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FOREWORD to the SECOND EDITION

As I stated in the foreword to the first edition, the purpose of this Guide is to provide an up-to-date reference for the temperance medals that were issued to men of the British Army and Navy between 1860 and 1939, and to describe and illustrate each one.

Since the publication of the first edition of the Guide in 2001 I have been able to carry out further research into the Army Temperance Association (ATA), the Royal Army Temperance Association (RATA) and the Royal Naval Temperance Society (RNTS). I have also examined many more medals and, due to the increased interest in temperance medals generated by the first Guide, been in contact with other collectors and able to draw upon their expertise. This has led to additional information about the medals that were issued, as well as the organizations, and enabled me to add to the existing knowledge and correct errors in the first edition.

In this revised edition I have essentially followed a similar format to the original Guide for the medals issued by the Army and Naval temperance organisations, but I have added illustrations of over 50 Regimental temperance medals, and various items relating to the ATA, RATA and RNTS not previously published, such as badges, pins, trophies, sports medals and certificates.

I have drawn largely on W. P. Dawson's excellent work "*A Treatise on the Temperance Movement in H. M. Forces*" published by the Orders and Medals Research Society (OMRS) in 1967, which was the most complete previous work on military temperance medals, including both Army and Naval varieties. Collectors who have made use of this reference were however generally unaware of his subsequent three page article "*Some Additions to the Temperance Supplement*" of 1968 in which he added to, and corrected, some of his information.

Robert Puddester in 1987 catalogued Army temperance medals that were awarded to units in India, including the previously unrecorded Indian Army Temperance Association (IATA) medals intended as awards for native troops.

Both Dawson and Puddester referred back to the works of Irwin (1899, 1910) and Payne (1911) who dealt solely with Army medals and made no mention of Naval awards. These are important books as they were written while the medals were still being issued both in India and at Home, and the authors had access to contemporary information.

Up until now the most complete reference to regimentally issued temperance medals is the work by Balmer (1988), who recorded 39 medals; over 60 are shown in this guide, most of which are illustrated.

The foregoing references are the major sources of information on temperance medals, but until now have not been critically assessed for accuracy and completeness.

For this Guide I have re-examined these original sources, checked their accuracy and added information not available at the time, as well as consulting the two official ATA publications *On The March* and *On Guard*, and the ATA and RATA Annual Reports. I have focussed my attention on medals that were made specifically for issue to soldiers and sailors. Thus the medals of the NTL (National Temperance League), STAA (Soldiers' Total Abstinence Association), ATA, RATA and RNTS constitute the bulk of the Guide and include new medals not previously recorded.

Most of the non-regimental medals have been described already by Dawson, and he assigned numbers to distinguish among them. In nearly all cases I have used the same numbers but have occasionally made a small alteration, particularly if the medal is a sufficiently different variation of an existing medal. I have assigned new numbers to some previously un-numbered medals. A few errors in the numbering that occurred in the first edition have been corrected.

At one time I had decided to try to give valuations for the medals but this would require constant updating and so instead I have, wherever possible, stated the number of medals that were issued so as to indicate their relative rarity. My intention is to enable dealers, buyers and sellers to use this as a guideline to pricing. These numbers are to be found in the appendices.

For those who are interested in the progress of the temperance movement in HM Forces there are several detailed accounts, and I recommend the books of Field Marshal Roberts and Agnes Weston, the article by Stephen Wood and Dawson's treatise.

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Any errors contained in this Guide are mine. Like other works of this type there is always the likelihood that information is missing or incorrect, and it is hoped that later researchers will be able to add to the knowledge already here. I encourage anyone who finds errors or omissions to contact me so that they may be corrected, and welcome correspondence with anyone who has questions or interests in temperance medals.

I reserve special thanks for my son Mark who scanned the images of medals from my collection, and for my wife Caroline for tolerating my hobby.

David A Harris
Markham, August 2006

*When the 'arf-made recruity goes out to the East
'E acts like a babe an' 'e drinks like a beast,
An' 'e wonders because 'e is frequent deceased
Ere 'e's fit for to serve as a soldier.*

The Young British Soldier. Rudyard Kipling 1892

Eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart. Ecclesiastes 9:10



This unnamed gentleman is wearing the following medals:

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| ATAI.1 (electroplate) | 6-month medal | In addition: |
| ATAI.2 with Fidelity bar | 1-2 years | CETS.2 Army Division |
| ATAH.3* with Excelsior bar | 3-4 years | CETS civilian award |
| ATAH.5* with W&BS bar | 5-6 years | Temperance shield |
| ATAH.6* | 7 years | |
| ATAH.7* | 8 years | * or the RATA equivalent |
| ATAH.8* | 10 years | |
| ATAH.12 | Award of Merit | |

The large shield for temperance and was issued by the Independent Order of Rechabites.