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" 11th	..	6.5 "
" 18th	..	6.18 "
" 25th	..	6.31 "
March 4th	..	6.43 "

**Editorial Notes.**

In the last issue of the "Record" you will have noticed the farewell note of our then Editor, Mr. E. R. Dodwell. When the Club Gazette was started some months ago, Mr. Dodwell took on the duties of Editor and has carried on the same till now, when he has, for reasons of his own, found it necessary to resign. I think it only fair to tender to him our united hearty thanks for conducting the Club Journal in the able way in which he has done during a season of its existence, and this I here do on behalf of the whole of the members of the Hastings and St. Leonards Cycling Club.

In taking up the Editorial pen myself, I do so with various feelings. I may as well, at once, inform those who will, when they see this month's issue, be in a position to criticise my efforts, that I have, hitherto, had no experience in the "line" before, and therefore must ask their every possible indulgence, and allowance for errors on my part. Needless to say, were it not for the fact that I am to have the assistance of a well known member of the Club, and one who is an enthusiastic cyclist, I should not have felt it possible to undertake the "job."

Friends, fellow clubmen and ladies—it is important that we, one and all, should put our shoulders to the wheel to keep up the reputation of our Club. There are many ways of doing this, and one of the most important is that we should keep up the standard of the "Record." This can only be done by members generally taking an interest in it, and sending each month some piece of news interesting to cyclists as a body, instead of just glancing at their number when it arrives and criticising the efforts of those responsible for its issue.

Annual Ball.—This function which took place at the Royal Concert Hall, St. Leonards on January 25th, may be termed a "thumping" success. Nothing I feel sure could have been conducted in a more complete manner, both in regard to the general arrangements and the pretty—very pretty—decorations. Much praise is due from the Club generally, to their hard working Committee. Headed by their Secretary and assisted by a few others, they deserve to be well thanked for the excellent way in which the '99 ball was carried out. With a goodly company, excellent music and a perfect floor, it is needless to remark that those who turned up thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Annual Meeting is announced to take place on Monday, February 27th. Now, it is a well known fact, that there has been some small amount of dissatisfaction, amongst a certain set in the Club, at the way in which its affairs are carried on. This being so, it will be well for those grumblers who really have grievances which really want redress to turn up at this meeting and "air" themselves, instead of smouldering for another twelve months. I do not for a moment advocate an unnecessary "upset" at this or any other meeting, but there are I know, certain of our members who are always running down a certain few of our officers and wanting this, that, and the other done by the Club, without a thought of how it is to be done or of the great amount of work which our officers are called upon to do. If some of these "growlers" would only do a little more work and talk less, the Club might be (if possible) more successful than it is now.

The last of the series of Soirees (inaugurated by your Club) took place on Wednesday last, at the Assembly Rooms. Such has been the success of these evenings, that it has been decided to hold a Long Night Dance at the same place on the night of Wednesday, March 8th. Doubtless, members will rally round the Committee formed for this purpose, and assist them by taking tickets. Further particulars will be found in another part of this issue.

**It is Whispered.**

- That at our ball erstwhile embryonic dancers acquitted themselves admirably from the blane of imperfection.
- That not one of the ladies was heard to cry out from the effect of an injured toe.
- That there are those who wish to start club runs earlier next season.
- That there is no reason why we should not start as soon as a spell of fine weather sets in.
- That club runs should be to villages round about Hastings instead of only one.
- That this would be well during the colder weather.
- That during the summer months cyclists prefer to loll in the vicinity of the club house.
- That nothing has yet been done for the provision of a town club house.
- That other clubs have one, and why shouldn't we.
- That fresh rules come into vogue at our next Annual Meeting.
- That those who do not pay their subscriptions early in the season will be struck off the list of membership.
- That all members should attend the Annual Meeting to vote for their favourites.
- That the formation of the Committee rests with the members.
- That you can "chuck out" those you do not like.
- That a little lively "biz" may be heard at the meeting.
- That on this account you should turn up to witness the fun.

That many talk but do nothing.

That if you think individuals do a "roaring trade" by the club, just put in a few others who have no interest at stake, and in whom you can explicitly trust.

That for the future all contributions to the "Record" must be sent to Mr. P. A. White, who is now Editor of your journal.

That to make it an interesting paper you must do your little to assist.

That even a little whisper for this column on a post card would be better than nothing.

That you will prize it all the more if you see emanations from your our brain among its items.

## Club Notes.

(by EFESSE.)

At time of writing these Notes, the Editorial Chair is vacant! Whether a "shining light" is to come forward from our midst, or the dust to accumulate on the vacant chair, we know not. Our late editorship was a short, and scarcely a sweet one. I am of opinion that latterly the mote of our shortcomings was promulgated, rather than the beam of our success. But there were ever searchers after the infinitesimal, and strange to say, like the professors in search of a new microbe, it is often a case of mistaken identity. I do not myself know why our late Editor withdrew from the task. At first his business cares prevented him (so the Committee were informed) from doing justice to the "Record," but finally the poor Secretary came in the way, and on his shoulders was placed a burden under which a good many more would have succumbed. But he does not mean to be hurt by the slippery pen of an over-anxious editor.

Last month as I finished the concluding lines of my "Record" I imagined myself on the field of Omdurman. I saw a determined looking soldier armed with a fearful lance marked on the hickory with the word "pen," and across his breast the ominous letters of "Editor." His steed was of a yellow hue, distinctly spotted "Record." I wondered what the peculiar rider could be about, but before him at some distance stood a big crowd—"the enemy" says I. As I watched he put spurs to his horse, which started off at a furious pace. The dust that rose from the horse's hoofs smelt uncommonly like ink. The lance of the rider was whirled about into such fantastic forms that I was attracted by these peculiar movements, and on closer observation I could see that words were being written in the air at lightning rapidity. Among them I discerned "want of sympathy," "not in touch," "Secretary," "resignation," "Annual Meeting," &c. He was now nearing the apparent enemy, but I could see they were totally unarmed. They stood their ground to receive the charge, to die like heroes. I looked closer and beheld many familiar faces. Each one wore a little badge marked "Committeeman," and one of their number, small of stature, was decorated with "Secretary." He was the hero of the company,

for on approach of the horseman he stepped forward to receive the charge; and receive it he did. Again and again the lance pierced his body without effect, and when the warrior found his onslaughts were of no avail, he dropped from the saddle exhausted. His yellow steed, the "Record," stood by the lifeless corpse of its rider, and then walked quietly to the enemy.

There was quite an erroneous statement in a local contemporary on Saturday last, to the effect that our late Editor had held his office for a number of years, when, as a matter of fact, his appointment dates from May last.

Referring to the "want of sympathy" and the "painful drudgery of the production of copy" in our last issue, I would make a lengthy quotation from the September number of the "Record" from which you will see that it is but a month or two since our late Editor felt the burden of his task.

"During the time I have conducted this paper I have met with considerable support from the members for which I now take the opportunity of returning thanks, and I hope our relations may continue to be as pleasant in the future as they have been in the past. The many faults and shortcomings have been allowed for generously in the past, thus giving renewed energy and a hopeful desire for improvement in the future." This, as recently as September.

If not in this issue then in our next, we hope to present our readers with a new feature, as far as our "Record" is concerned, and that is to have one column of the journal devoted to the interests of lady members. One of our number has promised to do her best for that column, and we hope that others of the fair sex will come forward with contributions, to make this part of the "Record" as interesting as possible.

Some of our members infer—I think I do myself—that ladies are the mainstay of the better class cycling clubs. It would be rather interesting to open our Correspondence Column for the debating of this question. I think our Club House during the past season would have been a very tame affair, if it had not been for the ladies, who assisted so willingly at the tea tables, and in a hundred and one other little ways. They added to the jollity of a game of tennis, and even to the more manly sport of cricket, when occasion required. What could have been more interesting than the participation of the ladies in our club sports? But there are those who say that we cater too much for the ladies. I came across one the other day; and he suggested many things for the so-called reformation of our club. It is my firm opinion that we must ignore those "Monkey Brand" cyclists, who, with arched back and glaring eyes, take their spin in the country at a hurricane pace, until the sign board of a public house tells them they have gone far enough for the present.

The Club House, our old farm house of last season wherein and around we spent so many jolly times, is not available during the coming season, and we have to look elsewhere for the accommodation of our many friends. It is rather unfortunate that our

genial host and hostess have found the work too much to undertake again. I am sure we all thank them for the very excellent manner in which they catered for our many wants last year, and sincerely regret their inability to look after us once more. The season of '98 amongst our own members, will always be remembered both for the excellent country house provided for our comfort and the extraordinary spell of fine weather that enabled us to visit it so frequently. The Committee hope, by diligent search, to find a club house, easy of access and suitable to our needs, by Good Friday, when, as usual, we shall open the season of '99, all being well, with "Our Good Friday Run."

It would scarcely do to close these notes without reference to the Annual Ball, of which you will see more in a general way in the Editorial Columns. I am afraid I am one of those who like to enter a ball-room on the eventful night, when the room is ablaze with colour and light, when the gay throng, with smiling faces, has assembled to participate in the fun of the evening. It is well, however, to just peep behind the scenes, and glance over a little of the labour of a hard working committee, and the still more labourious task of the Secretary, whose aim is to make the affair a success. The sending out of invitations, arranging for musicians, caterers, &c., is but a small portion of the task. I was quite surprised to learn that the tasty lattice-work pillars were designed by the Secretary and made almost exclusively by our committeemen. In fact the whole of the decorations were arranged and fixed by willing helpers. In shirt sleeves and begrimed faces they hammered and pinned until the whole assumed the pretty effect we witnessed on the night of the ball. That the ball was a success there is not the least doubt, and our committee are to be congratulated on the result of their labours. All who go enjoy the affair, but those who contribute in a more solid fashion by good hard work must doubly enjoy it.

Some one asked me who was the "Belle of the Ball." Of course I was not prepared with an answer, and told him to ask a lady. Whether he has yet found out, I do not know. I think there were a good many belles. When one is bustling about anxious to get one's programme filled, the individual is scarcely noticed, and when the dancing is on the anxiety to do the thing correctly and the feelings of enjoyment distract one's attention from separate pretty dresses, and the company is seen as a whole. The flirtation waltz was much enjoyed, except by the unfortunate losers of their partners. What a gay throng assembled round the tables during the interval to do justice to the good things provided. The crackers were a delightful source of amusement, and the pretty little balloons that came hopping out at the snap, and afterwards went flying round the room, were the cause of much laughter. The merry peals of laughter occasioned by the over-sentimental mottoes did the onlookers good, and I am sure all of us had many days added to our lives by the enjoyment of those few hours at the ball. I was rather late in leaving the ballroom, and I saw the lights go

down on the pretty decorations, so soon to be huddled away for another year. The myriad coloured papers that covered the floor rustled under my tread as I neared the door of exit, and I looked back for the last time on the now deserted ballroom of our cycling club for 1899.

The last of the series of Soirees was held on the 1st inst. The Soirees were quite a new feature in the history of the club and have satisfied the most sanguine expectations of the committee. As a means of keeping the members together during the winter months, there is no doubt of their success. This winter it was merely an experiment to find out the needs of the members next year it is to be hoped—their great boon having been proved—a longer series will be carried out.

You will find in another column the announcement respecting a long night dance, the finances of which have been guaranteed by some of the Committee. The price is rather higher than that charged for the Soirees, but it must be remembered that the Soirees have been carried out at the expense of the club, over and above that obtained on the tickets. When I tell you that the arrangements for this dance are in the hands of Mr. J. T. Brown, Mr. Crane, &c., you may be assured of its being a thoroughly well organised affair. If you cannot get a ticket, apply to our Secretary, who will be pleased to give you all particulars as well.

## The Annual Ball.

There was a numerous gathering at the Royal Concert Hall on the occasion of our annual ball. The M.C.'s were Messrs. J. T. Brown, P. Adames White, and Fred Lawrence, and the stewards, Messrs. C. Gillham, Fred S. Emary, J. Moren, and W. J. Crane. The decorations were on a lavish and highly artistic scale, and were entirely superintended by Mr. A. Bolingbroke, jun. and the Committee. The east end of the Hall, presented a very gay appearance with flags, bunting, evergreens and palms. The west end was set apart as a lounge. Settees and occasional chairs, to say nothing of the cosy corners, were charmingly arranged, and the whole was suggestive of a scene of oriental luxuriance. Various coloured fairy lamps added fresh charm to the effect, which was also much enhanced by the beautiful and stately palms, which adorned the room. The lounge was separated from the dancing by a series of lattice pillars, forming arches. These were tastefully adorned by evergreens, flags, designs, etc. Cycles lent by Messrs. Girling and Co. were hung round the side of the room. The floral embellishments, which were of a very elaborate character, were by Mr. F. Smith, of St. Leonards, and the foliage plants were supplied by Mr. T. Relfe, of Hollington, while Mr. J. Carter, confectioner, St. Leonards, was responsible for the refreshments.

The following is a list of names of those present and invited—  
Mr. H. Adams, Mr. Bangs, Mr. Beaumont, Mr. W. H. Banks, Mr. Bolingbroke, Mr. J. F. Brewster, Mr. and

Miss Bates, Miss Bray, Mr. and Miss Breach, Mr. Benton and Miss Middleton, Mr. J. T. Brown and Miss Mills, Mr. Butterworth and Miss Crampton, Mr. Carey, Mr. Crawford, Miss Crane, Mr. Crook, Mrs. and Miss Crowhurst, Miss Coxeter, Mr. and Mrs. Crowhurst, Mr. Crane and Miss Gray, Mr. Dengate, Mr. H. T. Davey, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Dean and Miss Cave, Mr. E. R. Dodwell and Miss Benham, Mr. English, Mr. Fred. Emary, Mr. Frank Emary, Miss E. Elphick, Mr. W. Elphick and Miss Taylor, Mr. Foord, Mrs. Friend, Dr. G. G. Gray, Mr. S. J. Gedge, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. C. Gillham, Mr. Gilbert and Miss Lea, Mr. H. Harvey, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. F. Hallett, Mr. Hickmott, the Misses Hughes, Miss Hutchings, Mr. Stringer, Miss Hills, Mr. and Miss Harrison, Miss Hicks, Mr. Harman and Miss Webb, Mr. and Miss Hawes, Miss Jenkins, Miss Jenner, Coun. Laite, Mr. J. H. Lansdell, Mr. F. Lawrence, Mr. Paul Leichsenring and Miss Jayes, Mr. Luck and Mrs. Cousins, Mr. Lancaster and Miss M. Elphick, Mr. W. Miller, Mr. E. Moss, Miss Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Mavor, Mr. J. Moren and Miss Saunders, Mr. W. Miller, Jun. and Miss Miller, Mr. Moseley and Miss Palmer, Mr. Prince, Mr. and Mrs. Prior, Mr. Pearson and Miss Noakes, Mr. F. Rymill and Miss Morlie, Miss K. Rawley, Miss M. Rawley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Reeves, Mr. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs (President), Mr. Taylor, Miss Turner, Miss Turner, Mr. W. Thrower, Mr. and Mrs. M. Tolhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Targett, Mr. and Mrs. Todd, Mr. F. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Wallis, Mr. P. Adames-White, Miss Willard, Mr. Wood and Mrs. Burrows, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. H. Dubbin, Miss H. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, Mr. Collard.

Correspondence.

To the Editor.  
 Sir.—Several of our members, have on more than one occasion lately, mentioned to me whether it would not be a good idea to have a Cigarette Concert. I do not really know what the general opinion of the members of the Club is on this subject, but am inclined personally to favour this project. It would not *only* be a social gathering, but give an opportunity to the Lady Members to take part in entertaining. I have very pleasant recollections of the vocal powers of some of the fair sex at our Annual Dinner, and for one, should be only too pleased to have the chance of hearing them again. I would suggest that the Committee of the Club should take this matter in hand at an early date and make it a sort of "Wind Up" of the winter season. I am sure there would be a "bumper" house, especially were it known that the affair was not to be confined to the "sterner" sex.  
 I remain, Mr. Editor,  
 Yours truly,  
 Hastings, Jan. 25th, 1899. W. A. P.

To the Editor of the "Record."  
 Dear Sir.—I beg to draw the attention of my fellow members once again to the imperative necessity

of attending the Annual Meeting. My excuse for intrusion upon your valuable space lies in the fact that such events too often are regarded as merely formal—the majority of those interested usually failing to put in appearance, thus it is plain that matters are likely to be unduly hurried over, and always are in danger of falling into the control of a small minority. I hope every member will make a point of being present as a question of vital importance to the Club's future will be raised and fought out. Rightly or wrongly some of us think there should be radical changes in the management and policy of our Club, and we intend to lay our views and reasons before the members at the Meeting, in the confident hope of a full measure of support. I understand also that my action while holding office as Editor of the "Record" will be made the subject of criticism on that occasion, and I wish to assure all my friends and enemies that I shall be found ever ready and able to defend any policy then or at any time.

I am, dear Sir,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 Feb. 3rd, 1899. E. R. DODWELL.

Wanted !!!

Members of the Club to take an interest in the "Record," and send correspondence to the Editor, who will thankfully receive the same at 56, Middle Street, Hastings. Surely there must be many who can do this if only they will. Hurry up comrades, and let our next issue be full of doings and views of the *many* and not of the *few*. It is important that communications should reach the Editor by the 25th of the month if possible.

LONG NIGHT DANCE

(By desire).

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Club Rules.

- 1.—That this Club be called the "HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS CYCLING CLUB."
- 2.—That the object of the Club be the promotion of Cyclists' interests generally, the Hastings and St. Leonards districts in particular.
- 3.—That each member shall pay an entrance fee of 1s. on application for membership, to be returned if not elected, and a subscription of 5s. per annum, payable in advance, at the Annual General Meeting, and any gentleman giving an Annual Donation shall be considered an Honorary Member. Any lady or gentleman being three months in arrears of her or his subscription and failing to pay on application, shall cease to be a Member.
- 4.—That the Officers of the Club shall consist of President, Vice-Presidents, Captain, Sub-Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- 5.—That the Officers and seven Members shall constitute the Committee, with power to add to their number.
- 6.—That the whole of the Officers shall be elected by ballot, and hold office for the term of one year.
- 7.—That the Committee shall meet when required, for the purpose of transacting the business of the Club, five to form a quorum.
- 8.—That the General Meeting shall be held in January or February at the option of the Committee.

RULES (continued)

- 9.—That the Committee shall be the governing body of the Club, and shall control the expenditure and general business of the Club.
- 10.—That the Secretary conduct the correspondence of the Club, and receive the subscriptions. The Treasurer to keep the accounts.
- 11.—That the Captain shall exercise control over all Members on Club runs; in the Captain's absence the Sub-Captain or an appointed deputy shall take command.
- 12.—That any Candidate for admission to the Club shall send in his name to the Secretary or any of the Committee and be elected by majority at the first meeting of the Committee.
- 13.—That all notices of Club runs be placed upon notice boards by the Captain or Secretary.
- 14.—That the uniform of the Club be similar to that of the C.T.C. with cap. Racing colours Marone and Green.
- 15.—That all members attending Club runs on machines must appear in Club cap and badge.
- 16.—That no member shall compete in any race unless his entrance fee and subscription are fully paid up.
- 17.—That any member wishing to withdraw shall give notice in writing to the Secretary.
- 18.—That 14 days' notice be given by the Secretary to the members of the Annual Meeting, and that 7 days' notice must be given of the proposed alteration of rules, and that such proposed alterations shall be given in the notice calling the General Meeting, together with report and balance-sheet.

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