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THE C W A

Readers of THE CANADIAN WHEELMAN will not, it may be assumed, consider another plea on behalf of the C. W. A. out of place in these columns. The Association has prospered even beyond the most sanguine expectations of its founders, but it is not yet what it ought to be. There are hundreds of wheelmen in Canada today who have not become members, and it is with a view to their early initiation that these lines are written. Next to the welfare of his club, the enthusiastic bicyclist should rank that of the greater organization. The Association is as necessary to the progress of the sport in Canada as clubs are to its furtherance in cities and towns.

The benefits which the Association has so far been able to extend to its members have not, perhaps, been so great or so numerous as some who expect a large return for their investment may have looked for. They have, however, been sufficient to satisfy those who know how to appreciate the value of small beginnings. Among them we may enumerate: the banding together of wheelmen in a body, which has gained the recognition of similar organizations in other countries; the right to make laws for the conduct of the sport in Canada, which are recognized by such organization; the holding of an Annual Meet under proper auspices; the establishment of a recognized system of records; the accumulation of a large amount of valuable information regarding wheel matters in Canada; the suppression of professionalism; and the general good which must follow the intercourse and interchange of courtesies, made more easy by membership in a common body.

It requires but little thought to see the importance of these advantages at present, when cycling is still young among us. Wheelmen who are possessed of ordinary foresight must realize the benefit which will accrue to the sport in the future from judicious training while it is still in its youth. It behooves all true lovers of the wheel, therefore, to do what they can to strengthen the Association. Such an admonition will, in the course of a few years, be unnecessary. By

that time the organization will have attained such a position that wheelmen will seek it, instead of the reverse being the case. In the meantime, every effort should be made to add to its strength. Each member should make it his business to add one to the roll by the opening of the season. Officers of clubs should see to it that their full strength is renewed and the fees paid promptly. The Association needs money to carry on its work, and there should be no delay in making remittances.

There is no branch of sport in which a national Association is of such importance as in cycling. The devotees of the wheel are always on the move, sitting about from one quarter of the country to another. If, wherever they go, they can feel sure of a brotherly welcome from a member of the C.W.A., the pleasure of their wanderings will be much enhanced. We feel convinced that the Association has the good wishes of all its members. Let them show their good-will by a little work on its behalf.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A strong proof in support of the statement that cycling is becoming one of the prominent pastimes of the day, is the amount of space which all the leading papers and periodicals of this country give to cycling news.

And still another journal devoted to cycling in the field! This time it is the *Star Advocate*, a bright little paper, conducted by that enthusiast of the "Star," Mr. E. H. Corson, of East Rochester, N.H. We wish him success.

Again, we wish to impress upon our readers and correspondents that any matter intended for publication should be in our hands not later than the 4th of each month, and thus obviate any delay or trouble. Please bear this in mind.

In reviewing the article on the L.A.W. meet which appeared in our last issue, the editor of the *New York Wheel* makes the suggestion that we should not hazard an opinion on the subject when we have no sound views to back it, and then he concludes by predicting that "more Canadians will be present (at the L.A.W. meet) than will attend the annual meet of the C.W.A." Of course, the editor of the *Wheel* has "sound views" to back this latter statement, but we fail to grapple them, as nothing seems more absurd.

In another column is published a report to effect that the annual meet for 1885 will not go to Montreal, as was expected, but will probably be held in Woodstock. This is certainly a very wise act on the part of the Montreal Bicycle Club, as the counter-attraction, the L.A.W. meet at Buffalo, would have detracted greatly from the C.W.A. meet, which, if held in Woodstock, ought to prove a greater success than ever, both in regard to numbers and in a financial way. We will no doubt hear an official announcement before long.

Although there has been quite a number of replies received to the request made in the January number of THE WHEELMAN asking for names of cyclists, still we have not a large enough list yet. This should be looked at in more ways than one. Any wheelman in a town where the C.W.A. is not established receiving a sample

copy of THE WHEELMAN becomes naturally interested in the C.W.A. as well, so that it would materially increase the membership of the Association. Will our friends kindly bear this in mind, and lend their aid by sending us the names of any wheelmen of their acquaintance.

Literary Notes.

For twenty years the *Turf, Field and Farm* has been under the same direction, and it has grown up with the breeding industries founded since the civil war. It also has largely influenced the wonderful development of turf, field, athletic, aquatic and other sports. No journal in the country stands so close to the breeders and track-managers, and none more truly voices their sentiments. Having had so much experience, it always gives wise counsel, and its views command the widest respect, and are quoted throughout America and Europe. No paper of its class published in this country ever had so strong a staff. The best talent that can be found is employed in every department. The paper is unapproached in accuracy as well as in the vigorous expression of intelligent thought, and it is not a matter of wonder that its circulation should be greater than that of any other journal devoted to kindred subjects. The enterprise of the *Turf, Field and Farm* is not less marked than its ability, and it is a pleasure to find it so numerously read and wielding so much power.

The March issue of *Outing* closes the fifth volume and the present series. With the April issue the magazine is to be greatly enlarged and greatly strengthened in all its features. The March number is filled with entertaining and valuable matter, and its illustrations are among the best it has ever published. The front-piece is a breezy picture of a schooner engaged in sword-fishing, illustrating a paper by Alexander Young. It is drawn by M. J. Burns, the celebrated marine artist, and engraved by H. E. Sylvester. The new building of the Massachusetts Bicycle Club is the subject of a paper by Rev. S. H. Day, the newly-elected captain of the club, and is richly illustrated by the half-dozen well-known artists which the club is proud to number among its members. The new clubhouse is situated in the aristocratic Back Bay region of Boston, immediately adjoining the Art Club building. The leading editorial article is an earnest appeal to the New York Legislature in behalf of Niagara Falls.

Among our very many interesting exchanges, not the least of them is *The Portfolio*, a spicy little monthly, well conducted by the young ladies of the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton. It gives THE WHEELMAN a complimentary notice, which is greatly appreciated, although we regret that its promoters confess to a lamentable ignorance of the art of cycling which is now becoming so popular among the young ladies; but perhaps they may not be so lax in understanding the arts of the cyclist.

Karl Kron has made a start on "XIII. Miles on a Bi." by publishing the twenty-fifth chapter, entitled "The Coral Reef of Bermuda," as specimen pages. From the advance sheets which have been received, we judge that when completed the work will make a very handsome and useful volume.