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medicinal and commercial purposes" there wouldn't be any difficulty in settling the question at all, but they don't. There are those whose stock in trade is made up something like this: An ounce of sweet tincture of rhubarb, a box of salolita powders and a barrel of whiskey, and, perhaps, another of rum. In other words, their liquor trade far exceeds their drug trade.

However, the promoters of the Waltham system may be able to do justice to the worthy, as well as the unworthy, pharmacists.

For instance, if a license was granted to a druggist for that part of his store near the door, say twenty feet or less, that might be considered sufficient room for the druggist to dispense all the liquors for "mechanical, medicinal and commercial purposes" he would have any call for. In that case liquors found in any other part of the building might be considered as illegally there.

As suggested before, the success of the whole scheme depends upon two factors.

Are the solid and influential citizens, church members, perhaps, willing to give of their time and money, if necessary, and connect themselves directly or indirectly, with the rum business for the benefit of the community at large and the city and its residents in particular?

Then, supposing that a sufficient number of such people can be found, their labors must be supplemented by the action of the licensing board or else the scheme must fall before it has a trial. It rests with the license commissioners to say who shall and who shall not have licenses, and from their decision there is no appeal, so that the board holds the key to the situation. The members of those boards are now appointed for six years

terms, so they are in a great measure free from political influences.

#### THE FACTS WELL STATED.

Rev. Geo. C. Cox, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., in a recent sermon on Prohibition made this clear and forcible statement:

"And in whatever way Prohibition may be urged, it is an infringement of the law of liberty, which is the highest heritage of American citizens. It is not a crime to drink liquor; and unless it be crime, it is not competent even for an overwhelming majority to take away from a single man the privilege of freedom of action. Local Option is Prohibition in title, and all that is urged against Prohibition holds with regard to Local Option."

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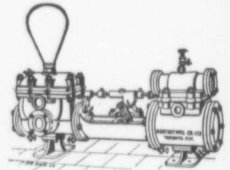
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