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## INTRODUCTORY.

*This is the second issue of a book that is intended as an Annual. It contains, however, much more than was given to the public in the Year Book of 1882. An earnest effort has been made to collect the most important facts of the year on the subject of Temperance, to bring the information down to the latest possible date, and in general to provide a manual that will be welcome and indispensable to the friends of Temperance in Canada. The difficulties have been considerable, and the Committee cannot claim that they have all been overcome. The success of such a publication is dependent upon the prompt and efficient co-operation of a large number of persons, scattered through the entire country, and it has not yet been possible to enlist them all as thoroughly as might be desired. Sincere thanks are hereby returned to the many friends who have given their help, and it is the hope of the Committee that the Alliance Year Book may become a permanent institution, so useful and so warmly recognized that no needed hand will be withheld from the work of making it perfect.*