

law, the remedy is not to create a government within the government, but to find what are the defects in the government and remedy them."

If a law is defied, it is proof either that the law is not public opinion crystallized into public will; that bad men have conspired to thwart the will of the people; that bad men are in office, or that the law is defective and cannot be enforced by the ordinary machinery of government. The remedy for the first condition is to repeal the law; for the second, is for good men to combine; for the third, is to arouse the vitality of the political system, so that bad men will be driven from office; for the fourth, to substitute a good law for the bad one. No man will claim that a license law is in advance of public opinion, so the first reason does not apply to this case. There is, absolutely, no proof that any conspiracy exists among the liquor men, except in a few places, like Chicago, to defy the license laws. On the contrary, all of their great organizations have again and again declared in favor of license. That liquor-dealers all violate the license laws, is certain, but they do it as individuals, not as parties to a conspiracy, consequently, the second reason does not apply to license laws, although it does to prohibitory laws, for all the liquor organizations were brought into existence to destroy prohibition. The real cause of the failure of license laws, is that the laws are defective and cannot be enforced, and that bad men are in office. The remedy, then, is plain; substitute a good for the bad law, and kick bad men out of office. When an officer neglects his duties, the remedy is not to do his work for him, but to punish him for his neglect of duty.

In Kansas, when corrupt officials refused to prosecute liquor out-laws, the Kansas State Temperance Union, led by Hon. A. B. Campbell, did not undertake to perform the officer's work, but it commenced proceedings against the rebellious city government and corrupt officers. The result was the corrupt officers were driven from power, public conscience was quickened, public faith in the power of the state to enforce its laws was strengthened, and the law will be enforced in that state. Every officer knows if he neglects his duty he will be proceeded against, and, if found guilty, removed from his position. The law is better enforced in the city of Quincy than in any other city in Massachusetts, and it is done by Hon. Henry Foxton, as an officer, not as a private citizen. In his own words: "The remedy is to elect good men to office," and he might have added: and prosecute any officer who fails to do his duty.