

debating orally. At the close of the oral debate, this proposal was brought in remembrance, and the parties consented to exchange a number of letters upon the same subject in the Witness, for the benefit of the whole community. Six letters, containing matter for two and a half or three of our pages, from each party, making twelve letters in all, have been suggested. A report is in circulation that Mr. Leavitt, either from a recently enlarged caution or a fear to appear in print, will not be forthcoming; but we cannot persuade ourselves into the conviction that the gentleman has so far lost his self-esteem, or that he is in any respect so fearful of the future, as to be prevented from boldly and benevolently advancing to the ramparts of the enemy for the sake of obtaining another victory. For he may lose some of his best and most logical friends if he fail to make both a *smooth* and a *strong* apology for nullifying his present obligations. But on this point we cannot in the meantime afford much anxiety, as we are not accustomed to give safe anchorage to every vague report.

In anticipation of carrying out the above-intended arrangement, we have not further replied to "An Enquirer." He will perceive the propriety of considering his queries in the discussion proposed.

CONDUCTOR.

COBOURG MEETING.

On Tuesday the 13th of January, in company with brother and sister Palen, we left the vicinity of Picton for the town of Cobourg, in order to fulfil the appointment intimated in our last Number. Being prospered on our journey, we arrived in Cobourg on the following day about 1 o'clock, where, after learning that all necessary arrangements had been made for the meeting, we renewed our travels and proceeded to Oshawa. This journey was taken for the purpose of obtaining labourers, having learned that no assistance might be expected from the brethren of Toronto—other arrangements being made previously to seeing the notice in the Witness for January. Soon after our arrival in Oshawa, we had the unexpected pleasure of meeting with brethren Black and Menzie, who were travelling and labouring as the Evangelists of the churches of Eramosa and Esquesing. These good men, and zealous work-men, had been induced to leave their homes and families, and serve their Lord and King in a holy war against the 'armies of the aliens.' Their labours however were principally intended for the benefit of the Gaelic community who could profit little by anything expressed in English.

After some consultation and no little persuasion, the brethren already mentioned together with brother Ash consented to unite their efforts with us at Cobourg, where we all met on the Lords-