

A NEW TEMPERANCE ENCYCLOPÆDIA.

Temperance in all Nations, is without exception the fullest and most comprehensive contribution to prohibition literature that has been given to the public during recent years. It owes its existence to the great World's Temperance Congress held at Chicago, in June of 1893. John N. Stearns, the indefatigable and able secretary of the American National Temperance Society, conceived the great idea of making the report of that convention a centre round which to gather an immense amount of important information regarding the history and position of the temperance cause in every part of the world. The result of his labors, in which he was enabled to enlist the co-operation of a remarkable number of able intellects and pens, lies before us in two handsome volumes, of 1016 pages in all, forming a work that hereafter will be an indispensable part of every fully equipped prohibitionist's library.

The first volume contains over a hundred historical and statistical papers by men and women of wide reputation, giving details of the origin, progress and operation of nearly every form of temperance effort in every land. An appendix gives reports prepared by nearly forty official representatives of the United States Government, upon the liquor traffic and the temperance movement in the different countries in which they reside. Some of these are very useful, though some are as might be expected, probably of less value than anything else in this important work.

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