

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

MORE ON THE MICAWBER CAFE

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Sir. — Your article about the naming of the Micawber Cafe at Belgrave makes a very good story, but I am afraid it is completely erroneous.

The Micawber Cafe was built by Mr. Ted a'VarJ, whose father was one of the pioneers of Kallista, or South Sassafras, as it was then.

Mr. a'Vard senior was a Kentish man from Canterbury, whose house in

South Sassafras was named Micawber, and the son carried on the old name for his cafe.

Mr. a'Vard, as a Canterbury man, would know and be interested in Charles Dickens' book, "David Copperfield," and would remember the connection with Australia, and named his house accordingly.

It seems a pity that these stories connected with the early pioneers should be lost, and old landmarks swept away without any record.

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C. G. REID.

Sir. — I was surprised to see the number of push bikes outside the Boronia railway station. Not half of them had a head light or tail light.

Another bad offender is the newspaper boy. How many of them have lights on their bikes? Some of them carry a torch, but only use it when they hear footsteps approaching, then they will switch it in your face, and one is just as likely to step in front of the bike with fright.

This sort of thing has been going on all this winter, and also last winter, and looks like continuing.

All I can say is, let's hope something will be done before someone gets hurt.

P.C.

