

observed ones concerning "dress," but also earnestly advise abstinence from tobacco as one of the conditions of membership. One thing is certain, much more can and ought to be said throughout our societies directly to this point. Mere advice won't do. It is time that the Church was purified from an influence so contrary to temperance principles, so opposite to Gospel purity. As long as Christian ministers, class leaders, Sabbath-school superintendents and teachers "smoke until the world is blue, and their theology is blue, and everything is blue," may not the world look up and say, "Thou that teachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?" In order that our preaching be most effective, it is necessary that we preach by example as well as by precept. We know of strong men, the influence of whose teaching is rendered weak as to these points, simply because their practice does not harmonize with their precept. The candidate at the bar of Conference, the child in the Sunday-school, and the sinner in the street, loses confidence in them.

We know of some who are so conscious of this fact, that to appear more consistent they refrain from teaching at all along this line. One of our best Sabbath-school superintendents