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CHAPTER I

Statement of Principles and Conditions of Success

THE past twelve months have witnessed a significant movement, under which extended efforts have been made to withdraw a portion of the public-house trade of the country from private hands. These months have seen the formation of Public-house Trust Companies in Great Britain and Ireland under the leadership of Earl Grey,¹ the rapid extension of the People's Refreshment-House Association, formed in 1896 by the Bishop of Chester and Major Craufurd, and of other similar enterprises upon a smaller scale. In all these Companies it is provided that the dividends of the shareholder shall be limited to 4 or 5 per cent. per annum, and that the surplus profits shall be appropriated to objects of public utility.

It is difficult to determine the full import of this movement, but it almost certainly marks a perception

¹ Already (July 6th, 1901) it is announced that "Arrangements have been, or are being, completed for the formation of Public-house Trust Companies in the following localities: The East of Scotland, Glasgow, Renfrewshire, Northumberland, Kent, and Belfast. Preliminary steps to that end have also been taken in Bradford, Durham, Essex, Leeds, Liverpool, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, and Hertfordshire."