

The Temperance Cause.

AT HOME.

The Canada Gazette announces that elections under the Canada Temperance Act will be held in the Counties of Elgin, Lambton and Missisquoi, and the City of St. Thomas, all on March 19th.

A Waverly correspondent writes: "The Church of England Temperance Society here is in a very flourishing condition, there being a membership of over 150. We are safe in saying that it is the largest society of the kind in this county, if not in the Province of Ontario. Much good has resulted from the efforts of the society." While we rejoice to hear of the success of the C. E. T. S. in Waverly, we must state that the Orillia Branch is larger, having added 122 to its membership last year; and that organized in the Rosemount Mission, by the Rev. C. H. Marsh, numbered over 400 at its first annual meeting, last month.—Orillia Packet.

ABROAD.

SPEECH BY THE BISHOP OF NORWICH.

The third annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Branch, C. E. T. S., was held recently in St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, the Hon. and Right Rev. the Lord Bishop in the chair. There was a very numerous attendance.

The Right Rev. Chairman said—I am glad to have this opportunity of expressing my sympathy with the great objects you have in view, and my thankfulness for the measure of progress that it has pleased God to give us in the work in which we are engaged. Our object is a very simple one, but it is a very important one. There are parts of it that we can perhaps only do collectively as a Church or as a nation, but still we each one—each separate association, each separate family and each separate member of a family—may do something towards the attainment of the great object we have in view. For instance, the first great object at which this Society aims is one in which all, whatever their position and whatever the calling that they occupy as citizens of their country, or whatever relations they hold in their several families, or whatever their position in society, may do very much for,—which is the forming of habits of Temperance. Not only in this matter with which we have to contend, the indulgence in drink, but in all other matters what an immense improvement should we have in our land at large—what a blessing in our different stations and towns, in society and the home, even in the great Houses of Parliament—if the spirit of Temperance was more cultivated in our speech one towards another, and in our dealings one with another. (Hear, hear.) Now here is a thing in which every one, especially in this matter in which we are engaged, may set an example, and in their own personal lives and their own bodily habits, and dealings with their meals at home, may set an example to all that are about them; and if we are the heads of families, and the greater our pos-

tion and the greater our influence in society, the greater the opportunity to use that example in furtherance of that great object which I feel to be the most important of the three—namely, the cultivating habits of Temperance.

Temperance Sunday in Salisbury Diocese was observed on February 15th (Quinquagesima Sunday). Mr. R. G. Wilson, the Diocesan C. E. T. S. Secretary has issued an admirable letter (which has received the Bishop's approval), setting forth the claims of the Temperance movement as a definite part of Church work.

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