

legally sold and controlled, than Kansas, where liquor is prohibited. Kansas had an average 22.0 suicides per 100,000 of its population. South Carolina, a wet state, was as low as 5.1 per 100,000. Now, in my opinion, and I base my opinion on figures, I don't believe the liquor traffic is the cause of 99 per cent. of the evils attributed to it. How easy it is to even men in authority to attribute mysterious deaths to causes which the public are trained to accept as feasible. It is a dictum among the knowing ones. "If you don't know the cause of death, say: "Drink or insanity." How easy! How plausible! How feasible! Yet years of investigation have proved to the writer that drink and insanity are not the demons to be blamed for ninety-nine of our suicides and miseries.

North Carolina is a Prohibition state, and yet there the average deaths from suicide was 7.1 per 100,000, while South Carolina, as I stated before, a wet state, had an average of 5.1 per 100,000 of its population. And don't forget that out of thirty-eight states investigated, twenty of these wet states have a LOWER RECORD than the model dry state of Kansas.

I have only space for one more fact. You could imagine by what the Prohibition speaker said, that the wet states were paupers, while the residents of dry states, like Kansas, are well off. What are the facts here again?

These facts are from the figures of the secretary of the Treasury for the year 1913, page 460. I cannot quote all the figures, but here is the fact. In twenty-seven states in which liquor is lawfully sold, the average savings of depositors is higher than the average savings of depositors in Kansas. In Kansas the average saving per depositor is \$231.69. while in New Hampshire, a wet state, the average savings is \$463.18, and in Nevada, another wet state, the average savings per depositor goes up to \$781.39. In North Carolina, a dry state, the average savings per depositor is \$171.56, while in South Carolina, a wet state, the average is \$278.75. So in the name of truth, let me appeal to all advocates