TEMPERANCE READING.

THE NEW MOVEMENT.

Official Address of the National League for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

Impressed with a deep conviction that an urgent exigency has arisen in the history of the Temperance cause, a large number of persons in all parts of the land have expressed the opinion that a new organization of the Temperance forces should be effected on a broad basis, to conserve and give direction to this important reform. For this purpose, after extensive consultation, a meeting was held in Boston, January 1, 1885, at which a National League (nonpartisan and nonsectarian), for the suppression of the liquor traffic, was organized, under whose direction we now address the public. A great contest is upon us. A free and barefaced effort is now made to throttle the Republic, and no weak, doubtful, or one sided measures will suffice. The times call for combination on a broad basis of manly Christian effort. History records instances of the inauguration and triumph of other reforms which were overthrown only by the uprising of the people. A formidable organization, frequently called the liquor traffic, exists, dominant, deadly influence in American society. Its tyrannic power is felt in our halls and legislatures, in our churches and schools, in our homes, in our commerce and manufactures, in our cities and villages, in our social and religious life. The Ark of Liberty of a nation is in peril when engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, an traffic at variance with good government, destroyer of peace, of good morals, of the rights of property, of the sacredness of the home, of the life of the nation. It finds its country groaning under the lash of a despotic power, and leaves it free. It finds a country free, and leaves it a vassal. It finds a people virtuous, and leaves them a prey to every form of vice, crime and ruin. It spares no age, no sex, no condition, no right, no law, no God. It is a despotism, a tyranny, a pestilence, a Upas, a Moloch, a Juggernaut, a Upas, a Moloch, a Juggernaut, a Upas, a Moloch, a Juggernaut