

### The Temperance Cause.

It is most gratifying to notice the spread of the temperance movement in the Naval and Military services of Great Britain. The Church Temperance Society has quite a strong membership in independent branches organized for the benefit of the soldiers and sailors. In a recent speech Mr. William Sproston Caine, the newly appointed Lord of the Admiralty, and M. P. for Scarborough, when occupying the chair at a meeting of the Young Abstainers' Union, congratulated his hearers on the increase not only of temperance men, but also of total abstainers in the United Services. He said that the great majority of Lord Wolsey's men, who were now traversing the deserts bordering the Nile, were making that toilsome march with no stronger stimulant than water largely diluted with mud. The brilliant charge at Tel el Kebir, which crushed Arabi's rebellion, was made on cold tea, and the bravest of the men who were under Admiral Seymour at the bombardment of Alexandria were among the eight thousand total abstainers now enrolled in the British navy. It is worthy of remark that Mr. Caine, though not a total abstainer himself, was invited to take the chair at a gathering of total abstainers. This points to the influence of the Church Temperance Association in diffusing more rational ideas on the subject of temperance and breaking down the fanatical prejudices against moderate drinkers which formerly ruled in men's minds. By patience and unwearied perseverance in well-doing we shall see a similar result in this country also.—*Ext.*

### CANADA.

WARDSVILLE, ONT.—The Church of England Temperance Society here is very flourishing. At its last fortnightly meeting there was an interesting debate, music, readings, &c. The basement of the Church was crowded with an appreciative audience; as a literary society, too, this branch is doing a good work.

TORONTO.—On Temperance Sunday, Rev. J. F. Sweeny preached at St. Philip's Church, Toronto, on the subject of Temperance, a most interesting sermon, from which we call the following facts:—Ale drinking was first prevalent in the reign of Henry II.; and there are now 1,500,000 persons employed in, and dependent upon the liquor traffic in Great Britain. In the city of London alone there were, in the year 1882, 28,858 persons arrested for drunkenness. The annual number of deaths in Great Britain is 120,000, and out of these 40,500 are caused by intemperance. Twenty per cent. of the lunatics in Great Britain have become so from the effects of intemperance. In our own Province of Ontario there were last year 12,081 prisoners, and out of that number 9,001 could trace the cause of their degradation back to drink.

GUELPH.—At the annual meeting of the Guelph branch of C. E. T. S. the election of officers was proceeded with, resulting as follows:—Chairman, Mr. W. R. C. Forster; Secretary,

Miss Ruth Armstrong; Treasurer, Geo. Murton, Esq.; Organist, Miss Frances Ridgway; Standing Committee, Messrs. Morris Stanley, R. Gausby, A. McCrae, J. King, Misses Keating, Griffiths, Chisholm, and the officers of the Society ex-officio. The following programme was then rendered:—Chorus, "Temperance Rallying Song," Choir; recitation, "Passing Away," Miss Griffiths; Song, "Too Late," Mr. R. Gausby; reading, selection from "Salathiel." Mr. E. Morris; address, Mr. Geo. Murton. The attendance was large, and hopes are entertained of a year of increased usefulness for the C. E. T. S. in this city in 1885.

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