

TOBACCO.

For the Maritime Presbyterian.

The public prints have lately told us that in a hospital in Paris of 19 cases of cancer of the tongue 11 were officially declared to result from smoking. General Grant is also suffering from a cancer at root of his tongue caused by the use of tobacco. His physicians (considering his case incurable and it is not expected that he will survive long.

Cancers in the tongue and lip are becoming very prevalent, and certainly should alarm and prove a serious warning to smokers. Not a few of our youths are also learning this disgusting habit through the effect of example. And the result is that their intellects become impaired, health suffers and in some cases an early grave is dug. Temperance societies are now actively at work throughout the Dominion, is it not time that an anti-tobacco crusade was also inaugurated in order that our youth may be saved from this evil which is spreading rapidly.

At the Sabbath School convention held at Yarmouth 1st September, after an animated discussion it was resolved that the convention believe the use of liquors and tobacco inconsistent for Sabbath School workers. Such a resolution, coming from a deliberative assembly should be seriously considered by every teacher in our Sabbath Schools who may not be blameless.

But some ask why attack this particular evil and not lift a warning voice against other evils. The existence of other evils affords no pretext for allowing tobacco to continue its direful effects. Youth and others are being injured, thousands of dollars are being wasted and it will not do to wait until other evils are suppressed.

Suppose the money expended on this one article for one year were saved how much it would do to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom. If even a few tobacco consumers would give up the use of the weed for twelve months would it not lift the incubus of debt that rests upon the College fund. We hope the MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN will still continue to raise its voice against tobacco. Let its readers also agitate and not cease agitating until some reform is effected.—*Anti-Tobacco.*

HOPE AND FEAR.

There is a class of very highly refined people in these modern days who tell us that neither hope of heaven nor fear of hell should influence us in our life on the earth, but that we should do right because it is right, and shun wrong because it is wrong. Paul was not so transcendental. He was influenced by the realities of the after-world. Of course the great motive was the constraining love of Christ, but he was not ashamed to say that he lived right always because he knew he would be raised up from the grave, to stand before Christ's judgement seat, there to be judged. We are in danger in these days of losing the mighty influence, as a motive of life, of the powers of the world to come. We like to talk about heaven and its blessedness, but we should first make sure that we are going there, and we should never forget that there is another place which has no blessedness.—*Westminster Teacher.*

Alas! we shall never know the value of time till it has slipped from us and left us in eternity. Eternity is the only preceptor that can rightly teach the science of using time. Dearest Lord! will it leave us then with Thee?—*F. W. Faber.*

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