

great excitement which pervaded the city from the time of our appointment to that in which we took possession of the office and its appurtenances, as the papers of the day made it familiar to the community. We do not wish to attach blame to any for having caused the excitement; our wish being to convince you and the people that our only desire was the promotion of the public good.

As regards the operations of the office for the year, we can only make them from the statistics of our predecessors, except so far as relates to the time since our inauguration.

OFFICERS.

There has been no change in the Chief of the Department during the year.

The force at present consists of three hundred and sixty-five (365) officers and men—an excess of eight (8) on the number when we entered upon office, rendered necessary by report of the captains in order to increase the *inside* night force, so that those calling at the station-house could at any time be supplied with an officer for special service.

This force is divided as follows: One (1) Marshal, one (1) Deputy Marshal, five (5) Detectives, four (4) Captains, eight (8) Lieutenants, twenty-four (24) Sergeants, three hundred and fourteen (314) Men, eight (8) Turnkeys, and is nearly equally divided between the stations, except the middle, the extent and value of property in which demands a larger force.

STATION HOUSES.

By reference to the report of last year, it will be seen that the station-houses now under our control are inadequate, both as regards the comfort of officers and prisoners, to the purpose for which they are intended. New houses ought, in fact, to be built, but we have determined, unless otherwise ordered, to increase the size of both the Southern and Western district station-houses. The latter, although central at the time of its establishment, owing to the rapid growth of the city, is now nearly on the line dividing it from the middle, and we would advise the sale of the lot and the purchase of a new site in some more central locality.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

By reference to the statistics accompanying this report, it will be seen that the largest amount of crime and disorder arises from the excessive use of intoxicating drinks. There are more than two thousand places in our city where they can be had, and many where they can be obtained on the Sabbath, notwithstanding the law to the contrary. At least three-fourths of the crimes and misdemeanors committed in