

convinced me that a sentiment in favor of it on some equitable plan is growing, and is bound to increase. The question appears to me to be one of the most important considerations of the temperance problem. For these reasons I attempt to bring it before the reading public, both temperance people and liquor men ; and, whatever may be the opinions held concerning the things I shall say, "I beseech all parties to hear me patiently."

MEAN MEN IN BOTH PARTIES.

That a person takes some risk in writing anything that has the least appearance of favoring the liquor man is quite certain. During temperance campaigns we have more than once seen liquor men so hard driven for arguments with which to buttress up their trade, that they have issued flaring posters which were nothing more than falsehoods in figures. Much of the personal opprobrium heaped on them and the relentless condemnation of the traffic, has been called forth by their own deceitful methods, and false presentations of statistics, which in the end have not been to the advantage of the trade. The temperance people have simply refuted error with truth, to the confusion of the liquor men and the breeding of much ill-will and mutual reproach. Now, should anyone misuse any statement which I may make here, I cannot be responsible for it. I claim the right to be judged by