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CHRISTMAS GREETING.

It is now about five months since our journal was first thought of, and we are pleased to hear and know that, since commencing, so much progress has been made in this short period, and for which we tender our sincerest thanks to those who have so perseveringly worked for us in our good cause, by furnishing us with news, correspondence, subscriptions, congratulations, etc.

Although the present season of the year is anything but beneficial to the pleasures of out-door bicycling, still, during the winter months no one is at a loss for amusements when so many attractions abound, besides the old familiar Club rooms where everything, no doubt, will soon be discussed and talked over to make next season's touring and sport better than ever, and even now there are Canadian tours arranged for next season, which, it is to be hoped, will bring forth a new era in bicycling.

We hope to receive a good share of encouragement during the coming season, which we intend to reciprocate by improving our journal as much as possible.

We cannot close the present joyous season better than by wishing all of our readers, bicyclists and otherwise, "A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

ROAD DRIVING.

A great deal of discussion has arisen on the article published in our last issue, headed, "Important to Bicyclists," with reference to how a rider should act when meeting fractious horses on the road, and it has generally been decided that if you intend dismounting (which is not peremptory by any means), do so before coming close up to the horse, as the mere action of dismounting while passing close by invariably frightens the animal, but in the event of not dismounting, all that can be required of you is to keep as near as possible to the side of the road (even for the sake of your own convenience, if the horse should happen to bolt), and slackening up, ride by easily, and you can then feel perfectly satisfied that no blame can be attached to you in any way.

As a rule, the drivers make a big fuss, which usually ends in a loss of time and talk on their part, and in case of accidents—which are mainly due to their own crankiness—the wheelmen are unreasonably blamed.

THE FOREST CITY BICYCLE CLUB.

Before the CANADIAN WHEELMAN is again issued, the end of the present year of the Forest City Bicycle Club will have come to an end, and the new management decided upon, and it is to be sincerely hoped that all the members will fully consider everything that is necessary to re-establish the Club on a strong and secure basis, and use their own good judgment in appointing those on the Management Committee.

Financially, the Club is on as good a footing as any club in Canada, but the members do not seem to look at the matter seriously enough, and they allow other clubs not half as well situated, to take the lead in every particular.

It might only be added, that, at the meeting which will be held on the first Monday in January next, every member of the Club who takes any interest in the sport whatever, should make it a point to be in attendance, and in the event of not being present, he can only blame himself if dissatisfied with the officers for 1884.

THE C. W. A. MEDALS.

Mr. T. H. Robinson, the jeweller, of Toronto, writes us that the order for the Association Medals, won on the 1st of July last, has at last been placed in his hands, and he is now actively engaged in working on them.

SAMPLE COPIES.

We have been mailing sample copies of the CANADIAN WHEELMAN to all parties in Canada, whose names we happened to secure, not for the purpose of forcing the paper upon them, but hoping that they would become more or less interested in it, being the only paper of its kind in Canada, and also as a polite invitation to subscribe if they found the paper worthy.

There is no end of discussion in the States over the financial results of the Springfield tournament. The Springfield Club is claiming that there was a deficit of \$1,300, and it is alleged that at a late meeting of the Club the members were assessed fifteen dollars per head to meet the shortcoming. On the other hand it is claimed that the Springfield Club pertinaciously withhold their balance sheet, and that in reality they have a big balance on hand. A western paper states that they cleared \$22,000. At all events the Springfield Club intend holding another tournament next year.

The December number of the *Wheelman* contains the announcement that that ably-conducted magazine is to be consolidated with *Outing*, under the title of *Outing and the Wheelman*, which no doubt will produce a magazine meriting the patronage of everyone who takes an interest in out-door sports. We wish them every success.

Anything and Everything.

Tetotalism is on the increase. There are 30,000 bicyclists in the United States who never smile.

Now is the time to take your machines to W. A. Brock's and have them thoroughly overhauled. Remember the address—375 Clarence Street.

The *Western Cyclist* appears this month as newy as ever. It follows the Canadian tourists as far as Goderich, and is loud in its praise of the Canadian roads.

It is said that W. G. Ross, the Canadian champion will not race next year, except possibly, at the championship meeting of the C. W. A. He can't spare time to train.

The last number of the *Cyclist* (Coventry) comes to hand, full of information for Bicyclists in all parts of the world. We always look forward to receiving the *Cyclist* with pleasure.

Through the kindness of the author, we have received the book entitled "Lyra Bicyclica," by J. G. Dalton, Boston, which justly merits all the praiseworthy notices which it has received.

No living thing moving on the face of the earth by its own muscular exertion can overcome distances at our pace. We can only be passed by "through express trains," on first-class railroads.

Why should bicyclists not take a flying start? They are made to start from the scratch, being pushed off by an assistant. If a flying start were allowed, we'd soon get nearer to the horse record.

The *New York Sun*, whose columns on Sundays contain examples of the best productions of the day, clips often from the *Wheelman*. No higher compliment, nor one better deserved, could be paid.

The Belleville Bicycle Club is going to have a first-class hall about 200x60 feet, in connection with their Club room, which is being neatly fitted up. All wheelmen happening in that city will be cordially welcomed.

A horse became frightened at a truck near the Decatur depot last week and ran away, throwing the driver out and tearing the buggy to pieces. Still the trucks run on. Suppose a bicycle had caused the smash-up, when would we have heard the last of it?—*Sunday Journal*.

A basket of flowers was presented to Mrs. Cooper, who plays the leading part in the *New York Opera Troupe*, which lately visited Toronto, by the members of the Wanderers' Bicycle Club, of Toronto. Mrs. Cooper is the wife of Lieutenant George Cooper, of the Wanderers.

Now has come the season of the year when the wheelman enjoys the last few remaining spins allowed him before Jack Frost, Esq., upon his cycle of ice, leaves the tracks of his passing wheel upon our roadways in the form of snow and slush, and general discomfort to the wheel world.—*Sunday Journal*.