

TEMPERANCE AT THE POLLS.

In a country so extensive as this dominion, with so many varied interests, it must necessarily be difficult to induce electors to support solely those candidates for municipal and parliamentary honors who are the representatives of our principles. Recognizing this difficulty, we record our conviction of the necessity for an agitation that shall keep our principles constantly before the minds of the people, with a view of creating a popular feeling in their favor sufficiently strong to make itself felt in the various elections until our object is attained.

THE FUTURE OF THE LEAGUE.

Your Executive, a majority of whom are residents of Montreal, have been exceedingly anxious to interest in the operations of the League, the friends of temperance reform in every part of the Province. Our efforts in this direction, whilst not as successful as we desired, have not been without important results. Some there are, who, clamorous for rights, privileges and honors, query the advantages of connection with the League; but in most cases where its claims have been fairly presented and carefully considered the true and tried friends of the temperance cause have realized the importance of its work. During the year the General Secretary has received, privately and publicly, many assurances of sympathy from persons who previously stood aloof from us either from ignorance of our intentions or fear that we should retard the progress of other organizations. If the work can be carried on, and the League made what it ought to be—a bond of union between all individuals and societies favorable to the cause of temperance, a concentration of their thoughts and efforts—it will ere long exert a most powerful influence for good. It must be borne in mind that we have a population of 1,190,000, the great majority of whom speak the French language; to reach and influence this entire population is the important work we have undertaken to accomplish.

The Executive.—It is a matter of great importance that a good working majority of the Executive should reside in Montreal, not only on account of the necessity for frequent meetings but also because a large proportion of the funds are expected from this city, the work of collecting which devolves upon the Executive. We recommend the League, to appoint in each county a corresponding member of the Executive, whose duty shall be to arrange the annual or special meetings under the auspices of the League, in the county in which he resides, and furnish the League at its annual meeting, with a report of the state of the temperance cause in his county.

The General Committee is too widely scattered to be of much value to the League in its collective capacity; but each individual member can render most important service in the locality in which he resides, by arranging meetings for the agent, collecting funds, and furnishing information and advice.