

## STATISTICS OF INTEMPERANCE.

The attention of every good citizen is requested to the following FACTS:

In the winter of 1833—34, Mr. Samuel Chipman, of Rochester, visited personally, every JAIL and POOR-HOUSE in the state of New-York, and obtained from the officers, under their own signatures, (with one or two exceptions,) precise statements of the number of persons who had occupied them during the year 1833, with their habits, &c., and from the county clerks the expenses attending the same. These certificates, with accompanying statements, have been published by the N. York State Temperance Society in a pamphlet of 96 pages, and the whole constitutes one of the most important documents for the moralist, the philanthropist, or the political economist, ever published in this or any other country. It shows conclusively, that in this land of FREEDOM and of SCHOOLS, there would be almost NO CRIME, NO PAUPERISM, and NO TAXES, but for the DISTILLER and the RUM SELLER.

The following summaries have been made from these reports. Under the head *intemperate*, those only were included who were known to have been so. Under *doubtful*, those whose habits were not known positively, but whose appearance, &c., rendered them suspicious. Under *temperate*, were placed young children and youths, old and infirm persons, foreigners and persons from distant parts of the country, whose habits were not known. Many of the children were known to have had intemperate parents.

SUMMARY of the whole No. of persons in the Jails and Poor-Houses in the 55 counties of the state of New-York, in 1833, as certified by the keepers, viz:

	<i>Intemperate.</i>	<i>Doubtful.</i>	<i>Temperate.</i>
Jails,.....	7,141	1,583	850
Poor-Houses,..	11,171	1,998	1,506
Total,..	18,312	3,491	2,366

Total in Jails and Poor-Houses,..24,169  
The above does not include great numbers who are tried for petty offences and fined, nor great numbers of paupers who are supported by towns and by private charity. Nor does it include houses of refuge, orphan asylums, insane, nor state prisons.

SUMMARY of County Taxes in 1833, as certified by the clerks of the boards of supervisors, viz:

For support of poor,.....	\$365,054 12
For criminal purposes,.....	288,731 05
Total,.....	\$653,785 17
For ordinary purposes,.....	221,286 70
Total,.....	\$875,071 87

Estimating New-York to contain one 7th of the inhabitants of the United States, the whole number of intemperate criminals and paupers, confined in Jails and Poor-Houses, in this country, in a single year, is 148,799!!! The common estimate of drunkards in the United States, has been 300,000. If 148,799 are confined in Jails and Poor-Houses, in a year, how many are probably at large?

In order to show that the above estimates are within the truth, the following statements are given, being the substance of certificates in Chipman's report, and in reports of the Prison Discipline Society, &c.

J. O. Cole, Esq. Police Justice, Albany, states that 2,500 persons came under his cognizance in a year, and that 96 in a hundred of the offences directly or ind-

The above does not include monies raised during the same year for the erection of Jails and Poor-Houses, nor town taxes.

In order to ascertain as nearly as possible the total number of intemperate persons confined in jails and poor-houses in the state of New-York in a single year, we make the following estimate, viz:

Total number known to be intemperate,.....	18,312
Doubtful, 3,491, half of which may fairly be classed as intemperate,.....	1,745
Total,.....	20,057

Or 4-5ths of the whole number. In the State Prisons at Auburn and Sing-Sing, average, 1,500 In House of Refuge, do... 100

Total,.....	1,600
At least 3-4ths of the above are ascertained from unquestionable authority to have been intemperate,.....	1,200
Total,.....	21,257

“Statistics of Intemperance” from The Temperance Almanac (Albany: Packard and Van Benthuyzen, 1836), p. 15