

PREFATORY NOTE.

Several years ago a Canadian paper offered four prizes for the four best temperance stories, to be submitted to a competent committee.

Among twenty-nine competitors the author of *Social Heroism* was awarded the first prize; the author of *Broken Bonds* one of the others.

It has been thought that, published now, when the subject of temperance is exciting such universal attention, these stories may be interesting to many readers.

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