

ing that we can find no better we too have nailed up that motto as a working text. If we can in any way help to gather together the straggling elements of sport in Mexico and centralize their individual efforts we shall feel that we have done some little good.

We would ask those who think as we do in this matter to lend a helping hand toward the accomplishment of the plans we have in view: for we would work with those who would work with us, and we would call every man our friend who is in his heart the true friend of Mexican sport.

The Training Season.

The training for the Fall races has fairly commenced among the cyclists. The field of participants is an open one and promises to be the most interesting that any season has presented so far in Mexico. And not the least of this interest is due to the fact that a more than usual amount of new blood has been poured into the racing body that shall hold the track against all comers next October or November. Perhaps the most interesting feature of the personnel of the race track is the number of very young aspirants who have already entered the lists or will do so within the next few weeks.

It is safe to prophesy that the training done this year will be more conscientious and more scientifically conducted than that of any previous season. This is the direct result of the enthusiasm of the cycling spirit. The number of wheels sold by the agencies in the city during the past six months is something wonderful. Not only have these wheels been sold within the city itself, but they have been sent to the remotest parts of the Republic. There are three times as many agencies in the Capital as there were one year ago. And the probabilities are that the older agencies are doing as big if not a bigger trade than they were in 1895. Already the manufacturers of sporting goods of

every class under the sun, not only in the United States but in Europe, are looking to this country as a possibly great market for their wares. And in this they are wise. The sporting craze has just begun to take hold of the country. It is bound to throw down the old fences that were built up around physical freedom in the middle ages, and to which the stupidity of succeeding generations has added a rail from time to time. Already the work of demolition has commenced where it should commence, in this city, which has always been foremost in every social revolution.

Therefore we say if you would read the signs of the times go out to the Cyclists' Union track and see the number of enthusiastic young men who are training for the coming races. It is characteristic of the new and best spirit that has taken hold of Mexico. We prophesy that twice as many people will take an interest in the bicycle races this Fall as did in the Spring; for it is safe to say that there are at least three thousand bicycles ridden in this city, or more than three times what there were this time a year ago. And at the rate that wheels are being sold by the city agents there will be probably two or three hundred more sold within the city limits before the Fall races come off. It is the simple truth that even now in the middle of the rainy season some of the dealers sell on an average of a dozen wheels a week. This record will, in all probability, double itself as soon as the racing season fully makes its presence felt again.

The season outside the city promises to show more energy than it has done in the past. Wherever the bicycle agents go there is talk of organizing clubs or races of some kind. Of the cities outside the capital Puebla naturally takes the lead. It has always been a sporting centre. And it is more so to-day than it has ever been before. There is every prospect that the next meet in the City of the Angels

will be the most successful in its history. In Puebla there is a strong desire to build a good track that will be a credit to the sporting interest of the city.

The bicycle riders of Puebla can hold their own with any sportsmen in the Republic on the roads. They have strength and endurance. It is but natural, therefore, that there should be a desire to inaugurate a series of road races for the coming Fall season. It is to be hoped that this movement toward road races will not fall through for want of encouragement. It should not in Puebla. For that city would have a fair chance of carrying off her own share of the honors.

México a Racing Centre.

México has many attractions to offer to the foreign cyclist, as a Winter resort. This has been pointed out before. And this is a gift of nature that should be taken advantage of, and will, no doubt, in a short time. But there is one feature of this question that we would like to call attention to. It is worthy the careful consideration of those who have the handling of the race meets. The great bulk of the races of any importance in the United States, and in Europe too for that matter, is held during the Summer months. Now this is the season that is probably the worst for the cyclist here in this Republic.

Our natural racing season is that in which all the tracks of the country to the North of us are closed, so far as races are concerned. Why not take advantage of this fact and create a series of meets here in the Winter months that will attract some of the great riders of the world to our city. There would be no trouble in getting all the funds necessary for the successful carrying out of this project. The merchants, hotel-keepers, manufacturers and business men in general would be only too glad to advertise the city in this way, and the great manufacturers of the United States, who have goods to advertise, would seize