

What a Contributor Has to Say About the New Officers of the T.B.C.

President Cox is a very nice young man, liked by all—especially the ladies; but as he is now a benedict, this portion of the community are “not in it.” He possesses good business capabilities, which are specially adapted to pushing forward the successful completion of the much-expected club house.

Vice-President Langley is now in the place where he can have his mileage counted for every tour he makes this summer. Charlie is a good fellow and richly deserves his rank, but if brother Tubby devotes as much time to the Royal Arcanum this year as he did last, what will the club do without its two financial scrutineers?

Jimmy Wood, as secretary, will doubtless fill that rather thankless position with all conscientiousness.

Treasurer W. Geo. McClelland—Ah! how much safety reposes in that name (notwithstanding the new “Rational”) With all due respect to the gentleman who opposed Mr. McClelland in the late election, there is no member of the club who would appreciate the honor of this office more than “Mac,” and none who will watch its interests more closely.

Captain Will Robins, “the man of destiny,” is all right. We expect great things from our captain this year, and we hope that the merciless editors of CYCLING will have no cause to alter the good opinion voiced some time ago.

The four lieutenants are a jolly set of fellows, well adapted to second the efforts of a good leader. May they dwell in harmony together.

Dr. Doolittle has the proud distinction of holding office longer than any other individual in the club; in fact, he is recognized as part of the concern.

The reporting work will be well looked after by Eddie Scott, who is as versatile as he is true.

Mr. McMahon will see that the buglers keep their lungs and bugles in good shape for the season. By the way, will the hon. treas. do any blowing this year?

On the committee of management we find the old stalwarts Messrs. Harry Rylie and R. Thos. Blatchford; also Antici Pator H. Gregg, of banquet fame, and H. Bruce Brough. All these gentlemen are energetic, and should, in conjunction with the officers, advance the interests of the club to a marked degree.

Rochester Letter.

DEAR EDITOR,—At the semi-annual meeting of the New York State Division of the League of American Wheelmen held at the Hotel Kenmore, Albany, on Monday, Chief Consul Bull reported a phenomenal growth of the organization, the membership for this State now reaching 3,080 members. A new road book will be issued to the members during the coming season, which will be the most perfect book of the kind ever issued. Cash on hand, \$1,243.45. They are working in harmony with the Road Improvement Association of the State, who now have a bill before the legislature for systematic road improvement. They are furnishing to the daily and weekly press, manuscript for publication showing the advantages of road improvement. The road improvement committee are offering cash prizes for photographs showing the badness of bad and goodness of good road. The next meeting will occur at Rochester in August or September. The most important matter was presented by F. H. Bettys, who advocated that the New York division should be the first to guarantee protection to its members from the bicycle thief, by a system of rewards to its members for detection of the thief and the return of the wheel, the league to prosecute the thief at their own expense. As the L. A. W. has over 20,000 members in the United States it is proposed to make a detective of each of these members, for their own property, so a wheel stolen in Rochester cannot be carried elsewhere without detection as the membership extends into every town and state where bicycles are ridden and each member of the league would receive notice of the theft, though the weekly official organ. The following committee was appointed to perfect the plan of operation: F. H. Bettys, Rochester; I. B. Potter, New York City; Walter S. Jennings, Buffalo. The same committee were instructed to consider the advisability of incorporating the N. Y. Division L. A. W. Yours,

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Our English Namesake.

Cycling, edited by Chas. P. Sisley, of London, Eng., has made its appearance, and reflects great credit upon the name. We are a little sorry that they should have chosen our name, as of course it is ours by right of priority. However, we will dwell in peace and harmony together, and not anticipate any confusion that may arise as a sequence of both bearing the same appellation. Congratulations, Brother Sisley, on your first number; may you enjoy every success in your new venture.

“The mills of the gods grind slowly
But the grind exceeding small;
Though with patience He stands waiting,
With exactness claims he all.”

How often is this quotation made, and yet how true it is! How invariably it works out! Even in the cycling world the man who endeavors to register a lien upon the earth and its inhabitants by questionable measures, sooner or later finds that he has missed it, and what is the result?