

INTRODUCTION.



AMONG the evils which threaten the future of this fair land, the Liquor Traffic holds a foremost place; and the problem of its removal has taxed some of the best intellects of the day.

It is manifest that an evil which has become intrenched behind the social customs, and interwoven with the commercial interests of the country, cannot be easily overturned. The public mind must be thoroughly informed, and public interest completely aroused, before the wished-for end can be gained.

Of late years the attention of workers in the Temperance Reform has been directed chiefly to two aspects of the question: 1. The work of reforming those who have become intemperate; and 2. The task of uprooting, by legislative enactment, the whole traffic in strong drink. There are other aspects of the question, however, which need to be taken into account, and in regard to two of these, the authoress has done good service in the following pages.

In the "MAN TRAP," light is thrown upon some of the seductive methods by which the liquor traffic ensnares its victims, and suggests a way by which one of