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PREFACE.

In the course of a long public life, now extending to nearly fifty years, I have been brought into contact with numbers of men and women in almost every walk of life, and above and beyond all else I have been struck with this fact, that in the struggle for improved conditions of life and labour, alike in the home, the shop, the village, the city, and the nation, so many of the past and present leaders in the march of human progress have been total abstainers from the use of intoxicating liquors.

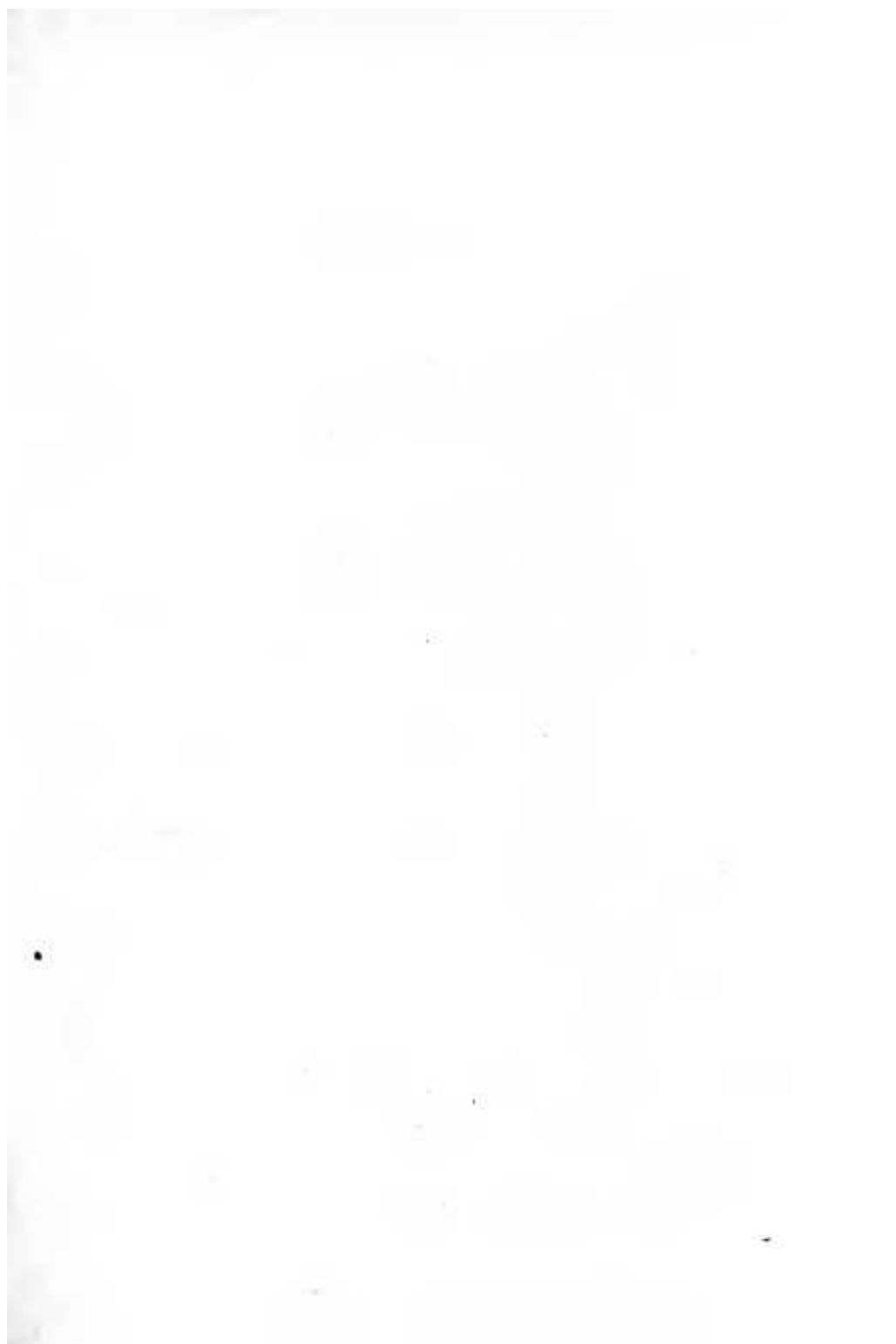
The supporters of the liquor traffic have so often depicted total abstainers as "Fanatics," and merely "Men of one idea," that many have come to believe that a person abstaining from the use of intoxicants is incapable of achieving any real success in the various walks of life, whereas all history proves the exact opposite to be the fact.

The main idea in the preparation of this volume and the subsequent volumes, has been to assist the movement for total abstinence and the total prohibition of the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquors by placing before the public some samples of the work done by total abstainers in every sphere of life, and among every class of the community.

From these brief records it will be seen that instead of total abstainers being the persons imagined, they have been in reality the leaders in thought, literature, invention, commerce, philanthropy, moral, political and religious advancement. While conscious of many defects in the work, I trust its publication will result in some who may read these records resolving upon a life of total abstinence as the best preliminary to that industry, perseverance and self-culture which is necessary if success in life is to be attained.

GUY HAYLER.

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INTRODUCTION.

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FALLACIES constitute a very large proportion of the mental undergrowth which seriously obstructs progress in every age and amongst all people. One of the most persistent of the fallacies of our time is that total abstainers are obsessed by a monomania. Recently the Vicar of a large London parish proclaimed from his pulpit the dictum that tectotalers were fanatics; and this clergyman, a well-known Canon, emphasised his statement by reiteration in a style which astonished and distressed some of the most earnest of his congregation.

Mr. Guy Hayler happens to have adopted the very epithet thus opprobriously applied for incorporation into the title of this volume. I am glad that he has done so. He well knows how widely has been promulgated the notion that total abstinence is a mere hobby of well-meaning enthusiasts, and his pages are written with a direct purpose of superseding this hollow fallacy. The truth is that the indictment of "fanaticism" is invariably flung at earnest, sincere, and whole-hearted advocates of any reform involving vital issues and demanding sacrificial devotion. The apostles of every progressive movement are speedily pronounced to be "beside themselves," but the cheap and easy criticism thus expended is usually the voice of cynics of the *dolce non far niente* school of social idlers, or of the representatives of the "stodgy" conservatism that sneers at every forward movement.