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*The story of the fight against the liquor power is the same in Canada as it is in the United States, and as it is throughout all Christendom. It is a story of stern effort and steady progress, to which there can be only one result. The temperance cause is winning; the temperance cause will win. Lack of confidence in this certainty is the result of a failure to understand the end of the movement. That movement is not a mere human invention or fake, created by some novelty-seeking cranks. It is the inevitable result of great universal conditions and forces. Wherever you find an evil of any kind, something that curses and hurts humanity, and into contact with that evil you bring men and women of Christian character, unselfish thought, and earnest purpose, there you have the elements of a moral reform. That reform will spring from those conditions, and will inevitably and irresistibly go on, until either the moral purpose dies out or the evil is overthrown. This is the origin of this great reform; the awful curse of intemperance and the God-given desire to be rid of it. Therefore if you could wipe the whole movement out of existence, with all its literature, its agencies, its methods and forms, but leave the curse and the God-inspired purpose, you would have the whole history over again. Progressing through all the stages it has passed, that movement would come to exactly the same position in which it stands to-day, and go on to the future victory that lies ahead, and we trust not very far away. Just as surely as to-morrow will follow to-day, so surely will the suppression of the liquor traffic follow the unholy system of encouraging, of protecting and licensing that traffic by so-called—and shamefully mis-called—Christian legislation.*

*The progress of this great reform has been almost unparalleled in the world's history. Even the supreme reform of*