

EDITOR'S PREFACE.

ON the eve of victory of the prohibition movement in Canada, it was felt by many that a history of that movement would form the most appropriate tribute to one whose life was spent in the service of the cause, and whose efforts contributed so largely to its triumph. The time is a fitting one for the production of such a history. Our country faces the tremendous issue of whether she shall attack her post-war problems in the full strength of a sober citizenship, or handicapped by the liquor traffic. To review the experiences of the past, to appreciate the struggles of those through whose labors we have been enabled to reach this pinnacle of opportunity, will surely strengthen our purpose and steady our hands to seize the victory now.

The purpose of the volume explains its plan. All the way through the narrative, the man to whom the book is dedicated has naturally been given prominence. In the brief philosophy of the movement presented at the outset, it is he who is speaking, and the quotations at the beginning of the sections are his. Moreover, a very large part of the uncredited narrative is from his writings in *The Canada Citizen*, *The Vanguard*, *The Camp Fire*, *The Pioneer*, Alliance reports, and other publications, so that he who was pre-eminently the authority on the temperance movement in Canada is the virtual author of this history.

The book deals chiefly with the march of events. If too little place has been given to the men and women who made the events, it is only because, confronted by an overwhelming aggregate of happenings, one is unable to deal at all adequately with the individual contributions. There is little reference, except incidentally, to the growth of opinion. There is no attempt to argue the case for prohibition, except in so far as the presenting of the facts themselves constitutes