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## This Paper.

When six months ago the first number of this paper was issued, its publishers had a feeling that its success was almost a certainty. That feeling, we are happy to say, is confirmed by the hearty support we have received from Canadian Wheelmen. To-day THE BICYCLE is in a position of comparative independence, which is all the more satisfactory to us, when we reflect that it has been brought there by its own merits, and not by the aid of offering commissions and prizes to canvassers, as the rag, tag and bobtail sheets do. When a paper descends to offering prizes to the person who secures the largest number of subscribers, it is a pretty sure sign of worthlessness, and that the public appreciate it as it deserves.

With its next number THE BICYCLE enters upon its second volume, and with that number, many important improvements and changes will be made in it. To carry out our designs successfully, we want the aid of Canadian Cyclers. This paper is intended to be the representative and mouth-piece of Canadian Wheelmen. If our friends will remember this and send us all the home news they can, they will help us to make it what it is intended to be, and save us from the necessity of devoting so much of our space to American affairs. We cannot print Canadian news when we have not got it, and we have no means of procuring it except through Canadian Wheelmen.

Secretaries of Canadian Clubs are requested to send us a complete list of the members of their clubs, with the

officers, date of formation, etc., and also to send us notices of any social meetings, periodical business, meets, runs, etc. These will be published under a special club heading. Correspondence is also solicited. Correspondents will please remember that they must send us their real names with their *nomes de plume*, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

In thanking our friends for their recognition of THE BICYCLE's merits, we wish to call the attention of those few who have not subscribed, that it is time that they did so, a little help from you all and THE BICYCLE will boom and Canadian Wheelmen will have a paper that they can indeed be proud of.

## False Teaching.

The gifted but unappreciated Mr. Fred. Jenkins, editor of the marvellous *Wheel*, is, in some respects, one of the most wonderful and remarkable men that ever entered the arid and unprofitable waste of bicycling journalism. There is no man, perhaps, not even the "Howl" or the accomplished Mr. Chas. E. Pratt, to whom has been given so many uncommon talents. Mr. Jenkins we fancy, stands somewhat as Saint Peter is represented in a stained-glass church window, and consents to be admired, nay worshipped, by the rest of the world.

Mr. Jenkin's extraordinary ability is attested by the best authority Mr. Wm. E. Gilman, Mr. J. S. Dean, Mr. E. C. Hodges, "Juvenis" and other eminent wheelmen, speak of his peculiar logic, his genius for misrepresentation, his easy and careless betrayal of confidences his appetite, his feet and his æsthetic tastes with bated breath. It might well be supposed, then, that he would find his position as editor of the *Wheel* an easy one; and we might readily be pardoned for expecting editorials as naive as the confessions of Rousseaux, as fearless as Mattice's letters to the *Toronto Globe*, and as interesting as the dying speech of a condemned culprit.

It is with much reluctance that we express our great disappointment in Mr. Jenkins as an Editor. His articles are written in a misleading style, and are not tempered with that nice sense of honor and justice that we expect from so great and good a man. They are not at all satisfying either as regards rhetoric or honesty of purpose. The *Wheels'* editorial columns have been made a channel through which to misrepresent and abuse the *Bicycling World*. It is all very well for one paper to damn another when the doing

of it does some public good, but when the damning is done for the purpose of personal aggrandizement and by misrepresentation and falsehood, it becomes dishonest and contemptible. Mr. Jenkins must know that to advance the interest of his own paper with the *League*, he had mis-applied extracts from the *Bicycling World*, and that in doing it, he has borne false witness against his neighbor; that instead of preserving his paper's independence, he had toadied to the *League*, and to a certain prominent bicycle manufacturer on every possible occasion; that he has acted latterly in such a manner as to win for himself the contempt of every honest man. His great heart must have swollen many a time when he thought of these things. That keen sense of right and wrong which he possesses, must have urged him time and again to expose himself as he had exposed the secrets and betrayed the confidences of others. But he kept his lips sealed. It seems to us this is a false sense of delicacy. Mr. Fred. Jenkins should have exposed himself ruthlessly.

If there was a wrong done to the *League* by the *Bicycling World*, why did not this self-constituted champion right it honestly? Surely there was no need to twist and torture meanings from paragraphs that the man who wrote them never intended them to bear; that they did not bear when read in their proper place in the articles that they originally formed parts off. But was there a wrong done? To us it seems that Mr. Fred. Jenkins has done nothing to show that the *World* has acted otherwise than as a good friend to the *League*; he has done nothing to show that his abuse of the *World* has not been to gain for his own paper the rather doubtful prestige that the "official organship" of the *League* lends.

Mr. Jenkins false teaching places him in a peculiar position. It renders him liable to general suspicion. If he acts dishonestly in one case, what will he not do in another? The editor of a paper should be one in whom confidence can be placed, whose word can be relied on. Can the bicycling public rely on Mr. Jenkins? It certainly seems as if it can not.

## Wake Up.

Winter is over and spring is upon us. Overhead the sky is growing bluer daily; the soil yields to the pressure of the foot; the robin sends forth his cheery note from all around; the trees are beginning to bud, the sun is getting warmer and warmer; all over this fair