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A CORRECTION.

Whereas an impression has got abroad that this paper is published under the auspices of the bicycle clubs of London, Ont., we wish to state that such is not the case. The CANADIAN WHEELMAN is published independent of all bicycle clubs, both in this city and out, and is the sole property of the publishers, W. Kingsley Evans and J. B. Dignam.

O. W. A. POINTS.

We unwittingly did a wrong in our last issue to the C. W. A. officials in London and Montreal. Just after the paragraph we refer to had been written, but before the publication of our February number, the Secretary received road reports from both of these cities. Consul Muirhead, of London, sent in several very good reports on the roads in this neighborhood, and in addition he has done good service in the way of obtaining advertisements for the Guide Book.

From the tenor of what Secretary Donly writes us, we are led to think that he has fallen in love with Chief Consul Tibbs. That gentleman has been working nobly for the Association. He appointed his consuls for the city, as given in our last issue, and then went to work with them in giving the roads in his District. He has been engaged for some time in mission work, which has obtained for the C. W. A. a footing in the City of Quebec which promises to grow to the entire Club in the immediate future. More power to Mr. Tibbs' elbow, we say. Would that there were more like him.

We must congratulate the C. W. A. on the very evident prosperity which is now attending it. In this issue there a large number of applications for membership—a goodly addition, indeed, for the month of March, with snow lying many inches deep on the ground, all nature still fast asleep in the arms of John Frost, and the majority of wheels still wrapped in flannel in the lumber room. In the words of its own appropriate motto, it grows *a pas de géant*.

Our readers, many of whom are doubtless anxiously awaiting the publication of the Guide Book, will be pleased to learn that

the first pages of it are now in the hands of the printer and that nearly all the data for its completion are in the possession of the editors. It is expected that it will be ready for distribution the last of April or beginning of May.

Article XV. of the By-laws of the C. W. A. says that "Between the first and tenth days of April in each year the Secretary shall send to each member of the Association a ballot paper for representatives and chief consuls, on which shall be printed the names of any nominees proposed and seconded by two members of the District, before the first day of April. It will, by this, be seen that only a short time now has to elapse until the time for nominations will be closed. Secretaries of clubs will do well to bestir themselves in this matter and have their clubs pick out their nominees at once. It is earnestly to be hoped that no person will be nominated who will not, if elected, be enthusiastic in the promotion of the interests of the C. W. A. Nominations must, of course, be sent to the Secretary.

CROWDED OUT.

The following very interesting communications are unavoidably crowded out of this issue, but will appear in our April number: An article on "The Niagara to Boston tour," A complete sketch of "X. M. on a Bi." by Karl Kron, and club letters from the Toronto Bicycle Club, the Ottawa Bicycle Club, and the Wanderers.

We are pleased to announce that the CANADIAN WHEELMAN has been moved into larger quarters in the Edge Block, corner of Richmond and Dundas streets, where we will be pleased to welcome all our old friends, who may visit us.

Anyone having copies of our November, 1883, number to spare, will confer a great favor on us by mailing to this office, as our stock of them has accidentally run very low.

The March number of *Outing and the Wheelman* comes out with a charming snow scene for a frontispiece, and a mixture of winter and summer in its contents, as varied as the season. A light tennis sketch, by Arlo Bates, with lively illustrations, has the first place. The Leaves from Mr. Chadbourne's Journal of his etymological studies on a bicycle tour give a solid modicum of science to the number, set off by butterfly pictures. Winter, in its various aspects of beauty and of storm, appears in two essays; and in another one Commodore Jones describes a trip on skates from Hartford to Springfield, done in three hours, with the assistance of one of those swift Norwegian rigs of sails that make every man his own ice-yacht. They seem to carry a man at a splendid pace when the wind and ice are right. Then there are some bicycling poems and excursions, and a yachting sketch. The best fiction in the number is a breezy, out-door story, begun by President Bates,

called *The Masq allonge*, and it has one of the best descriptions of a storm in it that we remember, being written by a man who knows what he is writing about. If the character-drawing is as good as the description of nature, the story will be a powerful one. The illustrations, however, are not as good as have appeared in this journal before, but *Outing and the Wheelman* has a broad and attractive field, and one that is steadily gaining attention from the public. It is filling it increasingly well.

Anything and Everything.

The annual meeting of the C. W. A. is to be held in Toronto on April 11th.

Out of five prize-winners at the sports and games in the Queen's Ave. Rink, in this city, three were bicyclists.

Although rather late, we must acknowledge the receipt of complimentary tickets for the Belleville Bi. Club Concert, and exceedingly regret that the great distance prevented us from accepting their kind invitation. The concert, of which an account is given elsewhere, was a grand success, and we hope it may not be the last this Club may enjoy.

It is rumored that a St. Thomas young lady has taken kindly to the bicycle and has learned to ride it. It is also rumored that she will make her *debut* at the big tournament to be held in London on May the 24th, but maybe it is only rumor.

A TOKEN OF ESTEEM.

The members of the Montreal Bicycle Club, which has the proud honor of being the second oldest club on the continent, and of including within its ranks the amateur champion of Canada, held a meeting last evening in the Montreal Gymnasium, Mansfield street. The popular President, Mr. H. S. Tibbs, occupied the chair, and there was a very large attendance of members. After some fifteen new members had been proposed and some other routine business transacted, the President, in a few well-chosen remarks, on behalf of the Club, presented Mr. W. G. Ross, the amateur champion of Canada, with a magnificent Rudge riding machine as a mark of the high appreciation in which he is held by his fellow-members. Mr. Ross feelingly returned thanks, and in the course of his remarks expressed his intention of taking part in the annual races of the Canadian Wheelman's Association, which takes place at Toronto on the 1st of July. He also intended going to Springfield, Mass., in the fall, when he will compete with some of the crack American riders. The Club is justly proud of Mr. Ross, and there is no doubt but that he will give a brilliant account of himself during the coming season. The sixth annual meeting of the Club will take place on the 10th of April, when very satisfactory reports will be presented and arrangements made for the approaching season.—[*Montreal Gazette*.]