

ject discussed. Owing to its being Christmas week not many were able to attend, but those of our members who were present are very favorably impressed with the idea, which, instead of being as we had at first supposed—an absorption of the bicycle club by the Athenæum—is intended to be an affiliation of the two, the Toronto's still retaining their identity as a bicycle club, also become members, and enjoy to the fullest extent all the other privileges and features of the Athenæum. On the surface the advantages appear to be all on the side of the bicyclists, but there is no doubt that great benefit, direct and indirect, will also accrue to the Athenæum from the increase of membership and the admission at one time of so many members devoted to one branch of athletic sport. As to the present members of the Athenæum there is not one, so far as we know, who would not be acceptable as a member of the T.B.C.

The original object of the Athenæum, as stated in its prospectus, was to provide a place of amusement free from the objectionable features of gambling or intoxicating drinks. This principle we know has been rigidly adhered to from the beginning, and we have no doubt will continue to be a leading feature of the club in time to come.

If the Toronto's wish to join with the Athenæum, now is the time, before the plans for the new building have been fully decided upon, to have incorporated any accommodations required by our Club, and we believe the directors of the Athenæum are prepared to grant any small concessions which might be material to us and yet not interfere with others. Two or three of them have kindly consented to be present at our regular meeting on Monday evening next and fully explain their views to us. It, therefore, behooves every member of the Toronto Bicycle Club, new or old—especially the latter—whether in favor of or opposed to the plan, to be present and give the Club the benefit of his influence, opinion and vote on one side or the other.

A Moment With the Boys.

DURING the next few days may be seen in Messrs. Matthews' window, at 95 Yonge Street, a well-executed portrait of our old friend and club-mate, the late E. T. Coates. Those who wish to see it should not delay, as we understand it is soon to be removed.

THE boys have organized a skating party to attend the Carnival in the Granite, on Friday, January 2, 1891. Already between twenty and thirty have decided to go, so put

on your uniform, bring your skates, and meet at the T. B. C. rooms at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

EVERY member of the Club who has a voice at all should assist Mr. Hall in trying to make the Glee Club a success. He very kindly places his time at the disposal of the Club every Saturday evening, and we certainly think that the least the members can do is to assist him to their utmost.

THE Snow Shoe Club have had several tramps without snow shoes, which have been well attended. The regular tramps are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. and Saturday afternoons at 3 o'clock. Bring your snow shoes and join the special tramp called for New Year's Day, to start from the Club House at 3 p.m.

SOME kind friend has sent us a piece of poetry, which we will be very much pleased to publish if he will also favor us with his name "not for publication." In this connection it may be as well to state that we will at all times be pleased to receive communications of interest to bicyclists in general, or the T. B. C. in particular, but in all cases the name of the writer must accompany them.

THE last bicycle ride of 1890 in Canada is, we think, to be placed to the credit of the Torontos. Seven members of the Club, Messrs. Holtby, Scott, Fawcett, Macdonald, Parker, Nasmith and Hurdall, started from the Club House, at 9.30 on Christmas morning, the first five going as far as the Halfway, and there waiting until Nasmith and Hurdall went to the Creek and returned to join them on the run home. The cold wind was extremely hard on fingers and toes, but all managed to return without any frost bites.

THE first "At Home" given by the members of the T. B. C. was held on Tuesday, the 16th instant, and proved a very pleasant entertainment. Every one seemed to enjoy himself, and the committee are to be congratulated upon the success of their first venture. The programme consisted principally of songs and instrumental music, varied by a couple of good recitations. The choice of Mr. Bruce Brough as chairman was a happy one, and he materially aided in the success of the affair. By the way, would he make a good President of the T. B. C.? The committee have requested us to express their thanks to the friends who so kindly assisted us in passing such a pleasant evening.

THE next issue of CYCLING will contain a sketch of the career of Dave Nasmith, the Canadian Road Champion.