

was severe enough to sprain his wrist, but only slightly.

Everything passed off in a pleasant and enjoyable manner and the weather was all that a bicycle rider could possibly wish for, being delightfully cool and cloudy. They ends one of the best, (if not entirely the best) rides the members of the T.B.C. have ever had, but we hope to have a repetition of it in the near future.

G. S. M.

Toronto, Nov. 15, 1882.

C. W. A.

Amateur Bicyclers everywhere are cordially invited to join the Canadian Wheelmen's Association. The admission fee is \$2.00, or \$2.00 for every five members, or fraction thereof of a club whose entire active membership joins. Provided such club has a rule in its by-laws that every member must be and remain a member of the Association as long as he is a member of said club. Make checks, drafts or postal money orders payable to Jas. S. Brierley, St. Thomas, Ont., and address all communications in regard to applications for membership to him. Write names of applicants plainly, with first name in full, giving full address and on one side only of separate sheet from letter of advice. Applicants should notice names as published in THE BICYCLE, and notify the Secretary-Treasurer if any error is made. Wheelmen generally should not use the names also, and inform the Secretary-Treasurer (confidentially) if any professional or otherwise objectionable person applies. Information regarding the Association will be sent to any address on application to the Secretary-Treasurer. Every member should endeavor to extend the influence and benefits of the Association by inviting desirable Wheelmen to join.

The rules of the Association are given in full in the first number of THE BICYCLE, and may be obtained post free by sending ten cents to the office. It is important that every member should be familiar with these rules.

All clubs and unattached wheelmen should subscribe to THE BICYCLE, which, as the official organ of the Association, will contain all important notices to members.

A MEETING of the Provisional Board of Directors was held in Hamilton at THE BICYCLE office on the 16th of November. The following gentlemen were present:—Aldermen Jas. R. Boustead, President, and Jas. S. Brierley, H. B. Donley, C. B. Keenleyside and J. H. Eager. On motion Mr. Boustead occupied the chair.

It was moved by Mr. Eager and seconded by Mr. Keenleyside, that Mr. Brierley be appointed Secretary-Treasurer in place of Dr. Chas. Clarke of Aylmer, who had been elected at the St. Thomas meeting in September last, and who did not wish to occupy the position. Carried unanimously. No other business of importance was transacted.

CIRCULAR.

To Canadian Amateur Wheelmen:—

In Toronto, on the 11th September, 1882, at a meeting of delegates from the principal bicycle clubs of Canada, it was decided that an association of Canadian wheelmen should be formed, to be called "The Canadian Wheelmen's Association" whose object should be "to promote the general interests, and ascertain, defend and protect the rights of wheelmen; to encourage and facilitate touring, and to establish Canadian Championships." At a meeting held in St. Thomas on September 22nd, a Provisional Board of Officers was appointed to hold office until July 1st, 1883. The draft of a constitution and by-laws prepared by a committee appointed at the Toronto meeting, was accepted as the constitution and by-laws of the Association until action might be taken thereon at the first meeting of the Association.

The organization is one deserving the hearty encouragement and co-operation of every Canadian wheelman, and you are cordially invited to present your names for membership.

The benefits of such an Association cannot be more clearly expressed than by the following extract from an address of the Bicycle Touring Club of England to the L. A. W.:—"Genial companionship, easy intercommunication, mutual protection and defence, sensible laws and reasonable administration of them, good roads and some degree of freedom in the use of them, comfortable hotels and moderate charges—these are indispensable auxiliaries to the progress and safety of cycling. In such matters the individual wheelman is powerless, and the ordinary club ineffective; but a league of cyclists can exercise a great influence in obtaining public recognition of their wants, and in

promoting the success and increasing the popularity of cycling."

The Association will be the recognized authority in Canada in regard to bicycle racing, and infringement of its rules will entail heavy penalties. Canadian championships will be established, and annual meetings of the Association held, from whence many advantages can not fail to be derived.

In order that the Association may be in a good position for practical work by the Spring of 1883, it is necessary that as large a membership as possible be at once secured; and it cannot be too strongly urged upon all wheelmen who are anxious for the prosperity of their sport (and what wheelman worthy of the name is not?) the desirability of at once sending in their applications for membership. The annual fee is two dollars, or in case of clubs whose entire members join, two dollars for every five members, or fraction thereof, provided such club has a rule in its by-laws to the effect that every member must be and remain a member of the Association as long as he is a member of the said club. The low fees charged to members of clubs will, it is hoped, act as an incentive to the formation of clubs in districts where such do not at present exist. There will soon be but few places in Canada where five wheelmen—the minimum number required to form a club—can not be found within a radius of one or two miles. All membership certificates issued prior to July 1883, will be valid until July 1884. The fees in all cases must accompany applications for membership, which will be published in ensuing number of THE BICYCLE, and if within two weeks from date of publication no objections are raised, the certificates will be issued.

Copies of the first number of THE BICYCLE containing the constitution and by-laws of the Association have been sent to Secretaries of all Canadian clubs, and it is hoped these gentlemen will at once bring the same to the attention of their clubs, and forward to the Secretary of the Association any amendment that may be suggested.

Wheelmen are respectfully requested to furnish the Secretary with information regarding roads, the distances between towns and any other information of interest to brother cyclists.

Inquiries will be cheerfully answered by the Secretary.

JAS. R. BOUSTEAD, Pres., C.W.A.,

Toronto.

JAS. S. BRIERLEY, Sec.-Treas., C.W.A.,
St. Thomas, Ont.

THE MEDITATIVE CRANK.

"In 'cycling meditation fancy free."

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Nov. 22d, 1882.

MY DEAR BICYCLE,—Your November issue was decidedly in advance of the initial number, and that is saying a good deal. The new "head" that has been attached to the machine is certainly an improvement as regards appearance, and will doubtless do its part in helping to steer THE BICYCLE through the straight and narrow path that leads to success.

Well, local happenings of a bicycle character have been few and far between the last three or four weeks. But bicycle talk has not abated one jot or tittle. Did you ever notice that characteristic of wheelmen, how they are never tired of talking wheel? In season and out of season, the enthusiastic cyclist devotes himself to the task of letting the non-riding public know that their lives have so far been wasted, but that they may yet know what true happiness is if they buy a bicycle. When I say "enthusiastic cyclist," I mean every wheelman, for they all "enthuse." A man who owns a bicycle and doesn't talk it is but a skeleton of a wheelman, he is weak kneed and lacks backbone.

By-the-way the request in my last month's effusion for a "stuffed club" was quickly answered,

for a man came down here from Hamilton with a "special club" and charmed so wisely that several of our men could not resist his blandishments, and our first love, the "British Challenge," has now to bear comparison with the "Club." They are both good machines; "may their tribe increase."

I am sorry to see the feeling of dissatisfaction with regard to the workings of the League that is spreading over the States—sorry that anything should occur to weaken the bonds that knit wheelmen closer together. But the fault lies in the inherent weakness of the League. Its machinery is entirely inadequate for the work demanded of it. I think the true solution of the difficulty lies in the formation of Associations similar to our Canadian one—say one for each state, with a national governing body from each State association. The officials of the League say that its constitution contains provision for such a mode of government. It does in a way. But the cart is put before the horse. Membership in the National Association is necessary before a wheelman can belong to his State Association. He has to pay dues to two organizations, one of which he expects to derive but little direct benefit from. Let that man subscribe to a State Association whose benefits will be tangible ones, and of which he will have a voice, and there will at once be a healthier feeling in the body bicyclicular.

CRANK.

FLUTTERING SNOW-FLAKES

"None name it but to praise."

A credit to its publishers.—*Blyth Reviewer.*

It is neat, newsy and bound to succeed.—*Hamilton Evening Times.*

The second number of THE BICYCLE has appeared and is a marked improvement on the October one, good as the latter was.—*Toronto Mail.*

THE BICYCLE is the official organ of the C. W. A., and is a bright and interesting paper. It should be taken by every wheelman in Canada.—*London Advertiser.*

The second issue of THE BICYCLE, the only Canadian paper devoted to the wheel interests, and the official organ of the "Canadian Wheelmen's Association," has been received. It presents an excellent appearance typographically, is ably edited, and contains full particulars of all happenings in Canadian bicycle circles. It deserves the support of all Dominion wheelmen. Messrs. Eager and Nichol, of Hamilton, are the publishers.—*St. Thomas Journal.*

The second number of THE BICYCLE, a new monthly periodical published in this city, has made its appearance, and is in every respect a creditable little paper. Its eight pages are devoted to the interests of the machine whose name it bears, and its riders, and are replete with newsy items of the doings of wheelmen throughout Canada. C. Nichol ably fills the editorial chair, whilst J. H. Eager looks after the business department. Considerable ability is displayed in the manner in which the paper is conducted, and it is a most deserving little publication in every respect.—*Hamilton Spectator.*

Just as we go to press we receive copies of the *Cyclist* and *Tricyclist*, England's leading of wheel publications. These are the first English wheel papers we have seen, and a hurried glance through their contents gives us a very high opinion of the ability of their conductors. Henry Sturmev and C. W. Nairn edit the *Cyclist*, and Mr. Lucy Hillier attends to the "trike." Both are good papers and will receive a more extended notice in another issue.