

The large amount of poetic selections, will be found adapted to various tastes and capacities and may be exceedingly useful in enlivening public meetings and social gatherings of those who by anniversaries and soirees seek to promote the good of community. Facts and anecdotes are always interesting, and of these sufficient will be found in this volume to gratify the desires of most, for that kind of instructive amusement.

The time has not come when the temperance people of Canada can honourably relax their exertions. The traffic has too strong a hold in the land for that. It is a subject of deep regret, that both in high and low places, the fiend of intemperance still grasps his victims, and paralyzes human hopes. Every where there exist abundant reasons for exertion, but it is in vain to trust in any schemes of reformation but those which are founded on the unchangeable word of the Eternal God. This book may, it is believed, in some measure, contribute to the mitigation or abolition of our great national iniquity, and therefore its publication should be followed by a circulation commensurate with the expenses incurred, and with the demands of our great moral enterprise.

The community professing temperance principles have often been charged with parsimony when called upon to contribute anything toward the attainment of the public good by means of the press. For my own part I will not reiterate the complaint, but rather express my gratitude for what has been done. Whenever an advertisement of this book may come I entertain the hope that not only will there be a desire to possess it, but that the friends of the cause will use their best endeavours to promote its circulation. Read and think about the evils of using strong drinks and the terrible effects of the traffic, and you will the more heartily enter into every public scheme for the overthrow of the most gigantic evil of our times.

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