

APPENDIX.

PROHIBITION IN THE UNITED STATES.

I HAVE said that one of the objects I had in view in my visit to America was to get authentic information on the working of prohibition, and the regulation of the drink traffic generally. I will put down in this Appendix the chief results of my inquiries, although they are yet somewhat imperfect.

But, first, I must refer to a document which I consider to be of no little value, in virtue of the source from which it comes. It is entitled "Report on Liquor Traffic Legislation in the United States, issued during the recess, and presented to both House or Parliament, by command of Her Majesty. London, 1888." This report, requested no doubt by the Marquis of Salisbury, is forwarded to him by Sir L. S. Sackville West, our Minister at Washington, and bears to have been drafted by Mr. Edwardes, the Secretary of Legation. Mr. Edwardes obtained very full information from her Majesty's consuls in the United States, and, as Sir L. West remarks, the report is very interesting, and has been compiled with great care. In several instances an opinion is expressed as to the working of the liquor laws of the several states, and Mr. Edwardes says that these opinions "are those of persons occupying high positions, the duties of which give them due opportunities of being earnest and impartial judges on this all-important subject." In these circumstances the judgment so expressed may well be accepted by the people of this country as trustworthy and conclusive. I will