

"Well, but we have known many people cured of diseases by it." That may be. we have known many cured by alcohol, opium, mercury, and even by prussic acid itself, which is the deadliest of poisons, but these poisons never cure, without injuring the system at the same time. You may chew tobacco to kill the worms, but you will kill your stomach as well. You may smoke to cure the tooth-ache or the head-ache ; but the poison will take up its quiet dwelling in your system, and shorten your days.— Besides, don't be *always* taking medicine ; and be so kind as to take it in your own rooms, along with your castor oil and salts ; and then *we* shall not be poisoned by your smoky air. A celebrated physiologist said that tobacco was bad, even in small quantities, for all persons in health ; and that it was bad as a medicine, except in asthma, and that then it should be used only when the fit was coming on.

Now, lads ! you that are just wavering whether to begin or not, *don't begin !* Keep your nose and mouth clean, and never touch the filthy weed. Never fear being laughed at. If you want to be manly, show that you can stand a scoff or a jeer ; improve your minds at school and by reading ; breathe the fresh country air ; lead useful lives ; keep yourselves sober and chaste ; and then you will be noble men, and happy ones too.

And you, teetotalers ! Are any of *you* inconsistent enough to smoke ? There is scarcely a reason you give for smoking but the drinkers urge the very same, sometimes with greater force, for drinking. A great authority in these matters has said that "Moderate smoking is more physically injurious than moderate drinking." The only difference between tobacco and alcohol is, that the one deadens, while the other inflames the passions. Your pipes are a terrible stumbling-block in the way of teetotalism, and injure your health and character more than you are aware.

Respectable smokers ! you that enjoy your fine-flavoured cigar in your own gardens ! Think of these lads and truly vulgar people whose practices you are encouraging. Give it up for their sakes.

Christian professors ! you know that you cannot justify smoking by a single principle of the Gospel. It is one of the lusts of