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During Mr. Peard's absence from the city Mr. Fred Bryers has very kindly consented to take charge of local matters connected with this paper. So, for the present, all communications, correspondence, etc., will be addressed to him at 26 Wellington St. East.

Brotherly Love.

WE are certainly very much amused at the efforts put forth in the last number of the *Canadian Athlete* to arouse our fighting proclivities. No doubt our excellent friend, the editor of this highly embellished and widely read sheet, would like to draw us into a wordy warfare, but CYCLING will never enjoy a spasmodic boom as the result of an exhibition of buffoonery directed in a personal manner at any individual or corporation. As we note the pointed allusions to the "pamphlet," "mirror," "the rival god," we cannot but think of the lines which run: "Show me a man who has not an enemy, and I will show you a man who is a nonentity." We do not want to regard the *Athlete* in the light of a contemporary that differs from our views with antagonistic intent; but be that as it may, we will not devote our space to a controversy which, as far as it has already gone, savours but little of the elevating influence which even Canadian cyclists can absorb with profit. With regard to the pleasing reference made to the early necessity of our friends supplying a tombstone in remembrance of "the pamphlet," while we are naturally of a hopeful and sanguine disposition, we would warn the *Athlete* to look out that there is no boomerang following in the wake of its prognostication. We have said this much, and here it ends. If the *Athlete* will accept a word of serious advice from us, we would say that no non-partisan paper derives any good from

maligning any person. The editor certainly does not rise any higher in the esteem of his friends, and the paper is not read with any greater interest by the class of readers that is desirable for the paper's welfare.

The C. W. A.

WE have heard a good many remarks during the past week or ten days in regard to our brief note in the last issue with reference to the Association, and all seemed of the opinion that it was time the officers stirred themselves a little to let people know they were alive, if nothing more. We do not wish it to be understood that we are opposed to the Association, or that we think it a useless organization. There is no doubt that at present and for a long time past it has been in a dormant condition, and, as it is supposed to represent the sport of wheeling in Canada, that sport to an outsider must seem very tame.

The fact is, however, that we are thoroughly alive to the necessity of such an organization to protect and further the interests of wheelmen in Canada, and we hope that the day is not far distant when the officers of the Association will understand that they are not elected merely as ornaments, but that they are looked upon as the representatives in Canada of an active and living Association. We have already suggested a couple of subjects which might very profitably engage their attention, and when we find these being taken hold of and discussed by them we will mention a few more subjects which we think need their attention.

Athenæum—T. B. C.

ALL present felt and spoke as if the meeting of the T. B. C. on Monday evening last was the most important in its history. The question of affiliation with the Athenæum Club was the subject of discussion and there is no doubt that Dr. Doolittle's motion in favor of it would have carried, had not the fear of absorption by the Athenæum acted as an incentive to Vice President Cox, and several of the older members, who were able to place before the members a feasible plan for building a Club House of their own, and thus retain their independence, at the same time having every convenience of a good Club, so that in future we may expect to see the Torontos as lively and active in winter as in summer. In some ways we are sorry that the T. B. C. is not to join hands with the Athenæum, but most decidedly think, after considering everything, that it is for our best interests to remain an independent Club.