

enumerated crimes there are 6 coming under the head of what the report calls "Rum Crimes." These offences are : Common drunkard, drunkenness, liquor selling, liquor keeping, liquor carrying, liquor nuisance. Taken altogether they number 340,814. A great many of the other offences given in the catalogue are such as are most frequently committed by persons under the influence of liquor. The inquiry undertaken, however, did not consider the *prima facie* character of the offences, but carefully searched out their history. The method by which this was done and the results attained are given as follows :—

"There were no sources of information from which we could ascertain the weight of the influence of intemperance in the commission of all crimes other than those indicated by an asterisk in the foregoing table, and our means would not allow us to canvass all the courts in the Commonwealth, we therefore instituted an investigation for the year current from September 1, 1879, to September 1, 1880, with a view to discover what that influence is in the county of Suffolk during the above year.

"This investigation dealt exclusively with all sentences for offences other than the distinctive rum offences made during the year above mentioned.

"By this investigation, limited to one year, and one county of the Commonwealth, we did not expect to attain any certain knowledge as to the part intemperance played in the commission of the 40 per cent. balance of crime for the twenty years which were the subject of our last year's report on the statistics of crime. The result attained, however, by this investigation will supply an important basis for computation and conjecture as to its influence in the commission of this 40 per cent. balance of crime for the whole State.