

TEMPERANCE.

Festival of Union Colored Good Templar Lodges—Cook County Temperance Convention.

Last evening a union festival of the four colored Good Templar Lodges of this city, combined, was held in the Wabash Avenue Rink, on the corner of Jackson street. These lodges are named respectively the Garden City, Trumbull, Hope of the West, and John Brown lodges, and comprise one-seventh of the entire number of lodges of this order in Chicago. The festival was held for the purpose of refitting the halls of some of the lodges, and of discharging the indebtedness of others.

The interior of the Rink was very tastefully adorned with evergreens and flowers, and a large American flag, on which as a field rested a fine portrait of Washington, depended from the centre of the lofty ceiling, forming a canopy. Fountains played at either end, while from the stand a fine band discoursed music.

The attendance was very large, and of those present all were well dressed and most respectable in appearance. One attending would have been surprised to observe the almost universally intelligent and well bred appearance of those who participated in the festivities of the occasion.

About 9½ o'clock were commenced addresses on the subject of temperance. These were made by Messrs. J. B. Hill and E. C. Freeman. These explained in a very fluent and logical manner the evils arising from indulgence in strong drink, and made appeals in favor of the cause of temperance that were characterized by unusual good sense.

Refreshments were served in variety, and music and dancing engrossed the attention of those present until a late hour.

COUNTY TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

The third in the series of monthly meetings of this organization was held last evening in the First Presbyterian Church, on Wabash avenue, near Congress street. The object of the Association is the dissemination of the principles of temperance throughout the city and county, and the method by which this object is proposed to be attained is the holding of meetings every month in different localities. Two such meetings have already been held in the West Division, and a number will be hereafter held in the most convenient localities on the South Side. The attendance last evening was quite small. Mr. Horatio Underwood presided. Addresses were made by Rev. J. P. Gulliver, E. S. Wells and others, and a considerable degree of interest was awakened.