

Taking the eleven States, and classing them as seven for the license, and four prohibitory, we find the

Average for the License States.....	\$1 49
“ “ Prohibitory “ .....	0 50

Your Commissioners visited five States, thirteen cities, ten towns, and many rural districts; they travelled nearly four thousand miles, and conversed with all classes; they found the testimony as to the partial operation of the law in many of these cities, and its general enforcement in towns and rural districts to be uniform.

Your Commissioners desire heartily to acknowledge the courtesy with which they were treated by all the officials from the Governor of each State, downwards, as well as by all the private citizens with whom they were brought into contact; and further, would place on record their appreciation of the prompt and cheerful liberality that placed at their disposal all books and documents bearing upon the subject of their enquiry.

Your Commissioners take the liberty of presenting with their report (as an Appendix) two important extracts from a Report of a Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives of Massachusetts, dated May 14th, 1867. One hundred and ninety-two witnesses (all representative men) were examined before the Commission, and the whole question of prohibition appears to have been very carefully considered. The first extract is from the report of a majority of the Commission; and the second extract from the minority report—both sides of the question are there presented with great force and clearness.

In discharge of the onerous and responsible duties assigned to them, your Commissioners have given the matter their most earnest attention, and trust that their labour and its results will be satisfactory, and meet with His Excellency's approval.

All of which is most respectfully submitted by,

Your most obedient servants,

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