

with me a matter of life and death." "Amidst the most painful suspense," says Dr. Lees, who tells the story, "the eight judges took their seats. The vote of five of their number was handed to the clerk to be entered: *We declare the law void.* How did that clerk feel at that terrible moment? As a man feels who has to write his own death-warrant. Then the last hope of a noble heart gave way. During the week he fell before temptation and despair combined. Before its close the city was startled by the tidings of his death—a swift and awful commentary upon the decision of Tuesday."

The present writer, from personal experience, and from the testimony of liquor dealers themselves, can bear witness to the almost total suppression of the liquor traffic in Maine. One doughty soul in Portland confessed "that he had travelled five miles in search of liquor, and could not find a single drop."

The Mayor of Providence asserts "that in three months the law reduced the monthly committals to prison nearly 60 per cent." Rev. Mr. Hadley says: "One hundred dollars will now accomplish more for the moral improvement of the people than one thousand would under the reign of alcohol." Senator Eaton says: "We have no open sale of liquor at Winslow. We used to sell \$100,000 worth annually. Now we don't sell \$3,000 worth." The Rev. Dr. Ides writes: "One Sunday I was passing the head of a pier where about three hundred fishermen were seated. Everything was perfectly quiet. Some had out their Bibles and were reading. 'If you had been here,' said the landlord of the hotel, 'before the Maine Law passed, you would on such a day have seen these rocks all along covered with blood. No female dared venture out of the house at such a time. I opposed the law with all my might, because I thought it would injure my trade; but now I make more money when these men are ashore than I did by supplying them with liquor. When they go away they take with them whole canoe loads of eggs, hams, and other necessities.'"

We have thus seen that every restriction of the liquor traffic