

Forty-three of the answers to question No. 4 are emphatically in the affirmative. One says, "a large number of crimes result from the use of liquors."

In the answers to question No. 5, "What would be the probable effect on our penal institutions should every dram-shop in the land be forever abolished?" there is no consolation to Brewer Thomann. Never have we seen a more powerful arraignment of the saloon as a cause of crime than the answers of these prison officials. We give them all below, as follows:

Chap. Arizona Penitentiary: "A criminal decrease of 75 per cent."

Chap. Arkansas State Prison: "Gradually pass into innocuous desuetude."

Chap. California State Prison: "One-half the present number would be amply sufficient."

Chap. Colorado Penitentiary: "Many jails and prisons would be empty two-thirds of the time."

Chap. Connecticut State Prison: "Would soon be wellnigh depopulated."

Foreman Town Farm, Waterbury, Conn.: "Good, without a doubt."

Chap. Joliet, Ill., State Penitentiary: "Could get along with less than half present facilities."

Chap. Chester, Ill., State Penitentiary, "Crime greatly diminished; perhaps over one-half."

Supt. Pontiac, Ill., Reform School: "Diminish number of inmates."

Chap. North Indiana Prison: "Inmates would be materially reduced for a time."

Chap. Iowa State Penitentiary: "If prisoners decrease in next five years as in past two under Prohibition our penitentiaries will be to let."

Supt. Eldora, Ia., Industrial School: "Would reduce inmates at least one-third."

Chap. Idaho U. S. Penitentiary: "Number occupants would be reduced at least 75 per cent."

Chap. Kentucky State Penitentiary: "In ten years nine-tenths of our criminals would not be here."

Chap. Maine State Prison: "Jails would be very much thinned. Prisons not perceptibly changed. Pauperism would almost disappear. Reform schools would be almost vacant. Poor-houses would be unknown."

Chap. Massachusetts Reformatory: "Suppose the millennium might be almost at the door."

Supt. House of Correction, Lawrence, Mass.: "Would soon be closed."

Chap. Deer Island Institution, Mass.: "Nineteenth shut up for want of inmates."

Chap. Michigan State Prison: "Greatly reduce number of arrests and commitments."

Chap. Minnesota State Prison: "Evidently greatly reduce number of inmates."

Chap. Missouri State Prison: "Rid of more than one-half present number of convicts."

R. L. Kelly, Penitentiary, Deer Lodge, Mont.: "One would do for the United States."

Chap. Nebraska State Prison: "Need but few indeed."

Chap. New Hampshire Industrial School: "Our penal institutions might be closed up."

Chap. Snake Hill, N. J., Penitentiary: "Closed up."

Supt. Newark City, N. J., Home: "The 'Reform School' could be abolished."

Chap. Sing Sing, N. Y., State Prison: "In ten years institutions for the punishment of misdemeanors would be practically empty. Prison population would be decreased 60 to 75 per cent."

Chap. Auburn, N. Y., State Prison: "But little use for prisons."

Chap. Rochester, N. Y., Industrial School: "Greatly diminish inmates."

Chap. Kings Co., N. Y., Penitentiary: "Close them up."

Eric County, N. Y., Penitentiary, C. B. Armstrong: "Reduce very greatly number of commitments."

Supt. Reform School, Elmira, N. Y.: "Probably diminish prison population, but doubt if it would be permanent."

Chap. N. Y. Juvenile Asylum, N. Y. City: "Greatly reduce number of inmates."

Chap. Ohio State Penitentiary: "Reduce prison population in few years 40, if not 50, per cent."

Supt. Lancaster, O., Boys' Industrial School: "Would in all probability abolish the institution."

Chap. Eastern Penitentiary, Pennsylvania: "Would not be much use for either jails or penitentiaries."

Chap. Western Pennsylvania Penitentiary: "Very large diminution of crime against person and of common larceny."

Supt. House of Refuge, Philadelphia: "Number of delinquent children would be greatly reduced."

Chap. State Institution of R. I.: "Unquestionably there would be a rapid and sustained decrease of numbers. Crime against the person would largely cease. Many institutions would be empty."

Chap. South Carolina State Penitentiary: "Reduce the number three-fourths."

Chap. Texas State Prison: "Convicts would diminish at least one-half."

Supt. Wisconsin State Industrial School: "Few would be needed."

Chief Guard U. S. Prison, Laramie, Wyo.: "Reduction of from 50 to 75 per cent."