

is demanding more attention and all our energies, but we recommend this excellent journal to all who desire to interest themselves more in scholastic matters.

*The Middlesex Prototype and Canadian Son of Temperance*, have been engaged for some time past in verbal strife. We should be glad to see an end put to this. Both may be very useful in the Temperance cause, but what good can come of quarrelling? "If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another." Very sound caution.

### Police Court.

In our last number, with reference to the proceedings of the above court, we remarked there was something that needed explanation. In our present number we have to refer to something more that requires explanation. It is now more than twelve months since a judgment was recorded in the case *Stuart versus Cochrane*, for retailing spirituous liquors without a license. The defendant admitted the offence, but appealed from the judgment of the magistrates to the Court of Quarter Sessions. This case remains *in statu quo*, although several subsequent appeals of a like nature have been disposed of, in which the judgment of the court below has been, we believe, uniformly reversed.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### Erin Temperance Festival.

Erin, Sept. 13, 1851.

Sir,—A Temperance Festival was held here at Erinville, on Thursday, the 4th instant, attended by a very respectable assembly, embracing several members from the Guelph, Georgetown, Williamsburgh, and Orangeville Divisions, nearly all the Caledon Division and Outward Division of Caledon, with a number of total abstinence friends from several societies adjacent.

The Erin Division, and boys of the Juvenile Total Abstinence Society of this place, numbering about forty,—(God bless the lads, and may they be faithful to the motto inscribed on their banner: "Firm to our Pledge,")—met at the Division Room, about ten o'clock, a.m., formed, and marched in procession, with the Highland piper of the Division in costume in front, to meet the Guelph band, and members of other divisions, and friends, coming from that direction, and conducted them to the Division Room. At about one o'clock, p.m., the several Divisions and Juvenile Total Abstinence Societies met again at the Division Room, and marched in procession from thence to the Pavilion, in order as follows: Juvenile Total Abstinence Societies in front, next in order the Guelph Band, followed by ministers and D. G. W. P.'s present, next the several Divisions in order as numbered, Erin Division last, the most perfect order having been observed during the procession. The platform in the Pavilion was graced by the presence of not less than eight ministers of the gospel, representing nearly as many different denominations, besides other friends. Brother D. W. Dayfoot, D. G. W. P. of the Georgetown Division, having been called to preside by a vote of the assembly.

The proceedings in the Pavilion opened by the Rev. Mr. Clark addressing the throne of the heavenly grace in prayer, and entreating the blessing of Him on the proceedings of the day, without whose aid all human effort is in vain.

Refreshments ready, a blessing was asked by the Temperance Choir singing that verse commencing with: "Be present at our table, Lord," after which the assembly, numbering about 500, partook of an abundance of good things, tea, cake, &c., to which all present have testified. The taste and appetite having

been well satisfied, next came a demand from the mass of mind present for some mental food, which was amply met by the several speakers who addressed the assembly. The opening speech was delivered by the Rev. J. J. Braine, Congregational minister of Guelph, followed by the Rev. Mr. Goodson, Wesleyan minister, of the same place, after whom the following gentlemen severally addressed the meeting, viz.: The Rev. Hiram Denny, Congregational minister, of Esqueving; Rev. Duncan M'Millan, Presbyterian minister, of the Free Church, Erin; and Rev. Mr. Clark, Baptist minister, of Georgetown; and Mr. Ferguson, formerly of Guelph. To report, Mr. Editor, in detail the several speeches as delivered, is more than we are capable of doing, but suffice it to say, that they were sound, powerful and efficient. Sound, because pure and no rottenness about them; powerful, because they fell with weight on the assembly; and efficient, because they have been and still are at work on the minds of the same assembly, in proof of which, Mr. Editor, we have had no less than ten proposed in our Division last meeting for membership; and allow us to say it is not going to stop here, for the fire which dropped from the lips of the speakers on the platform at the Erin Festival has found its way into the bosoms of some, who have carried it to a distance, and we gladly hear it begin to kindle to a flame.

As the speakers severally closed their remarks, the assembly was delightfully entertained by the performance of instrumental and vocal music, the exercises having been richly blended with both. The tunes by the band were good; those by the Temperance Choir excellent; the pieces choice. Music good and voices fine, and conducted in a style becoming the leader, Brother Joseph Carpenter, W. P. of the Outward Division, S. of T. May he and the Temperance Choir of that Division be ever ready to lend their aid in advancing the interest of the neighbouring Divisions. Notice was given of an evening meeting at the Town-hall, at which time the Rev. Messrs. Braine and Goodson would address the audience. After which the national air, "God save the Queen," was played by the band, and that good tune, "Old Hundred," to "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," sung by the choir. The meeting in the Pavilion then broke up, and each returned to their respective homes in peace, harmony and love, fully satisfied that the object of the Sons of Temperance is pure benevolence, and the suppression of that great vice Intemperance.

The evening appointment was met by the two rev. gentlemen above, and their remarks listened to with attention and patience. Thus began and ended the fourth of September in Erinville, pleasing and gratifying to every son and friend of temperance, while no doubt our revilers looked upon the scene with abhorrence. But greater is He that is for us than all that can be against us.

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### License Law in the Townships.

Cowansville, Sept. 16, 1851.

Sir,—I have noticed with interest your unceasing efforts to procure the enactment of salutary laws restraining and regulating the traffic in ardent spirits. The subject has engrossed no trifling share of attention during the late session of the Provincial Parliament, and yet I am constrained to inform you that all your efforts, and the apparent good intention of our legislators in this behalf, are likely to be of little benefit to this portion of her Majesty's realm. Perhaps we in the back woods do not receive full credit for the depth of legal acumen which we really possess. On Thursday, the 11th of September, at the Township of Broome, in