

upon, 1st. Personal observation forced upon me in pursuit of my profession. 2. Personal experience as Surgeon to a County Gaol for several years (at different intervals.) 3. Upon the discharge of duties for many years as a Magistrate, wherein a very large majority of the cases coming before me are directly caused by intemperance; and, I think I would not be overstating the matter by saying that nineteen-twentieths of these cases may be traced directly or indirectly to this cause. 4. The privations and suffering affecting so large a proportion of the lower classes in cities and towns are, without doubt, in my mind, vastly augmented if not directly caused by the more than wasteful expenditure of limited means, and by the thriftlessness which the habit of intemperance begets. 5. Statistics of crime published by Police authorities, records of all descriptions of Criminal Courts, testimony of public officers, presentments of Grand Juries, admission of Judges, and the history of public executions, will all confirm the truth of the convictions above expressed.

2. What remedy would you suggest for the evils now existing?—The remedy must be in some degree commensurate with the evil, and the only one which appears to present any such feature, is a stringent prohibitory law, directed against the common traffic in liquors of every form. Personally I would use every effort and influence to enforce any restrictive measure, but it would be still with the conviction that a temporary palliation was being applied to the evil, not an effectual remedy. In surgery it would be unhesitatingly condemned as malpractice to apply an emollient poultice or soothing sedative to a dangerous limb, where nothing but excision could save the life of the patient, that estimate should be formed of similar Legislative practice, for a moral and a social gangrene of the most formidable character, judge ye!

3. Do you think the public are prepared to sustain a Prohi-