

INTRODUCTION.

Through the kindness and liberality of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, this book is placed before the Canadian public in a form and at a price that, it is hoped, will ensure for it such a circulation as it merits, and will thereby largely benefit our great Canadian prohibition movement.

Hon. John B. Finch needs no introduction to the temperance workers of any land. He is the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Prohibition Party of the United States, and the chief officer of that world-encircling temperance organization, the I. O. G. T. The lectures that make up this book were delivered by him in his own country at different times and places; they, therefore, discuss the Prohibition question from an American standpoint, and most of them have a local coloring and character. It has been thought best to reproduce them as they stood, as thereby the speaker's scope and aims will be better apprehended. The details of incident and illustration being merely accessory to the convincing and unanswerable argument with which they are interwoven. The liquor traffic is the same terrible curse, and produces the same appalling results, in every country in which it is carried on, and the crusade against it is no sectional agitation, but the spontaneous uprising against a tyrannical and merciless selfishness of the better thought and feeling of our race. The warfare goes on everywhere on the same general lines, and every sentence of Mr. Finch's powerful speeches has a direct bearing upon the great struggle that is going on in Canada to-day.