: J. F. Smith; H. Saunders. St. James: H. H. Hurst; W. P. Gibb. Saturn: R. Vazie-Simons Captain; R. Hodge. South Hornsey: J. C. Bangs; J. R. Page. Stanley: Arthur W. Hutt. South Norwood: Weekham Jones, Captain; W. R. Botterill. Star: W Dodds; R. Starkey. Stockwell: W. S. Dodwell; P. F. Coggin. Surrey: Newton L. Syer; Francis Honeywell. Surrey United. Jno. M. Jones. Sutton: Charles Crute; R. S. Faiden. Sydenham: W. L. Phelps; Frederick W. Cramphorn. Temple: F. Stevens; W. McWilliam. Tooting: G. Phillipson; E. J. Chapman. Tufnell: Herbert G. Warren; George Murdoch. Twickenham: A. G. Holmes. Tynemouth: Charles B. Wilson, B. T. C. Upton Park: Arthur Hough; B. F. Wicken. Victoria: Gustave Meves. West London: R. W. Roylance; A. W. Bülow. Westbourne: W. H. Tufts; E. F. Shaw. West Kent: W. B. Tanner. Zephyr: F. W. Hull; E. S. Ward.

The business of the evening was proceeded with in the usual way by the election of Chairman.

Mr. English, of the Canonbury B. C., proposed that Mr. J. W. Beningfield, of the Pickwick B. C. officiate as Chairman; this was duly seconded and, being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

The circular letter, convening the meeting, was read, and the Chairman then stated he would receive nominations for Hon. Sec.

Mr. Tobias, of the I Zingari, proposed that Mr. Lamartine C. B. Yeoman, of the Pickwick B. C., act as secretary; this was duly seconded, and as no other names were proposed, the proposition was duly put and carried unanimously.

Mr. Yeoman thanked the meeting, and stated he should do his utmost, as heretofore, to make the "Meet" a thorough success.

The question as to the advisability of again holding a monster meet was freely discussed, the result being, that Mr. Short, of the Rovers B. C., proposed that a monster meet take place, and as he could not call to mind any more suitable spot he should propose also the meet take place, as in previous years, at Hampton Court. This was seconded by Mr. Mr. Stevens, of the Temple B. C., put to the meeting and carried unanimously. The question now came forward as to date and time of meet.

Mr. Britten, Clarence B. C., proposed, seconded by Mr. Whiteman, Atalanta B. C., that May 22nd be the date fixed.

Mr. Wood, Crichton B. C., proposed, seconded by Mr. Sauaders, St. George's B. C., for May 8th.

Mr. Reltoa, Kent B. C., proposed, seconded by Mr. W. Lacey, Kent B. C., for May 1st.

The Chairman put the several dates to the meeting, May 22nd, receiving the undoubted support; the result being, May 22nd was fixed for the Meet to take place.

As regards the time of starting, the proposition of Mr. Jorden, Belgrave B. C., that it be 5 o'clock, was received by an overwhelming

majority. Mr. McWilliam, Temple B. C., hereupon proposed that the order of procession be as heretofore, seconded by Mr. A. W. Hutt, Stanley B. C., and carried unanimously.

Mr. Howard, Gresham B. C., proposed, that a call of 5s. from esoil Club taking part in the Meet, towards the expenses be made, was seconded by Mr. Hutchins, Surrey United B.C., and carried unani-

The Chairman now stated that the next business was to elect & Committee to consist of 16 members and a Secretary; this proposition was seconded by Mr. Shaw, Westbourne B. C. and carried unanimously.

A resolution was then passed that the H. C. M. Committee be elected from the delegates present at the meeting of from only those Clubs who proposed supporting the Meet by their attendance. The Chairman now stated he would be pleased to receive nominations for Committee. The following were in due course proposed:

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Mr. Hutt, Stanley; Seargeant, Metropolitan; McWilliam, Temple; Beningfield, Pickwick; Cork, Lombard; Saunders, Anchor; Woodin, Rovers; Relton, Kent; Tobias, I Zingari; English, Canonbury; Salinger, I Zingari; Tobbs, Finchley; Short, Rovers; Cramphorn, Sydenham; Mr. Vaize-Simons, Saturn B. C.; Mr. Starkey, Star B. C.; Mr. Hamilton, Druids B. C.; Mr. Mess, Pickwick B. C.; Mr. Parker, Finchley B. C.; Mr. Whiteman, Atalanta B. C.; Mr. Leslie, London Scottish B. C.; Mr. Wood, Crichton B. C.; Mr. Wilson, Sydenham B. C.; Mr. Britten, Clarence B. C.; Mr. Jourden, Belgravia B. C.

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There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed, after passing a very cordial vote of thanks to the chairman.

Those clubs who have not as yet forwarded their subscription (ls.,) towards the expenses of the H.C.M. for 1830, are respectfully requested to do so to Lamartine C. B. Yeoman, Hon. Sec. Hampton Court Meet, 14, Ferncliff Ral, West Hackney, E.

A BICYCLE EIGHT FEET HIGH.

BICYCLE riding has become a favourite recreation of the day, and many have attained a high pitch of efficiency and endurance in its pursuit. It has not proved, as many similar amusements have done, just the evanescent fancy of a day, doomed to fade away with the novelty of the indulgence; but proficients have trundled over long stretches of country, accomplishing long distances in very limited spaces of time. Besides this, a great degree of proficiency has been achieved by professional bicyclists from an ornamental point of view, and amongst those who have made the latter department a special study is M. Albin, a gentleman now well known in Derby through his performances at the Alexandra Rink, and who has recently greatly distinguished himself at the Agricultural Hall, London. M. Albin has now what he calls, and rightly, a "monster bicycle," and he is announced to give performances at the Rink next week

when he will display his accomplishments on his immense machine.

Last Thursday afternoon Mons. Albin mounted his machine, and rode through the town, to the great delight of the younger portion of the inhabitants, and to the wonder and admiration of those of maturer years. The machine is of elegant construction, and is eight

feet high, and Albin role it with great skill and grace.

NEW BICYCLING ESTABLISHMENT AT STAMFORD BRIDGE.

A NEW learning and practising ground for improvers has been opened adjoining the Stamford Bridge running grounds, on land belonging to the L. A. C. The proprietor of the new place is William Wool, who has for so long been connected with Mr. Sparrow's establishment. Mr. Wood, it will be remembered, was formerly a member of the Middlesex B. C. and for them won the inter-club race in 1873, from London to Brigaton and back, defeating Causton, Alfred Howard, Ward, Wheaton, Biddlecombe, and other well-known riders of that day.

In addition to teaching novices, "William" is going to pay particular attention to repairing, and also to housing machines for riders who may be training at Stamford Bridge, or who, living in apartments,

find it inconvenient to keep their bicycles at home.

He will also be agent for the sale of most of the best machines of the day. As we know from many years' personal experience that riders will always meet with attention, civility, and good temper from the proprietor of this new establishment, we have much pleasure in drawing the attention of bicyclists thereto.

ATHENÆUM B. C. ANNUAL DINNER,

This small but select Northern London Club held their Annual Dinner at the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday evening last, Mr. A. R. Forrest in the Chair. The Vice-chair was occupied by Mr, T. M. Farmilee, Captain. Amongst those present we noticed, Mr. Garvey, London; Mr. Smale, Crichton; Mr. Pigott, Mr. Dowding, North London; Mr. Liver, Draids; and Mr. Murdoch, Tufnell.

After the usual loyal toasts had been given and honoured, and Mr. Mansell, Sub-Captain, had sung "Old Timbertoes," the Chairman proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserved Forces," coupled with the

name of Mr. Smale.

Mr. Smale, after the toast had been drunk, responded in suitable terms, when Mr. Dowding, Captain of the North London, sang "Four

Jolly Smiths."

The Chairman proposed, with a briefness worthy of imitation, the "Athenmum Bicycle Club," leaving it, he said, to others, who were

bester acquainted with the subject, to deal with in detail.

. Mr. Farmilee, Captain, then rose, after the toast had been received with musical honours, and said that he thanked the meeting heartily for the manner in which they had received the toast. The Athenmum was not a large club-indeed, their number was limited to 50 riding members. During the year several of their members had been ooliged to leave their country—honourably, of course. (Lunghter.) And they had had the same amount of had weather which had fillen to other clubs. They had done a fair amount of touring. The South Coast had received the greatest attention, but Wales and the Midlands had also been visited, and one trio had assailed "la belle France." In their annual champiouship, which had been a very closely contested race, they had besten last year's time. They had also had a fair show at the Hampton Court Meet. (Cheers.)
Mr. Pigottthen sang "I couldn't help laughing—it tickled me so," in

his usual genuinely comical manner.

Mr. L. P. Yates then rose and said he had been entrusted with a most important toast, viz., that of the healt i of the distinguished and learned gentleman, Mr. Forsyth, Q.C., M.P., who was their President. He was sure all the members would be sorry that absence on the continent from ill health preventedihis being present that evening. They, however, had their Vice-President with them in the Chair, and he had much pleasure in coupling his name and health with the toast. (Cheers.)

The Vice-President, Mr. A. R. Forrest, in responding for the toast thanked them most cordially for the manner in which it had been received, and hoped that their President, whom, he said, felt the greatest in erest in the club, might soon be restored to health and the Con-

servative party. (Cheers.)

Mr. Smale, Crichton and Athenaum, sang "Philip the Falconer." Mr. McKenzie then rose and said he had a plea ant duty to perform, which was to propose the health of the Captain and Sub-Captain. (Hear, hear.) Last year their Captain had led them without running away from them on the one hand, or keeping them too long on the other. Their Sub-Captain, he said, everyone knew. If they hadn't seen him they must have heard him (laughter), or else his bugle (Hear.) The Sub-Captain rode last in the club, but he was by no means the last man in it, and he was, as they all knew, a most useful man, whether when picking a member out of the mud, or at any other

time. (Cheers.)

Mr. Mansell, Sub-Captain, who was warmly received, then rose and said that although during the four years he had been a bicyclist he had always belonged to the Athenæum B. C. and had seen it always in an Athenaum light, yet he was quite satisfied with it. (Cheers.) He knew that small clubs were much more genial than large ones. It had been urged that the Athenæum had not given any race meetings or entertainments, but he submitted that bicycle clubs were formed for road riding, and that the Athenaum had carried out thoroughly, (Hear, hear.) Last Easter the weather had tried the club severely, but they had come out scatheless. No recreation that he knew of kept young men so well together. (Cheers.) Its effect on the health was also excellent. Mr. Man ell concluded by reminding the members that the first club run would be on the 6th March.

Mr. Yates then sang, "I am an Artless Thing," from "Madame

Favart."

Mr. Smale rose, and proposed "The Officers and Committee." He said that they were very efficient members, and he had much pleasure in proposing their health.

Mr. E. F. Seymour, Hon. Sec., then responded, and said that they had only done their duty, and that the members deserved great praise for the manner in which they had supported the committee.

Mr, Dowding, Captain of the North London, then sang "Jolly

Sail or Boys."

Mr. W. R. Hurst next rose to propose, "Other Clubs." He said that if clubs did not stick together, the future of bicycling would be bad. The Athensum always did their best to meet other clubs in a cordial spirit. He had much pleasure in coupling with the toast, the names of Mr. Laver (Druids), Mr. Dowding (North London), and Mr. Garvey (London).

The toast having been received with musical honours, Mr. Dowding, (North London) said that he hoped his club would again meet the A. B. C., and if their Captain would only name a date, he would be

most happy to make a note of it. (Hear, hear.)
Mr. A. H. Garvey (London), in the course of a humorous speech, said, that in speaking for his club he felt like a little boy chaperoning a big woman. (Laughter.)

Mr. Laver also responded in appropriate terms.

Mr. C. E. Taylor (Treasurer) then proposed the "Visitors," and

regretted that the toast was necessary, inasmuch as all men might join one of the "other clubs," or the Athense in. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Lancaster retained thanks in brief but appropriate terms.

Mr. Smale sang "Will o' the Wisp.'

Mr. McKenzie then proposed the lasses-beg pardon, " The Ladies," to which Mr. Taylor responded.

Mr. Taylor then sang "And so say All of Us," with several original topical club verses.

Mr. Ernest F. Seymour (Hon. Sec.) proposed in suitable terms "The Press.

Mr. Mansell (Sub-Captain) then sang "The Midshipmite."

The to 1st having been received with musical honours, was responded to by Mr. C. W. Nairu (Bicycling Times), and the representative of The Sportsman.

Mr. Saymour then proposed the health of "Our Musical Friends," coupled with the name of Mr. Shade of the Sydenham B. C., who had so kindly, throughout the evening, acted as accompungist.

Mr. C. E. Taylor sang "Co-operation," after waich Mr. Yates pro-

posed the Chairman's health.

Mr. Yates sang "The White Squall," and Mr. Garrey recited "McTavish." This was followed by "The English n.u.," by Mr. Mansell, and a song by Mr. Lever (Druids), shortly after which the meeting broke up with "God Save the Queen."



A CLUB FOR HORSHAM.

A MEETING of bicycle riders was held lest night, at the Black Horse Hotel, to discuss the advisability of having a club for Horsham. The chair was occupied by Mr. Reeves, and there were also present —Messrs. G. F. King, R. Stotesbury. jun., J. Littlefield, Chatfield, Albery, Charman, Howick, Towse, Knight, Richards, &c. The Chairman in inaugurating the proceeding, said that the question had been mooted of forming a bicycle club here. In the neighbourhood of Horsham there were a vast number of bicycle riders—in fact, he did not know where there so many in a country town of its size; and yet they had no club. Several persons who took a delight in the manly exercise would like to form one, and they had met that evening to try and do so (hear hear). He proposed that a club should be formed, and until they could find a president he was quite ready to occupy the position. Mr. F. Albery seconded the proposal, and thanked the Chairman for his kindness. Several gentlemen present expressed themselves in favour of the proposal, which was carried unanimously. In a conversation which ensued, it was suggested that the annual subscription should be 5s., and it was ultimately resolved to aljourn the meeting until Thursday evening, when they could meet to elect officers, &c., for ensuing year.

Notes by the Way.

THINGS begin to be looking up in the provinces; during my short stay in the "Black Country," I saw makers turning out machines as fast as they possibly could.

I HEAR that C. A. Palmer, of Birmingham, is going to make it warm for some of the London Amateur cracks this season.

LACY HILLIER was as usual "all there," at the Stanley B. C. entertainment at the "Athenaum," Camden Road, last night.

Most Clubs are now arranging their Easter Tours. I intend to arrange mine in a sliding scale to suit the state of the weather.

MR. Dodds, the Captain of the Star B. C., has been obliged to resign his position through leaving the neighbourhood. During the short term of his captaincy, he has proved such a popular and efficient officer, that the "Star" will have some difficulty in electing a worthy successor.

THE Yanks seem much exercised in their minds respecting Jack Keen's extraordinary challenge. It seems never to have occurred to them that he would easily do the time he specifies, -downhill.

TREBOR NATTIRE.

Connespondence.

THE BICYCLE UNION CONSIDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOURING CLUB, AND THE BICYCLING NEWS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

SIR,—It must be a matter of regret to all Bicyclists who have the welfare of our great pastime at heart, to read in the reports of the meeting of the Bicycle Touring Club, that anything should have arisen there which might tend to diminish that entente cordiale which ought, and in fact does, exist between this institution and the Bicycle Union, both of which in their respective ways are working hard for the benefit of the sport. Unfortunately a previous engagement made it impossible for me to wait through the meeting, so I only have the printed reports and he rsay evidence to inform me as to what took place after I left. With regard to the breach of decorum of which it appears the chairman was guilty, experience and calm impartiality are not always to be found in one so young and I think he may be readily pardoned for the error he fell into, when he gave his own opinion instead of putting the motion to the meeting. Mr. Cotterell has by his exertions greatly a sisted in raising the Touring Club to its present high position, and it is only natural he should be jealous of his offspring.

It was stated at the meeting that the main object of the two bodies was identical, and inasmuch as both institutions are working for one great cause, the statement is correct; but if we analyse the work done by them respectively, it appears to me that the Bicycle Union is working for Bicyclists' welfare in a more extended and universal sense

than the Touring Club; for the whole community, whether they contribute their quota towards the fund or not, benefit equally with the members of the Union by the work accomplished by it. On the other hand the undoubted good done by the Touring Club is essentially work which only benefits the promoters and members of that as-ociation. I state this, not to make any invidious comparison, but to show the relative merit of the work done by each body. On mature consideration, I see no object in an amalgamation of the two societies, and it would be unreasonable in the extreme to expect that the Touring Club would hand over two-fifths of each individual subscription to the Treasurer of the Bicycle Union. As a member of the Touring Club myself, I have been directly and indirectly the means of obtaining for it many new members who are also members of the Bicycle Union; and it appears to me the best plan, if I may be allowed to use a vulgarism, is that of "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours," meaning, of course, that the members of the Union should place the advantages of the Touring Club before their friends, and so induce them to join, and vice versa, by this means both institutions may be equally benefitted, and in time may embrace the great Bicycling world. It would be worse than folly should any jealousy or ill-feeling crop up, between two associations which, by aiding each other ungrudgingly, can do so much good. No doubt, in certain quarters everything will be done to fan the flame of disaffection towards the Bicycle Union, but readers must bear in mind that it is done from interested motives, and treat it accordingly.

I notice with great regret one paragraph in the report of the meeting, viz, the assertion that on Mr. Short's motion, "That the B. T. C. give its support to the Union," it was negatived with loud applause. I cannot, I will not believe it, it is too un-English and unsportsmanlike, for men who have actually benefitted by freely-given work, to

be so ungenerous. One absolutely incorrect statement appeared,—that referring to the respective numerical strength of the Union and Touring Club. As the Union has at present the advantage, surely it does not require a good arithmetician to calculate that an income of £70 gives a total of 1400 members at a capitation fee of 1s. per man.

A few words now with respect to the Bicycle Union in connection with the Bicycling News. The editor of this paper asks for a few more plain-spoken fearless men of the "Hillier" type; so one of the miserable twaddlers he refers to has plucked up courage to

inflict on him a bit of his mind.

Readers who will take the trouble to look into the back numbers of the News, will find that up to a certain period the Union had the whole support of that paper. Then came a change, and for week after week, this paper has done all it can to damage the Union as at present constituted. The writer of these articles states that what he does is for the interests of the sport, and is "bona fides." I have good reason for believing that there is little "bona fides" in the matter; in fact, that it is from personal feeling, combined with the difficulty of finding subjects on which to concect his editorials, and this is why I think When I had the honour of being placed at the head of the poll for the Executive, and was elected Chairman of Committee, the editor of the News had an interview with me, when he informed me that I had gained the first position in bicycling affairs, and went on to speak to me about the Union in such a manner as to give me the impression that if the Union would condescend to act the part of the marionettes in a puppet-show, while James Inwards pulled the strings, he would assist us by his paper and influence. It is needless to say that no such wirepulling was submitted to; and this, combined with his intense dislike to Mr. Rucker, the reason for which will be no novelty to most bicyclists, and his undying hatred to Mr. Nairn (who, whatever his faults as an editor, always had the broad interests of the sport at heart, and so backed up the Union by his pen), probably determined him to the course to which he has long since devoted his mis-applied energies. Fair criticism demands, and will always obtain respect, but when such strong evidence of animus (which, fortunately for the Union, he cannot repress), appears in his writings, reasoning and thinking men will reserve their judgment, and after due consideration, come to the conclusion that such criticism is not all fair and aboveboard, and instead of helping to push the Union into the gutter, will lead it a helping hand, as an institution which, (whatever its faults), has done its little best to get the sport recognised and esteemed. That such has been the case is now beyond a doubt; if one or two faint-hearted clubs have seceided, many more are coming in, as well as the unattached riders, and these latter, from the great body of bicyclists, are the men whom we want, and who ought to join. I much regret that the ties of business prevent me from devoting more time to bicycling affairs than I am able to give, but I have long since discovered that in the bittle of life, business must have first place, and even now about one-fifth of my evenings are given up to bicycling matters.

What I would ask all bicyclists to do, instead of paying any heed to the rapid utterances of such a man, is to place in the balance the undoubted good the Union has achieved for bicyclists against the solitary error in which it fell into in some people's opinion over the Amateur v. Professional question, which I trust may soon be put right once for all. I have no doubt but that the editor of the Bicycling News will refute in his usual sarcustic manner the foregoing statements by an article to which I shall pay no attention whatever; but if I am wrong, let him personally attend a Council Meeting of the Union, and deny it man to man; but no -he will graw his finger nails, and shuffle out of it with his pen as usual.

As to the personal allusions with which, for some past, this choice specimen of an editor has chosen to amuse himself and the public at

my expense, they are beneath all contempt.

If I wish to indulge in a good hearty laugh, I take down the back numbers of the News; and turning to some of his former toudying effusions, place them side by side with the mulignant remarks with which he has lately favoured me, and am unable to repress a smile at my prophetic words some months back when I said to a friend, " It is your turn now, but mine will come next." If this miserable inkslinging weathercock finds any emplament or amusement from slating McCullum Hill, he has the full permission of yours faithfully,—W. A. SMITH.

ACCELE SATORS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

SIR.-Most of your readers no doubt have heard of the Bicvele Accelerator. I purchased one of them, and think it my duty to inform bicyclists of the danger in carrying weights such as the accelerator consists of. The apparatus I purchased weighed over 21 lbs., and cousisted of three rods with weights attached on end of each, being fastened to spindle of driving wheel by a brass clip. I had the apparatus fitted to my machine, and gave it a fair trial on a good road. I had gone about four miles at about eight miles an hour, when one of the rods broke, the weight falling, but the rod being caught between the spokes it was carried to the top of the front forks, when, after cutting several wires off, I was thrown over the handles, fortunately not being severely hurt. Of course, when the wheel revolves quickly, the strain caused by the weights on the spindle loosens the spokes, besides making the machine harder to drive. I thought it my duty to give my experience of the same,—Yours, &c, H. HOUGHTON, Hon. Sec. Bold Heath

THE HORNSEY LOCAL BOARD AND THE BICYCLE UNION. TO THE EDITOR OF "THE BICYCLING TIMES."

SIR,-I enclose a cutting from a local paper, referring to a letter read before the Hornsey Local Board on the 15th inst. My respect for the above sagacious and venerable body has never been very great, but after reading of the mirth that a sensible letter created among them, I cannot but help contemplating the formation of their noble head-pieces:—

• A CURIOUS APPLICATION.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. William Pye-English, of 18, Oxfordroad, Upper Tollington-park, Hon. Sec. of the Dangerous Hill Committee of the Bicycle Union, asking if the Union could place a conspicuous notice of enamelled iron on the top of all dangerous hills in the district, warning bicyclists that the hill was a dangerous one. Several members laughed at the idea, and it was decide to take no action in the matter. The Board, after some further routine business,

adjourned,"—Yours truly, OBSERVER, London B. C.
[We are assured by Mr. English that the euclosed is not a correct report, and that the subject has been referred to a committee for con-

sideration.—ED.]

"THE EASTER MEET AT BRIGHTON."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

Sin,-Much (as you are aware) I am in favour of large Meets, as I think it makes clubs more united one to another than anything that can possibly be brought about in connection with our sport, I cannot conceive how a Meet is to be made a success at Brighton on Easter Monday. Last year, doubtless you remember, yourself, Hillier, Adams, and self organised a gathering, but unfortunately it was not such a thorough success as I should like it to have been, principally, no doubt, on account of the shortness of notice we gave to the different clubs. Now this year all the inhabitants and pleasure se kers, I know for a fact, will go on to the Downs and see the Volunteer Review-a sight that should not be missed; and as the public to my mind are the very first to be studied in a thing of this sort, I think you will agree with me a Meet should not be attempted on Easter Mon lay; but with a good Committee formed, and a London Meeting held, as you say, at Anderton's or any other convenient place, to carry out all arrangements before hand, we might have a most glorious gathering on Whit Monday May 17th.

Before closing this Epistle I should like to make a suggestion TO YOU with regard to the several clubs attached, that will be at Brighton on Easter Monday, and that is all club men set a good example by abstaining from riding about the town, squares, Old Steine, etc. on that day, as some serious accidents will unloubtedly happen, and the our pastime no good. One thing is certain—it cannot benefit anyone to ride about and round the corners, etc., of a thickly populated town like Brighton. No! let us all meet at the Aquirinm at, say, noon on Easter Monday, and run up to London en masse.—Yours,—T. Cowell Berington, V. P. Norwood B. C.

LAMPS OR SIGNALS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

SIR,-Notwithstanding the opposition encountered on all sides, no pastime has so rapidly risen in public favour as bicycling, and we all should be sorry to find its popularity lessened by any slight inattention on the part of its supporters to the rules of the road. I would impose upon all followers of the two-wheeled steel the necessity of using some kind of lamp or signal, to herald their approach when riding in the dusk. The expense incurred is but trifling, but the service rendered by so doing invaluable. In the suburbs, especially, while evening strolls are in ulged in to a great extent, it becomes an imperative duty that the bicyclist owes to his fellow-man. Many riders, I am sorry to say, ignore the use of lamps. I think, Mr. Editor, you should point out to these offenders that, perhaps, unwittingly, they are doing great harm to the cause of bicycling, and giving to persons who have not the pluck to ride, and understand nothing about the matter, the chance of raising a cry against bicyclists. With a little care, I consider a man should be able to traverse most of the London streets as well on a bicycle as in any other vehicle; but many bicyclists are no sooner on their machines than, without thinking of the place, they must needs go rushing about crowdel thoroughfares as though they were a small "printer," flying up Fleet S reet with the names of the winner of a big race, or half-an-hour late for a hot feed .- Yours, VERB SAP.

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Yardlev.

ARTHUR W. HUTT .- Quite a mistake, the paragraphs were transposed by accident.

QUERIES ?

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route from Portsmouth to Brighton (taking in Arundel on the way), most moderate hotels or inns, and total distance? Also name of best house to stop at in Portsmouth?—HUMBER, Lombard B. C.

ERRATA.

MR. Horn was in the chair at the recent meeting of the Lombard B. C., and the balance was £6, not 6d., as printed in our report.

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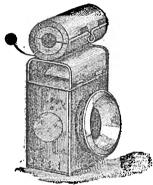
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