

The Archbishop of York writes thus on the subject :

"Our cause will depend quite as much upon the spirit of the people as upon the success of our fleet and army. It is for the Clergy in their own Parishes to sustain that spirit, as well as to be at hand to comfort the bereaved and minister to those to whom the war may bring poverty or suffering. If we fail in our duty the nation at the end of the war will be farther from God than ever. The future of Christianity, of progress and of human happiness lies as much, if not more, in the hands of the Clergy as in those of our soldiers."

The Bishops of this Ecclesiastical Province have resolved to act in unison in refusing to grant leave of absence to clergymen who enlist as combatants. They may go in any other capacity.

Total Abstinence.

With a stroke of the pen, the Czar has abolished the government sale of drink in Russia, and enabled his army to perform the greatest feat of organization the war has seen. France has prohibited the sale of absinthe. Germany has provided the world with a lurid example of the results of intemperance. The brutality and immorality of the German soldiers I need not dwell upon. What has England done? Drink, we are told, has been the prime factor in curtailing the out-put in the great armament factories and ship building yards.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer declares that "England has three enemies: Germany Austria and drink. and that the greatest of these is drink." He is accordingly trying to grapple with this drink problem. The King has set a personal example to his subjects by promising to abstain from liquor during the war, and has banished it from the royal household. The Archbishop of Canterbury has appealed to the whole nation, as the Bishops of the Canadian Church have done to all church people in Canada, to set an example to the soldiers, and others, in this grave hour. Let us trust that all our people will consider this matter seriously and respond to these appeals. I believe that the greatest work for temperance is accomplished by such voluntary self-denial. I believe also that the promotion of temperance societies among the people has been greatly overlooked in connection with this problem. Where the good of the con.