

PREFACE.

The subject of Temperance having with great propriety been placed in the course of study for the Public Schools of Ontario, it is rendered desirable that a collection of the principal facts relating thereto be brought within the reach of teachers and pupils. It may be suggested that this object has already been attained by such excellent works as "The Temperance Lesson Book" of Dr. B. W. Richardson, of England, and other similar publications. These certainly possess features of great merit, but while not detracting from their value in the slightest degree, it is thought, in consideration of the very limited portion of time likely to be devoted to this branch, that a more concise treatise would serve a better purpose.

This little work aims to be such an outline of the subject as may readily be covered by the occasional lessons of the school programme. At the same time it contains a pretty thorough review of the facts and arguments which form the groundwork of the temperance movement.

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