

INTRODUCTION.

The Publisher has thought proper in the title page to refer to my connection with the "Canada Temperance Advocate" for a number of years. It is not offensive to me that he should do so, for on the review of those years of literary labour I do not find any ground for regret, except that my convictions of the nature and importance of the temperance movement were often very inadequately expressed. Such however being my public relations to the cause, it was perhaps not incongruous that I should be invited to introduce this volume to the friends of temperance, and especially to those who are not ashamed to be called "TEETOTALERS."

This Hand-book makes no pretension to anything above a compilation of various and important intelligence for general circulation. On examination of the table of the contents it will be observed that while there is no attempt at historical detail or argumentative reasoning, there is nevertheless a considerable amount of that information which it is desirable should be in the hands of the temperance people of Canada. Passing over the history of the great temperance reformation contained in the first part of the book, the thoughtful advocate of the cause will be gratified that so much has been accomplished in many places towards the attainment of the entire prohibition of the traffic. In Canada, we are yet far behind many States of the neighbouring Union, and have scarcely gained as much ground as the friends of Prohibition in England. Yet even here, from the record of Canadian action, it will be seen that temperance men have stood firm to the principle, and the republication of their proposed enactments, will afford food for contemplation and may be considered standards for future action.