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PREFACE

And when the victory shall be complete—when there shall be neither a slave nor a drunkard on earth—how proud the title of that land which may truly claim to be the birthplace and the cradle of both those revolutions that shall have ended in that victory.—Lincoln to the Washingtonian Society, Springfield, Illinois, February 22, 1842.

The purpose of this book is to set forth in connected and logical form a brief but comprehensive record of Abraham Lincoln's efforts for the suppression of intemperance.

Here for the first time is presented in permanent form documentary proof that Lincoln, in 1855, as counsel for the Illinois State Maine Law Alliance, wrote a drastic prohibition State law, which was passed by the Legislature, and on its submission to a referendum in a general election five months later failed of acceptance by a vote of 93,102 against the proposition to 79,010 in favor of it.

The defeat of the prohibitory law was accomplished by fraud, the safeguarding of elections at that time being ineffective. The liquor interests brought to pass bloodshed and riots, which in the city of Chicago were checked only by the declaration of martial law.