

attempting to give the names even of the numerous witnesses, who testified with regard to the present condition of things in Boston, it can be safely asserted that while the number of open places has undoubtedly somewhat diminished, all of the principal hotels, grocers, restaurants, apothecaries, and wholesale liquor dealers sell openly; an immense and constantly increasing number of secret places and "clubs" has been established, drunkenness has increased almost in a direct ratio with the closing of public places, and there is now more of it than at any previous time in the history of the city.

In Cambridge, Professor Bowen says, "it is as easy to buy liquor now as it is to buy bread, and it can be had even at a greater number of places."

In Lowell the Hon. E. B. Patch says: "I think the sale of liquor was never more free than it is at the present time. I believe that every dealer sells it in the most open manner, as much as they please, and to whom they please."

In Charleston, Judge Warren (formerly Mayor) says: "I should say that intemperance did not diminish. I understood the present United States Collector to say, that two hundred licenses had been granted in Charleston the present year."

In New Bedford, City Marshal Brownell says: "The law has closed up the places of public sale. I think that intemperance or drunkenness is just about the same."

In Fall River, Ex-Mayor Buffington says: "Most of the public places of the better class, that did sell, have been forced some of them to close; and in the winter, when the largest amount of seizures was made, the arrests for drunkenness were the largest of any in the year."

In Worcester, Ex-Mayor Lincoln says: "The law has not substantially suppressed the sale of liquor, nor diminished the cases of drunkenness."

In Lynn, Mayor Usher says: "I do not think there is an open bar in the city. There are said to be secret clubs where they buy liquor by the quantity and resort to drink it."

In Springfield, the Rev Mr. Ide says: "The sale of liquor is about as open as the doors are."

In Pittsfield, Judge Page says: "Intemperance has increased faster than the population."

Upon a careful inquiry into the present condition of things throughout the State, it would probably appear, that in the smaller towns there is hardly any liquor sold, but that in all the larger cities and towns it can be had without difficulty; that in most of them the sales are open, and that whenever by peculiarly vigorous efforts, the open places are closed, large numbers of secret places are established, and the cases of drunkenness largely increased.

The mere fact that the law seeks to prevent them from drinking, arouses the determination to drink in many; the fact that the place is secret, takes away the restraint upon them, which in more public and respectable places, would keep them