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FOR 1895.

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ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB.

SECRETARY'S REPORT,

Presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Members, on Monday, the 7th January, 1895.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

At your last General Meeting a year ago, you will of course remember Mr. Hellier was elected as Honorary Secretary. In September, however, finding that during the closing months of the year business would prevent him giving the careful attention he had hitherto done to the Club's affairs, he felt compelled to resign. Your Committee accepting his resignation with much regret, did me the honor to elect me to fill the vacant position. Needless to say I have repeatedly been favoured with Mr. Hellier's valuable advice and assistance.

My predecessors have always commenced their Reports with certain statistics, which good example I shall follow.

There has I find been a slight falling-off in the number on the List of Active Members, the figures standing on 31st December, 1894, being 107, as against 121 on the same day of 1893.

At no period in the Club's history however has it actually been stronger—twelve times during the year, Members of the Anfield Bicycle Club have covered 300 miles and upwards on the road in 24 hours, and the lengthy list of the season's performances is indeed one to be proud of, fully maintaining as it does the old-established reputation of the Anfielders as long-distance riders.

There have been 53 Club Runs and Tours, and the attendance has been as follows:—

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W. R. Toft	46 1	C. J. A. Decker	11
C. Keizer	45	A. J. Jack	10
E. G. Worth	43	J. Č. Robinson	IC
W. J. Neason	42	F. G. Russell	10
H. Hellier	41	C. W. Offord	9
P. C. Beardwood7.	41	A. Tully	8
D. C. Rowatt	39	W. Corrie	7
T. B. Conway	38	W. R. Thompson	7
D. R. Fell	35	E. A. Thompson	7
W. M. Owen	33	E. T. Ward	7
H. P. Spence	33	L. Morath	7
J. A. Bennett Q	32	W. Slade	6
F. del Strother	31	H. C. Siddeley	5
C. J. Conway2.8	30	G. A. Townley	5
A. G. White	27	J. D. Siddeley	4
A. N. Deakin	26	W. Tomlin	4
R. Thomas	26.	A. E. Coleman	4
E. Edwards	25	W. Agar	4
A. H. Cottle3.2	24	0. W. Schafer	4
J. Lyle	24	H. H. Carlisle	3
H. B. Saunders	24	W. H. Kerr	3
H. H. Parry	22	W. Stainton	3
W. H. Cottle	21	G. R. Lichtenberg	3
H. Fraser	21	A. Brereton	2
W. R. Hood	20	C. S. Brooke	2
G. B. Mercer	18	J. W. Fisher	2
R. H. Carlisle	15	L. Fletcher	2
D. Duggan	15	D. Templeton	2
S. H. Keeling	15	T. E. Ruddin	2
A. S. Neason	14	R. Butterwith	1
W. Adams	13	J. R. Davies	I
N. Crooke	13	F. Fisher	1
W. Deakin	13	A. Pollard	1
J. German	13	F. Reynolds	1
F. Watkiss	13	G. McNish	1
E. Buckley	13	C. W. Lloyd	1
F. Bath	12	A. E. Barlow	1
R. B. Jones	12	W. A. Hammond	I
J. R. Thompson	12		
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As the list shows the competition for the attendance prizes, has resulted in Mr. C. Keizer's favour, Mr. E. G. Worth taking the second prize, the officers being debarred.

The average attendance at Club Runs has been 22, which is of course very satisfactory, but I am sorry to add that the number of Members attending our Winter Runs has so far not been up to our usual standard—is it that our local roads are more than usually villainous? it cannot be that the old hardy spirit is dying out!

The Officers and Committee have been summoned to 13 Meetings, which they have attended as follows:

W. R. Toft	13	A. N. Deakin	11
E. G. Worth	13	E. Edwards	TI
H. P. Spence	13	D. R. Fell	11
H. Hellier		S. H. Keeling	II
W. M. Owen	12	D. C. Rowatt	
A. G. White		H. B. Saunders	
W. R. Hood		H. Fraser (possible 10)	0
T. B. Conway		D. J. Bell	

In accordance with ancient custom at Easter time, over 40 members gathered at Bettws-y-Coed, finding the ride down as charming and the enjoyment there as varied as ever.

Saturday, June 16th, was signalized by the Club Run to Oxford; the fifteen members who took part in this had a very enjoyable time; it is much to be regretted that twice that number did not participate.

The August Holiday Tour comprised a run through Wrexham and Ellesmere to Shrewsbury, followed next day by "rambling along the Severn Valley" to Bridgenorth, and from all I have heard the dozen or so members who turned out are to be envied.

It is most gratifying to be in the position to report that after an unusually heavy season of Club events and private trials, no member of the general Public has met with the slightest accident. The road-racing man who exercises reasonable care does absolutely no harm to the Sport as compared with the sham scorcher of the streets.

The first 50 miles Handicap was held on April 28th, and was carried out over the usual record course, the starting place being

altered in accordance with measurements made by the N.R.R.A. There was an excellent field, but the weather, though it cleared soon after a start had been made, had left the roads wet and greasy. Mr. A. N. Deakin, 5 minutes' start, rode magnificently, covering the distance 13 minutes faster than he had ever done before, and winning in 2 hrs, 31 min. 57 sec. Mr. W. H. Kerr took second place, doing 2 hrs. 39 min. 50 sec., while Mr. J. A. Bennett, who finished 3rd, also took the fastest time medal, doing 2 hrs. 31 min. 20 sec. Messrs. Hellier and Spence, on a tandem tricycle, started from 10 min., and though only finishing 7th in the race, broke Northern Record for the type of machine by over 17 minutes, their time being 2 hrs. 47 min. 21 sees. The following excellent times were also done: -R. Thomas, 2 hrs. 47 min. 5 sec.: W. M. Owen, 2 hrs. 49 min. 43 sec. ; F. C. del Strother, 2 hrs. 51 min. 36 sec.; C. J. A. Decker, 2 hrs. 56 min. 38 sec.; J. R. Thompson, 3 hrs. o min. 32 sec.; S. H. Keeling, 3 hrs. 3 min. 40 sec.; A. H. Cottle, 3 hrs. 5 min. 9 sec.

On May 4th, Mr. R. H. Carlisle made an attack on his own record, between the Scottish Capital and Liverpool, but unfortunately had to abandon his ride owing to his having been taken off his direct road near Dumfries.

The next day Mr. W. J. Neason made his first bid for record honors. The Northern Twelve Hours Safety Record, which so long had held a charmed life, was the one chosen, and, favored by a fine day and enthusiastic pacemakers, Mr. Neason, whose course was mapped out over the usual Cheshire and Shropshire roads, put in a most creditable performance, covering 183½ miles, beating the old (1891) record by 16 miles. Continuing to ride he reduced the 200 miles record by over two hours. This latter distance is not recognized by your Club in awarding record medals, it being considered to approximate too closely to the 12 hrs. record, while the 300 miles record is considered to be also unnecessary; it would be wise if our representatives to the N.R.R.A. urged that body to discontinue recognition of records for these distances.

Whit Monday, May 14th, was as usual devoted to the Invitation 100 Miles Handicap, which for some years has been such an interesting item in our programme. The same course was used as on the previous occasion, and there was a goodly crowd of competitors, but the weather spoilt it all. For 12 hours before the start the rain came down steadily, and the roads in the northern part of the course were reduced to a terrible condition. Mr. E. V. Blake of the North Road C.C., who had acquired speed and staying powers of which the handicappers had never dreamt, he having the very liberal start of 35 min. allotted him, proved an easy winner in 6 hrs. 16 min. 8 sec. Our neighbours, the Warrington C.C., again furnished the second man home, this year in the person of Mr. T. Hearns, who from 35 min. finished in 6 hrs. 28 min. 15 sec. Mr. A. N. Deakin, 10 min., had been caught by Mr. J. A. Bennett, scratch, and these two riders had a fine struggle for 3rd place, resulting in Mr. Deakin's favor by a machine's length, his time being 6 hrs. 13 min. 14 sec., Mr. Bennett having to console himself with the fastest time medal for 6 hrs. 3 min. 141 sec., it being worthy of note that each time he has started in this event he has gained this coveted honor. The only other finisher was Mr. W. E. Gee, of the Manchester Wednesday C.C. Every one of these riders deserves the greatest credit for his performance under such adverse circumstances.

At 10 p.m. on May 18th, Mr. H. Hellier, on his tricycle, and Mr. J. R. Thompson riding a safety, left Stockton Heath on a 24 hours' ride. They adopted the new course that has since been generally used, and were splendidly paced by Members of the Club. In 12 hrs. 168 miles were covered, and in the second halfday both riders continued to ride strongly. Mr. Hellier finished with 12 minutes to spare, having completed 316½ miles, beating his own record by over 35 miles, and thus winning Mr. Lawrence Fletcher's special prize for the first tricyclist to cover 300 miles on Northern Roads in 24 hours. Mr. Thompson, whose ambition at starting did not extend beyond a modest standard medal, rode out

time, finishing with 319½ miles to his credit, thus beating the long-standing record by 5 miles. It was generally expected that Mr. Hellier would put in an excellent performance, but Mr. Thompson's ride was a great surprise; for a complete novice at the long-distance game to show such form is entirely unprecedented, and whatever Mr. Thompson's performances may be in the future, his first essay will always be remembered as phenomenal.

On the same day Mr. C. W. Schafer, who had shortly before joined the Club, put in an excellent performance over Northern Roads, and but for some unfortunate miscalculation on the part of those who had the arrangement of his course would have undoubtedly broken the 100 miles Safety Record.

Mr. G. P. Mills, at 5.20 on the morning of May 22nd, left Edinburgh for the English metropolis. He started at a great pace, covering in the first 12 hours 175 miles, and getting down on to the best stretches of the great North Road in 24 hours. The weather then broke, and he finished amid rain and mud, arriving at the G.P.O., London, at 10.48 a.m. on the 23rd, thus completing his journey in 29 hrs. 28 min., and breaking record by 3 hrs. 27 min.

While Mr. Mills was thus erasing Mr. R. H. Carlisle's name as a record-holder from the books of the R.R.A., that gentleman was engaged in riding over a considerable length of highway with which both riders must now be very familiar—the classic route from Land's End to John o'Groats House. Mr. Carlisle had started the previous week, but stress of weather had caused him to abandon his attempt at Gloucester. Starting again at 6.30 a.m. on Monday, May 21st, he reached Bristol at about 10 p.m., and, despite a steady head-wind, completed 290 miles in the first 24 hours. He reached Warrington (358 miles) 12.40 p.m. on Tuesday, and rode very strongly over the rough Lancashire and Fell District stretches. The wind continuing, and the night being exceedingly cold, made matters anything but favourable, but Edinburgh was reached soon after noon on Wednesday. Steadily riding on

through Perth and by the Garry Pass, Mr. Carlisle reached Inverness at 6 o'clock on Thursday morning, and in spite of delays caused by a gashed tyre, and an accident through a stick getting into his wheel, he pushed on and reached his goal at 8.45 on Thursday evening, his total time being 3 days 14 hrs. 45 min., breaking safety record by 9 hrs. 40 mins., and being 2 hrs. 32 min. faster than the tricycle time. Mr. Carlisle's ride will always be recalled as one of the very best performances over this course, a ride requiring pluck to attempt and determination to carry out. The 2nd Class 50 miles Handicap or "Novices' Race" as it is

The 2nd Class 50 miles Handicap or "Novices' Race" as it is called, was decided on May 26th. It proved very interesting, the times also being the fastest ever returned in any of our 2nd class handicaps. Mr. E. A. Thompson, an old-time "speedman," making his reappearance, was placed on scratch. He started at a tremendous pace and had caught the men to whom he had given 5 minutes' start before half distance, but later on was unable to keep with them. The first three places were taken by these 5 minute mark men, Mr. H. H. Parry winning in 2 hrs. 50 min., and also taking the fastest time-medal; Mr. F. Watkiss, who might have altered the result but for a fall a few miles from the finish, taking second place, in 2 hrs. 52 min. 30 sec.; and Mr. A. G. White 3rd place, in 2 hrs. 59 min. Mr. E. A. Thompson took the 4th medal with 2 hrs. 54 min. 45 sec., and there were four other finishers.

On June 1st our Captain, Mr. W. R. Toft, made an attempt to shift the Northern 50 miles Tricycle Record, which was entirely successful. He rode over the extended record course, and completed the distance in 2 hrs. 44 min. 58 secs., thus beating the old figures by nearly 7 minutes.

This was but a preliminary to Mr. Toft's ride on the 11th of the same month, which was decidedly one of the tricycle performances of the year. The classic route from London to Brighton and back was chosen, and over the hilly roads that lie between Hyde Park Corner and the Sussex Coast he propelled his tricycle at a pace

that surprised the speedmen of the South. His time for the whole journey was 6 hrs. 21 min. 30 sec., this breaking record by no less than 1 hour 3 minutes.

The journey from London to Liverpool on a tricycle had been essayed twice or thrice by our Metropolitan friends without recorded success, but none of our members so mounted had ever started from this end over the course till, on the 13th June, Mr. S. H. Keeling left the Liverpool G.P.O. In the first 12 hours he covered 167 miles, and arrived at St. Martin's-le-Grand in 14 hrs. 57 min. from the start, which time has only twice been beaten on safety bicycles. It is many years since Mr. D. R. Fell, on an ordinary, established the first recorded ride over this trying course, and this renders it doubly gratifying that the A.B.C. provides the first rider to succeed on a three wheeler.

It was quite to be expected that Mr. G. P. Mills would, during the season, make an attack on the bicycle record from Land's End to John o'Groat's, and at 6 a.m. on Monday, June 18th, he left the first-mentioned place. Starting very fast-nineteen miles in the first hour-in spite of wet roads and a puncture, he was at Exeter (122 miles) at 3.3 p.m. He still had heavy roads and lost some time before reaching Bristol but continued strongly, passing through Gloucester about midnight, and Worcester 2.15 on Tuesday morning. Five minutes before the first 24 hours were up he reached Wellington (300 miles) and was thus well ahead of record. He continued to gain, passing through Warrington soon after 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Garstang 1.45 p.m., and Carlisle (474 miles) at 8.30. The weather was now most miserable, and the condition of the roads in the South of Scotland terrible. An hour's rest at Lockerbie did a lot of good, this being the only lengthy stop on the journey. In the second 24 hours Mr. Mills covered 265 miles. He reached Granton Ferry at 7.50 a.m. on Wednesday, crossing by special boat, and got as far as Perth by 11.27. Through the Highland Passes the record-breaker rode with great determination, having however a nasty smash-up between a cart

and a wall near Kingussie which caused delay; he arrived at Inverness 11.3 p.m. The record was now practically assured, and passing through Tain at 3 a.m. on Thursday he was at Wick by 10.45. The last stage of the journey was reeled off almost as fast as the first one, and at 11.49 a.m. Mr. Mills had completed his journey, his total time being 3 days 5 hrs. 49 min., an improvement on the previous record of 8 hours 26 minutes. His latest effort is certainly one of the most meritorious of a series of rides standing unrivalled in the history of the sport.

On June 23rd Mr. T. B. Conway made an attack on the monthold 24 hours Northern record for safeties. He followed the same course and in the first 12 hours covered 175 miles, though having hardly as many pacers as he could have wished. Continuing strongly he finished at Latchford with a total of 326½ miles, breaking record by 7 miles. Mr. Conway, who must certainly be considered one of our veterans, had previously put in several good all-day rides, but this performance was much in advance of his previous attempts, and his success was a most gratifying reward for his pluck and perseverance.

The next noteworthy performance was that of Mr. A. N. Deakin on June 26th. He left Edinburgh for Liverpool at 7 a.m., paced by a tandem, but its crew cracking-up before many miles were covered he had to go on alone to Lockerbie (75 miles). This misfortune and the heavy state of the roads delayed him so much, that, at Kendal he was nearly ½ an hour behind record. Being now well paced he commenced to gain rapidly, reached Lancaster at 6-50 and finally the G. P. O., Liverpool, at 10-34 p.m.; his full time being 15 hrs. 34 min., the record thus falling to him by 20 minutes, a most creditable performance, the opposing circumstances considered.

Messrs. A. J. Jack and W. Adams, who had been putting in some excellent work in pacing on a tandem safety, started on July 7th for the Northern 12 hrs. record for that type of machine. The day was much too boisterous and showery to be a perfect

one, and there was a lack of pacemakers, the riders being left alone for half the time. Had they been well paced they must have easily topped the double century, as it was they did exceedingly well in covering 1894 miles, putting over 20 miles on to the record.

On Friday, July 13th, at 10 p.m., 15 members were despatched from Stockton-Heath by Mr. W. F. Collier, N.R.R.A., as competitors in the Annual Twenty-four Hours' Ride, The course was the new one that the recent record performances had been ridden over. At Whitchurch (525 miles) there were seven men in the first batch; here the pace was forced and some very "thick" stretches were done before Gayton was reached. At Chester Mr. R. Thomas broke his saddle, and Mr. P. C. Beardwood was put out of the running by a tyre explosion. Returning to Whitchurch (117 miles) Messrs. Lawrence Fletcher. W. J. Neason, and J. R. Thompson were together; the first hundred miles having been done in 6 hrs. 7 min. Crossing Prees-Heath Mr. Thompson croppered in a rut, damaged himself and machine, and retiring, robbed the race of much of its interest. Neason and Fletcher completed 1823 miles in 12 hrs., the other scores being W. R. Hood and W. M. Owen 168 miles; A. G. White 1591; A. H. Cottle 157; W. H. Cottle and S. H. Keeling (tricycle) 154. Messrs. White and Keeling retired at 12 hours.

Punctures and heavy rain delayed the leaders in the second 12 hours. At Holmes' Chapel (280 miles) Mr. Neason was taken away from Mr. Fletcher, and put in some very good work over the Broken Cross and Lostock extensions, and continuing straight through Warrington, finished a winner at Rainhill Stoops with the grand ride of 335 miles to his credit, thus breaking record by \mathcal{S}_2^1 miles. Mr. Lawrence Fletcher finishing between Knutsford and Warrington, with a total of $324\frac{1}{2}$ miles took 2nd prize, and Mr. W. R. Hood, whose distance was $280\frac{1}{2}$ miles; R. Thomas, who lost no less than 5 hours through mishap after mishap to his

machine, 271 miles; W. H. Cottle $266\frac{1}{2}$; W. M. Owen 245; and F. Watkiss 240. The form shown in this race was quite worthy of the old club, though most of the finishers were practically new hands at the game.

Mr. J. A. Bennett, who for so long had let the records alone, on July 21st made an attack on those for 100 miles, and 12 hours on Northern roads. Heavy rain came on and prevented him continuing for the longer distance, but in spite of the weather, and some delay caused by a puncture, he was entirely successful in lowering the 100 miles safety record. The course had been arranged primarily for the 12 hours ride, and under more favorable auspices he could have much improved on his time, 5 hrs. 30 min. 15 sec., though this beat record by 15 minutes.

On July 31st Mr. Lawrence Fletcher attempted the Edinburgh-London record, but soon after crossing the borders tyre troubles, bad weather, and lack of pacers, combined to cause him to abandon the journey. He had quite as hard luck when essaying the Land's End to John o' Groats ride. Starting on Tuesday, August 14th, he covered the marvellous distance of 320 miles in the first 24 hours over roads for the most part very heavy, only to be compelled to give up his attempt at Warrington when still ahead of record, the weather being hopeless.

On Saturday, August 18th, the second ordinary 50 miles Handicap was run off, very heavy winds prevailing. Mr. E. Buckley, who had but recently become a member, was put on the 5 min. mark, but proved himself a scratch man, riding grandly, he took first prize, and also the fastest-time medal, 2 hrs. 34 min. 31 sec., being remarkable the day considered. Mr. R. B. Jones annexed the second prize, doing 2 hrs. 57 min. 25 sec. from the 25 min. mark, and Mr. C. Keizer, 30 min., was 3rd, doing 3 hrs. 3 min. 3 sec. The following fast times were also done:—H. B. Saunders, 2 hrs. 36 min. 53 sec., P. C. Beardwood, 2 hrs. 48 min. 34 sec., J. R. Thompson, 2 hrs. 51 min. 5 sec., A. H. Cottle, 3 hrs. 5 min. 13 sec.

The next ride to be noted was one by Mr. R. H. Carlisle, which ended in disaster, while success was within his grasp. Starting from Edinburgh for London in the early morning of August 22nd, he had ridden with great determination, keeping well in front of record, and got as far south as Hitchen, with 3 hours still in hand in which to do the last 34 miles. Sixteen or seventeen miles nearer London, with still two hours to the good, he punctured, and being without a spare machine, a repair was attempted, which unhappily ended in awful failure, so much time being lost that the ride had to be abandoned. Had a spare safety been available, an hour might have been chipped off the record, or Mr. Carlisle might even have ridden through with his deflated tyre or on the pacing tandem single-handed, instead of having to put up with the empty honour of a moral victory.

On August 28th, Messrs. L. Fletcher and J. A. Bennett started from Land's End on a tandem-safety, but found this type of machine particularly unsuited for such a journey as the end to end ride, and retired before the first 24 hours had elapsed, having got as far as Worcester.

The last of the 50-mile Handicaps was decided on September 8th. It had been arranged that the course was to be the Cholmon-deley-Whitchurch one, and that pacemakers were not to be allowed, so fast times were not expected, more particularly as the afternoon was a breezy one.

Mr. W. J. Neason's win was most meritorious. He started from the 5 minutes' mark alone, and finished in 2 hrs. 45 min., which gained him the time medal, and is probably one of the fastest unpaced "50's" ever ridden. Mr. P. C. Beardwood, 12 min., came in 2nd, doing 2 hrs. 59 min. 30 sec., and Mr. J. A. Bennett, sc., who did 2 hrs. 51 min. 30 sec., just gained the verdict for 3rd from Mr. W. M. Owen, 17 min., whose time was 3 hrs. 8 min. 30 sec. Most unfortunately quite half the competitors punctured.

In the Annual 24 hours ride of the North Road C. C. on September 15th, Mr. E. Buckley put in an excellent ride. Though much delayed by punctures in the earlier part of the race, he covered 192 miles in 12 hours, and finished in second place with the grand score of 359 miles.

Mr. H. B. Saunders' Edinburgh-Liverpool record was the next prominent performance. Leaving the G.P.O., Edinburgh, at 7 a.m. on September 20th, the wind being ahead and roads greasy, he reached Carlisle 100 miles from the start in 6 hrs. 5 min. The road over Shap Fells was in even worse condition than usual, and Kendal was not reached till 4-30, Lancaster at 6-8. Here a little crowd of enthusiastic pacers were in waiting, and pace being piled on, 182 miles were completed in 12 hrs. From Garstang, through Preston and Ormskirk, to the finish the roads were vile, and the cause of at least two spills to the record-seeker, and innumerable ones to his pacers. Canning Place, Liverpool (220 miles from the start), was however, reached at 10-3 p.m. Mr. Saunders having taken 15 hrs. 3 min. for the journey, thus beating the previous best by 31 minutes.

A day or two after, Mr. J. A. Bennett had a shot at the Northern 100 miles safety record, but two of his pacing tandems going wrong, he was obliged to give up his attempt at about 80 miles.

The last ride of the season was one of the most noteworthy. Mr. W. J. Neason was the hero of the day, his 24 hours Northern record having been beaten, he made a most gallant and happily successful attempt to regain it. He left Stockton Heath at 10-5 on the night of September 28th, and for 6 or 7 hours had to put up with intense cold, and a fog so dense that he found it impossible to escape riding into sundry hedges and gates. In spite of these mishaps and other annoyances caused by punctures, by 12 hours he had covered 188\frac{3}{4}\$ miles, and being aided by the full strength of the Club in pacing, completed the grand total of 358 miles before time was up, beating record most handsomely by 12 miles. Had he but had a favourable night, there is every probability to suppose world's record would have gone.

Checkers and Marshals are so essential for the proper carrying

out of the Club events, I desire to take this opportunity of thanking those who have assisted in these capacities:—

W. Adams.
C. J. Conway.
E. Edwards.
D. R. Fell.
H. Fraser.

F. G. Russell.
E. G. Worth.
G. A. Townley.
W. J. Slade.
And others.

In a year of so many grand performances your Committee have happily not to award any special prize for the best ride or best rider of the season. They would indeed have had a task. Mr. W. J. Neason however takes Mr. J. B. Beazley's medal for the best novice in the "24." Messrs, W. I. Neason and E. Buckley have, by their sterling riding, rushed right into the front rank of long-distance men of the world, and as they have youth on their side, we may confidently hope to see them figuring prominently for years to come. Mr. G. P. Mills has again shown us he possesses still the powers that made him a road-rider's hero as long ago as 1886. Messrs. R. H. Carlisle and L. Fletcher-too often victims of their proverbially bad luck—are to be considered among the best long-distance men in the country. Mr. T. B. Conway has shown decidedly much better form than ever before in a career extending over a long number of years, and Mr. J. R. Thompson has let us know he possesses staying powers of no mean order. Messrs, J. A. Bennett, A. N. Deakin, H. B. Saunders and C. W. Schafer have all shown splendid form during the year. As riders of the tricycle Messrs. W. R. Toft, H. Hellier and S. H. Keeling have done exceedingly well-there appear to be several records on the books quite at their mercy, and we look to them to add to their laurels during the coming season. Messrs. lack and Adams and Hellier and Spence have been the only performers on tandems, but we are promised something startling in the immediate future. Excellent form at long distances has been shown by Messrs. Thomas, Hood, A. H. & W. H. Cottle. The riding of Messrs, Kerr, Beardwood, Owen, del Strother, Parry,

Watkiss, A. E. Thompson, Decker, R. B. Jones, White, and Keizer is also well worthy of mention.

On the racing path, the most successful of our members have been Mr. F. del Strother who has won the 50 miles, Local Centre Championship and 23 other prizes; Mr. C. W. Schafer, who has ridden brilliantly against the watch, annexing several Northern Path Records; Mr. E. Buckley, who won the 12 hours' competition at Leeds, in July, by over 7 miles, doing 231 miles on a very unfavorable day; and Mr. R. Roderwald, who showed excellent form early in the season.

Anfielders have been renowned in the past for the hard work they have done in the interests of their Club and the assistance they have given one another, and the self-denying way in which so many men have turned out time after time to help with pacing, has been one of the best features of the season. With such a healthy spirit amongst our members, and the old enthusiasm in the hearts of all our riders and workers—old and new alike striving to do his best for the good old Club—we may look forward to the coming season with confidence, feeling assured that 1895 will be as marked by Anfield successes as 1894 has been.

H. PERCY SPENCE,

Honorary Secretary.

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LIVERPOOL, January 7th, 1895.

ARTHUR POLLARD,

AT THE

Annual General Meeting of the Members,

HELD AT

LIVERPOOL.

On Mondan, the 7th Januarn, 1895, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. David J. Bell in the Chair.

Messrs. J. A. Bennett, P. C. Beardwood, E. Buckley, R. Butterwith, T. B. Conway, C. J. Conway, W. H. Cottle, A. H. Cottle, W. Corrie, A. N. Deakin, E. Edwards, D. R. Fell, J. German, H. Hellier, S. H. Keeling, C. Keizer, C. W. Lloyd, J. Lyle, G. B. Mercer, L. Morath, W. J. Neason, W. M. Owen, H. H. Parry, A. Pollard, D. C. Rowatt, H. B. Saunders, F. del Strother, H. Stephens, W. R. Toft, J. R. Thompson, A. E. Thompson, G. A. Townley, F. Watkiss, E. G. Worth, A. G. White, and the Honorary Secretary.

The notice convening the Meeting was read.

Mr. C. Keizer moved, and Mr. A. N. Deakin seconded, and it was resolved—

"That the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting be taken as read, and that they be confirmed."

Mr. G. B. Mercer moved, and Mr. R. Butterwith seconded, and it was resolved—

"That the Honorary Secretary's Report be adopted."

Mr. T. B. Conway moved, and Mr. W. Corrie seconded, and it was resolved—

"That the Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1894, be adopted."

Mr. A. G. White moved, and Mr. C. J. Conway seconded, and it was resolved—

"That the Annual Subscription for Active Members during the year 1895 shall be One Guinea, and the Annual Subscription for Honorary Members a minimum of Ten Shillings."

Mr. W. R. Toft moved, and Mr. T. B. Conway seconded, and it was resolved—

"That Rule 30 shall be amended to read as follows:—'That the Club Colors shall be Blue and Black.'"

On the motion of Mr. W. R. Toft, seconded by Mr. J. R. Thompson, and resolved after some discussion—"That the Club do hold four races, viz.:—one Fifty Miles Handicap in the early part of the season, one Hundred Miles Invitation Road Ride, one Twelve Hours, and one Twenty-four Hours Road Ride."

Mr. David J. Bell, proposed by Mr. W. R. Toft, and seconded by Mr. D. R. Fell, was re-elected President by acclamation.

Upon the motion of Mr. T. B. Conway, seconded by Mr. D. C. Rowatt, Mr. E. Edwards and Mr. D. R. Fell were re-elected to the offices of Vice-Presidents.

Mr. W. R. Toft, proposed by Mr. D. C. Rowatt, and seconded by Mr. D. R. Fell, was unanimously elected to the post of Captain.

Messrs. Pollard and Townley having been appointed Scrutineers, it was resolved by ballot that the following gentlemen be elected to the offices of Sub-Captains—

Mr. C. Keizer Mr. W. R. Thompson Mr. H. P. Spence
" E. Buckley " E. G. Worth " H. Hellier

Mr. A. G. White, proposed by Mr. D. R. Fell, and seconded by Mr. W. Corrie, was re-elected to the office of Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. H. P. Spence, proposed by Mr. H. B. Saunders, and seconded by Mr. W. H. Cottle, was re-elected to the office of Hon. Secretary. It was resolved by ballot that the following gentlemen be elected Members of the Committee:—Messrs. E. G. Worth, S. H. Keeling, T. B. Conway, A. N. Deakin, W. M. Owen, G. B. Mercer, H. B. Saunders, H. Hellier.

On the motion of Mr. W. H. Cottle, seconded by Mr. H. Hellier, Messrs. J. F. German and A. Pollard were elected to audit the Accounts of the Club for the year 1895.

Mr. A. N. Deakin proposed, and Mr. H. Hellier seconded, and it was resolved—"That the Club Tour at Easter shall be into North Wales as usual."

Mr. H. Hellier proposed, and Mr. E. G. Worth seconded, and it was resolved—"That the All-day Ride and the August Tour be left to the Committee to decide."

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the following gentlemen, who promised prizes for 1895 to the value of £43:—

E. Buckley, T. B. Conway, C. J. Conway, A. N. Deakin, E. Edwards, J. W. Fisher, L. Fletcher, J. P. Fletcher, J. F. German, H. Hellier, C. Keizer, G. B. Mercer, W. J. Neason, W. M. Owen, H. P. Spence, F. del Strother, H. B. Saunders, R. Thomas, W. R. Toft.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Retiring Officers, and the Auditors.

RULES.

- I.—This Club shall be called the "ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB."
- This Club shall consist of Cyclists who are considered eligible for membership under Rule 20.
- 3.—No active Member of this Club shall be permitted to join or retain active membership in any other *local* Club, nor in any Cycling Club having its head-quarters within 100 miles of the G. P. O., Liverpool. This Rule not to apply to Clubs in which existing Anfielders have held membership prior to 30th June, 1891.

OFFICERS.

4.—The Officers of the club shall consist of President, two Vice-Presidents, Captain, two Sub-Captains, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, all being active Members.

COMMITTEE.

5.—The Committee shall consist of sixteen Members, including the Officers.

AUDITORS.

6—Two Auditors from amongst the Members, none of the Committee being eligible, shall be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting, to examine, and report upon, the Accounts and balance sheet.

MEETINGS.

7.—The Annual General Meeting shall be held within the first two weeks of January, to receive the Hon. Secretary's report

and Treasurer's Balance Sheet; to appoint Officers and Committee for the ensuing twelve months; and to transact any other business that may be found necessary.

8.—A General Meeting of the Club shall take place whenever the Committee or Secretary convenes the same. Thirteen to form a quorum.

9.—It shall be the duty of the Committee or Secretary to convene a General Meeting when requested to do so, in writing, by ten or more Members of the club, and they shall call such meeting within two weeks after receiving such requisition. If the Committee or Secretary fails to call such meeting, then the requisitionists shall be entitled to call it.

10.—Six days' notice of all General Meetings shall be given by the Hon. Secretary, who shall at the same time, circulate amongst the Members an Agenda paper of the matters to be brought forward.

11.—Any Member wishing to bring forward any matters, should send particulars to the Hon. Secretary, who shall cause the same to be entered on the Agenda of the next General Meeting.

12.—Business which does not appear on the Agenda paper shall not be brought forward until all the subjects on the Agenda have been disposed of, nor shall such business then be discussed, unless it be voted *urgent* by two-thirds of the Members present.

13.—Any proposition appearing on the Agenda paper in the name of an absent Member, shall be deemed equal to, and treated as, a proposition made in *propria persona* by the said Member, and shall be moved by the Hon. Secretary.

14.—Every Amendment and every proposition which does not appear on the Agenda paper, shall be written and signed by its proposer and seconder, on a form which shall be provided by the Hon. Secretary.

- 15.—No resolution of any previous General Meeting shall be rescinded unless the Member proposing to cancel such resolution shall have given notice on the Agenda paper of his intention to do so.
- 16.—No alteration of the rules of the Club shall be made except at a General Meeting, and then only by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting.
- 17.—All active Members residing at a distance of not less than fifteen miles from Liverpool, may exercise the right of Proxy Voting upon any subject appearing on the Agenda of any General Meeting, or which the Chairman may rule to be coincident thereto.
- 18.—The Minutes of all Meetings shall be open for inspection to any Member of the Club on giving reasonable notice to the Hon. Secretary.
- 19.—Committee Meetings shall take place during the second week of each month. Seven to form a quorum.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

- 20.—Candidates for Membership must fill up a form provided by the Club, which must also be signed by the proposer and seconder, (both having been active members of the Club for at least two months) and forward same to the Secretary, who shall place it before the next Committee Meeting. If there be any objection and the Nomination be still insisted on by the proposers, a special General Meeting shall be called to consider the Candidature. Ten black balls to exclude.
- 21.—Any Member violating the rules or regulations of the Club, or being discovered not to be, or ceasing to be an amateur or being guilty of misconduct, may be expelled by the votes of a two-thirds majority of the Members present, and voting, at a Special General Meeting summoned for the purpose, and such Member

shall receive six days' notice of such Meeting. Any Member so expelled shall forfeit all claim upon the property of the Club, and shall cease to be a Member. Voting to be by ballot.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

- 22.—Candidates for Honorary Membership shall be proposed and seconded by Active Members, and shall, unless objected to, be elected by the Committee at their next meeting; but should any objection be made, it shall be dealt with under Rule 20.
- 23.—Honorary Members shall not receive the regular notices of Club runs, &c., neither shall they be permitted to attend or vote at any General Meetings, nor to take part in more than three club runs during the year, nor compete for any of its long-distance prizes, or in any of its closed events.
- 24.—An Honorary Member may become an Active Member upon payment of the difference between his honorary subscription and the current subscription, and Entrance Fee of the Club; but his name must come before the Committee in the usual way.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, &c.

25.—The minimum Annual Subscription for Honorary Members shall be 10s., no entrance fee being charged to them. The Annual Subscription for Active Members shall be one guinea, payable within one month from date of election, with an entrance fee of 5s. Any Member whose Renewal Subscription is not paid by 1st March, shall receive written application from the Treasurer, and if payment be not made within one month from the date of such notice, the Treasurer shall bring the matter before the Committee, that body having full power to deal with the case as it thinks fit. After the 31st August in each year, the subscription to incoming Members shall be one-half the ordinary Annual Subscription, but the full Entrance Fee shall be chargeable under all circumstances.

RESIGNATIONS, &c.

26.—Any Officer or Member of the Committee wishing to resign his office or seat on the Committee, shall notify the same (in writing) to the Hon. Secretary, for the information of the Committee, but until such resignation shall have been accepted, he shall continue to exercise the duties, and retain the responsibilities of his office.

27.—Any active Member wishing to resign, must give notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary, before the Annual General Meeting, otherwise he will be held accountable for the ensuing year's subscription.

FINANCE.

28.—The funds of the Club shall be banked in the name of the Anfield Bicycle Club, the President and Treasurer for the time being, shall jointly sign cheques to meet current expenditure, as authorised by the Committee. All accounts to be passed by the Committee and initialled by the Chairman before payment.

29.—The Financial Year of the Club shall expire on the 31st December in each year.

CLUB COLORS.

30.—That the Club colors shall be blue and black. The Captain to be distinguished by a gold badge.

COMMITTEE,

31.—All runs shall be arranged by the Committee, and shall not be altered without its consent.

32.—The Committee shall have power to fill up any vacancy in the Officers or Committee which shall occur within the year, subject to confirmation by the next General Meeting.

33.—The Committee may decide any question on the meaning of these Rules, or anything relative to the Club not provided for therein, and may do whatever they deem necessary for the well-being of the Club, which is not inconsistent with these Rules. The decision of the Committee shall be final, unless notice of appeal, in writing, be given to the Hon. Secretary within seven days following that on which the decision is arrived at. All such appeals shall be heard at the next General Meeting, and the decision of such meeting shall, in every case, be final.



PRIZE LIST AND RULES FOR COMPETITION.

SEASON 1895.

No. I.—No Medals, Record Medals, or prizes of any description, will be awarded, unless the claimants have ridden under the name of the Anfield B.C. only. Except by special resolution of the Committee, no Member is eligible to receive any of the Standard Medals or Record Prizes, unless he has attended at least twelve ordinary Club Runs.

No. 2.—Standard Medals will be awarded as follows :--

A. On any class of machine, 200 miles in 24 hours, Gold-Centred Silver Medal.

Gold Medals in 24 consecutive hours.

Bicycle	В	C	D	E	F	G
(Single or Tandem)	250	275	300	325	350	375
Tricycle	В	C	D	E	F	G
(Single or Tandem)	225	250	275	300	325	350

North Road. Previous Winners barred, i.e., holders of the Great Standard Medal for 200 miles, are eligible under Class B and upwards.

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No. 3.-For 12 hours' rides, Medals will be awarded as follows:

	A	В	C	D
Bicycle (Single or Tandem)	140	160	180	200
Tricycle (Single or Tandem)	125	145	165	185
Five per cent. extra for Rides in	the Di	strict of	the Gre	at North
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No. 4.—No Member will be entitled to more than one Standard Medal at the end of the year in each of the Classes, (that is a Bicycle, Tricycle, and Tandems, Bicycle and Tricycle, twelve hours, and 24 hours each), such medal being for the longest distance during the year. Previous Winners barred.

No. 5.—A Gold Medal will be awarded to any Member who succeeds in beating any of the Road Records, or Northern Road Records, for the time being, the Ride to be proved to the satisfaction of the Road Records Association, or Northern Road Records Association, as the case may be.

A Member who succeeds in beating a Record more than once, shall be entitled to a Medal for the highest performance *only* at each distance during the year.

Mr. Lawrence Fletcher has offered two £3 3/- prizes for the first Member covering

375 miles on a Bicycle.
330 "Tricycle

in Twenty-four Hours on Northern Roads.

Mr. H. Hellier offers a special prize of £3 3/- to the Member securing the most Road Records on any type of machine during 1895, which records are not held by any Member of the Club.

December, 1894, must be noted as follows:-No. 6.-For the purpose of awarding Northern Record Medals, the Records existing on the 31st

100000000000000000000000000000000000000	A. J. Jack	Twelve Hours 156 miles	A. J. Jack	Hundred Miles 6 h : 58 m : 25 s	A. J. Jack	Fifty Miles 3h:12m:43s	A. J. Jack	DETAILS. ORDINARY BICYCLE.
358 miles	W. J. Neason	196½ miles.	G. E. Lascelles	5h:14m:25s	G. E. Lascelles	2h:25m: 138	C. W. Schafer	OLE. SAFETY BICYCLE.
3165 miles	H. Hellier	175‡ miles	W. R. Toft	6h:31m:40s	W. R. Toft	2h:41m:16s	J. H. Banks	TRICYCLE
300 miles	Lowest Standard	189\frac{1}{2} miles	A. J. Jack & W. Adams	5h:23m:58s	J. G. Steer & J. Fowler	2h:27m:2s	J. Fowler & J. G. Steer	TANDEM SAFETY.
300 miles	Lowest Standard	175 miles	Lowest Standard	6h:45m:0s	Lowest Standard	2 h : 47 m : 21 s	H. Hellier & H. P. Spence	TANDEM TRICYCLE.

The 200 and 300 mile records are not recognized by the Club,

No. 7—All Tandem Prizes will be divided, half to each man, and both riders must be active Members of the Anfield B.C. and comply with Prize Rule No. 1.

No. 8.—If a Record Medal is awarded, no Standard Medal can be claimed for the same ride.

No. 9.—Members winning medals may substitute Prizes of equal value, subject to the approval of the Committee as to the form these may take.

No. to.—Claims for Medals, accompanied by proofs, must be sent in to the Hon. Secretary, within 7 days after the performance of each ride.

No. 11.—No distance ridden in any of the Competitions will be recognized, if it be done either wholly or partially on a Sunday.

No. 12.—No piece of Road, may, upon any pretext be covered more than twice, or if covered, shall not be counted in the total distance claimed.

No. 13.—All Prizes and Medals will be awarded at the discretion of the Committee, who shall have full power to decide any question which may arise as to the interpretation of these Rules.

ROAD RACES.

Members are requested to consider the information contained herein as "Private and Confidential."

A Fifty Miles Road Handicap will be held early in the Season over a Course, to be selected by the Committee, and for this Race, five Prizes will be offered, viz., value Four Guineas, Two Guineas, and one Guinea, a Gold Time Medal for fastest time and medal for the fastest novice. A Gold Star will also be awarded to all (Prize Winners excepted) completing the distance in 2h. 30m. or less, and a Gold Centre Silver Star to all (Winners of Prizes and Gold Stars excepted) covering the disance

in 2h. 40m. or less, and a Bronze Medal to all (Winners of Prizes, Gold or Gold Centre Stars excepted) covering the distance in 2h. 50m. or less. This Race will be open to every Active Member of the Club. The Novices' Medal will be confined to Members who have not, up to the date of the Race, accomplished the distance in 3h. 15m. or less.

The Hundred Miles Invitation Road Handicap will be held as usual, when Prizes value Five Guineas, Three Guineas and Two Guineas, will be offered, and also a Gold Medal for fastest time in the Race.

The 24 hours' Road Ride will be brought off during the Season, when the following Prizes will be offered, viz., value Five Guineas, Three Guineas, and Two Guineas.

A 12 hours' Road Ride will also be carried out, the Prizes will be value Four Guineas, Two Guineas, and One Guinea. It is to be hoped that those Members who have not hitherto attempted long-distance work, will take this opportunity of doing so.

RUNS, &c.

A Gold-Centred Silver Medal will be presented to the Member attending the greatest number of Saturday Club Runs, and a Silver Medal to the Member with the Second largest attendance (Officers barred).



LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Adams, W. Lyle, J. 41 2 Ashcroft, I. McNish, G. 42 3 Bain, J. 43 Mercer, G. B. 4 Bath, F. 44 Mills, G. P. 56 Beardwood, P. C. Morath, L. 45 Bell, D. J. 46 Neason, A. S. 78 Bennett, J. A. Neason, W. J. 47 Buckley, E. 48 Owen, W. M. 9 Butterwith, R. Parry, H. H. 49 Carlisle, R. H. 10 50 Pollard, A. Conway, C. J. Conway, T. B. II 51 Pope, H. R. 12 52 Robinson, J. C. Corrie, W. Cottle, A. H. 13 Rodewald, R. 53 14 Rowatt, D. C. 54 15 Cottle, W. H. Ruddin, Jas. 55 16 Craddock, J. Ruddin, J. H. Ruddin, T. E. 56 17 Crooke, Norman 57 18 Davies, J. R. 58 Saunders, H. B. 19 Deakin, A. N. Schafer, C. W. 59 Deakin, W. 20 Shaw, W. W. 60 Decker, C. J. A. 21 Shubrook, H. W. L. 61 22 Edwards, E. Siddeley, J. D. 62 Fell, D. R. 63 Slade, W. J. 23 Fisher, F. 24 64 Spence, H. P. Fisher, J. W. 25 65 Stephens, H. 26 Fletcher, J. P. 66 Stocks, J. W. Fletcher, L. 27 67 Stoker, C. E. 28 Fraser, H. 68 Strother, F. del German, J. F. 29 69 Thomas, R. 30 Gregory, J. W. 70 Thompson, E. A. Hammond, W. A. 31 Thompson, J. R. 71 32 Hellier, H. 72 Thompson, W. R. 33 Hickson, F Toft, W. R. 73 Hood, W. R. 34 Tomlin, W. 74 Jack, A. J. 35 Townley, G. A. 75 Jones, R. B. 36 Tully, A. 76 Keeling, S. H. 37 77 Ward, E. T. Kerr, W. H. 38 78 Watkiss, F.

LIST OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

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