

country for pickles? We are beginning to pride ourselves on home-made wines, and why not do as much for our preserves? Where there is a will there's a way; and let us hope that these matters will meet with a larger attention at future Provincial Exhibitions.

The ploughing match, which heretofore has formed an integral part of the Exhibition proper, did not take place during the week, but has been postponed until the end of October, when a grand display may be expected. About a thousand dollars will be offered in prizes, divided into four classes; but as the *Journal* will have gone to press before the match has commenced, notice of the same cannot appear until our next number. The usual comparative statement of the statistics of Exhibition entries must also be reserved for the December number.

On Friday, September 28th, the President of the Association, Mr. McGillivray, delivered the annual address, which, though of an eminently practical character, we regret that we cannot find room for. On Saturday the horses, cattle, sheep and pigs; manufactures and the fine arts; the useful and the ornamental, gradually disappeared; and so the Exhibition of 1866 came to a good end. While, within two days afterward, what had been the home of industrial resources became the abode of military power—the hum of thousands of country folk gathered together to celebrate the triumphs of peace, has given way to the call of the bugle and the arts of war. The farmer and the artisan have made place for the soldier, and the march of events has changed a crystal palace into a cavalry barracks. But the lessons taught during the Exhibition will not therefore be forgotten. Industrial progress has left its mark on the minds and feelings of our agriculturists and manufacturers. The success which has attended the Exhibition of 1866, will work good results for years to come. What has been done well now, will next time be done better if possible. A spirit of honorable emulation has been created by the combined influences of comparison and competition; so that each succeeding Exhibition may be expected to develop more and more our material resources, and stimulate our social advancement. And although we heartily rejoice that our gracious Sovereign has manifested a due appreciation of her colonial possessions, by sending for our protection the flower of her army—an assurance that “Canada is neither to be lost nor given away”—yet, at the same time, let us not relax one tittle of those self-reliant exertions without which we cannot be either contented or prosperous; and, while making it our pride to be loyal to the Crown, let us not forget that to be true to

ourselves will form the safest and surest defence of our hearths against all or any invaders or disturbers of our peaceful homes.

TRICK OF AN EXHIBITOR.

At the Provincial Exhibition in London, last year, Miss Hattie Stephens of Cobourg, was one of the Lady Judges; at the recent Exhibition in Toronto Miss *Caroline* Stephens acted in that capacity. A lady competitor, who we will not name, after the Judges had handed in their report fancied she could make some improvement therein; but unfortunately for her she was not aware of their being two Miss Stephens', nor of how they spelt their name. The following piece of composition, handed into the Secretary's office on the last day of the Exhibition, by the lady in question, will speak for itself. We publish it with a view of exposing the trick, and attempted forgery of Miss Stephens' name:—

“you will pleas Pay Miss E. J. Lyons the first Prize on Braiding and allso the first on Bead Work the second on Worsted Work Raised as I recolect those are the awards we made to her Articals there must of ben some Mistake taking the number”

(Signed) Miss H STEVENS

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TORONTO MECHANICS' INSTITUTE EVENING CLASSES.

The Annual Meeting for organising Evening Classes in this Institution, was held on the evening of October 8th, at which the President, F. W. Cumberland, Esq., presided.

Although but few of the older members, or of the citizens generally, were present, the *youthful* portion of the membership of the Institute was pretty well represented. The President opened the proceedings in a very interesting address, dwelling upon the unselfishness of the Directors of the Institute in establishing these classes, their importance to and influence upon the present and future well-being of those who may join them, and his regret that they are not more generally appreciated. Mr. Richard Lewis, Mr. Daniel Spry, Mr. Robinson, and Mons. Pernet, severally addressed the meeting, all dwelling upon the nature of the instruction to be given, and its importance to those engaged in the industrial pursuits of life.

The following interesting article we copy from the *Daily Leader* of the 9th of October, which will be found worthy of careful perusal:—

“The Toronto Mechanics' Institute has laid out for itself a programme of labors, which, if fully