

Toronto Bicycle Club.

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Club House—Cor. Church and Alexander Sts.

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CLUB NOTICES.

THE regular meeting of the Club will be held in the Club House on Monday evening next, the 5th instant.

Some of the important matters to be brought before this meeting are:—

The proposed affiliation with the Athenæum Club, in connection with their building a new club house.

The Club incorporation scheme.

The notice of motion left over from last meeting re the raising of fees.

The voting of estimates for the proposed January concert, and appointing committees, etc., for same.

A large attendance is particularly requested.

Some Club members who were not at the meeting at which the arrangements were made with the publishers of CYCLING, have sent to them the amount charged ordinary subscribers. For their benefit, and also of any others not informed, CYCLING is sent free to all active members of the T. B. C. in good standing. All notices of meetings, runs, etc., etc., will be published therein unless otherwise directed by Committee of Management.—Yours truly,

C. J. W. LOWES,
Hon. Sec. T. B. C.

ANY Club member wishing good room, in pleasant family, can be put in communication with same by addressing publishers of this paper.

DEAR EDITOR,—Noticing in your last number that such small towns as Hamilton and Ottawa were accorded a space in your valuable paper, I thought it time that the "Metropolis of the West" should be represented, especially as we are the oldest club in the C. W. A.

Our new rooms, we claim, are second to none in Ontario, and we will be much pleased to see visitors from any other clubs, especially the Torontos.

We have given two smoking concerts this winter, both of which have been great successes, and are getting up a fancy drill on skates, which, like the Hamilton Clubs Minstrels, we intend inflicting on outside towns before producing in London.

The theme at present most discussed by "Nip" and other "society" members, is the Masonic Ball, in Delaware, on Friday 19th, to which the club are invited in a body. We don't know whether "Bob" will go unless there is something stronger than "tea" provided.

Our annual meeting and election of officers come off on Monday evening, January 12th, and are already being considerably discussed.

We have been doing considerable road-racing here this past summer, and would like to see a championship road race at the meet of 1891. Let it include a team race of say five from each club. The first man in wins the individual championship, while the team having the largest aggregate of points wins the team championship. We would like to hear the Toronto's opinion on this matter.

NICKEL IN THE SLOT.

London, Ont., Dec. 17, 1890.

Buffalo Letter.

DEAR EDITOR,—Since joining the Ramblers of this city I have often thought how the Torontos are handicapped by not having a suitable Club House with gymnasium attached, for were it not for the latter I scarcely know how the Ramblers would put in the winter. The rooms are situated down town, convenient for most of the members, and, as a consequence, you will find every evening from twenty to thirty of them enjoying themselves in various ways, some on home trainers preparing for next season's battles, others exercising on the trapeze, and still others wrestling or boxing under the guidance of a capable instructor. Last Saturday we put the gymnasium to another use by holding an athletic exhibition, which was attended by not less than five hundred people, at twenty-five cents a head. The expense was light, and from \$60 to \$70 was added to the funds of the club. The performance consisted of boxing and wrestling, and some splendid work was shown in the latter sport. The amusing part of the exhibition was provided by two boys, about eleven or twelve years old, who gave a boxing exhibition with gloves previously supplied with a liberal coat of lamp black. You may judge of the appearance of the contestants at the close of the battle; if they were not black and blue they were certainly black and white (with the accent on the black).

The election of officers took place at the annual meeting of the club, on the 4th instant, and was largely attended, everything passing of satisfactorily. I could not help thinking of the T. B. C. meetings and contrasting the two, for there was a marked difference between this and many of the meetings I used to attend on Church Street. Let it be distinctly understood that the Ramblers are a lively crowd, and