

PREFACE

All those who are interested in the welfare of the Canadian people are alarmed at the ravages caused by alcoholism in all ranks of society. Legislators, Economists, Bishops and Magistrates are seeking for a remedy against the terrible plague.

The most practical and efficacious means that has been suggested to stop the progress of this evil and to assure the future happiness of our country, is the anti-alcoholic training of childhood and youth in the family and at school.

The earliest education belongs to the parents, especially to the mother. Hers is the mission of developing the intelligence and will of her child. In the very beginning, as soon as possible, especially with boys, she should inspire them with the horror of alcohol ; then gradually form their conscience on this point, especially by appealing to religious sentiments.

Mothers should never forget that it is like wilful murder to give intoxicating liquor to their young children. But in order to instruct children as to the dangers of alcohol, such dangers must be known. Hence the reason for this **LITTLE TEMPERANCE CATECHISM**.