

putting a quid of tobacco in his mouth, under a sense of his degradation and bondage to this filthy habit. I saw a man who told me that tobacco was the dearest thing he had on earth—dearer than wife, child, church or state!

I can name a clergyman who was much enslaved to his snuff; he sometimes reproved a neighbor who was a drunkard. At length the drunkard said to him, "If you will give up your snuff, I will give up my rum." The bargain was made. But within forty-eight hours the clergyman was in perfect anguish for his snuff. He set a spy over the drunkard to watch for his downfall. When told that the fatal cup had passed his lips, he flew to his snuff-box with the fury of a maniac, made himself idiotic, and died a fool! Tell us which was the greater drunkard? Or, as sin, is the point in debate, which was the greatest sinner? Dear sir, we said to a brother clergyman, do, I pray you, give up tobacco. "Not I, not I," was his reply, "I will use it if it shortens my life seven years. I will live while I live." If this is not slavery, what is slavery? Is it not a sin to practice a habit which makes an abject slave? An eminent minister, once said, "*I would lay down one hundred pounds gladly at any time if I could give up smoking!*" A woman in Essex county, a Christian professor, called for her snuff-box in her dying agonies, on the verge of eternity! weeping friends witnessed her passion strong in death! Her last words were "nuff, nuff, give me nuff!"

To all who are enslaved by this habit and say they *would* give up their weed if they *could*, let me give the following remarks from the author of "Confessions of an Old Smoker." "Besides, brethren, permit a word of friendly expostulation on this *unmanly*, puerile state of mind which contents itself with wishing that you *could* (!) abandon the use of tobacco! *Proh pudor!* What a confession of mental and moral weakness! You wish to give up the practice, but you cannot; of course you know the distinction between *natural and moral inability*; but if you have forgotten it, I must refer you to your old