

that remains ever the same from year to year, from generation to generation. Yes, from Noah's time until now, water has ever wet the individual who has come in contact with it. Like the air we breathe, it is free—free to all who accept or receive it.

In my ramblings I met with a boy who liked tobacco. The price of that weed at that date was twelve and one-half cents per pound, for good smoking tobacco. Of course I was induced to try the flavor. My first touch with chewing tobacco was quite sufficient to satisfy me that, if I did not want a sick stomach, a dirty mouth, a filthy habit, obnoxious to the well-respected boy or girl, then I had better let chewing tobacco alone. Still my longings went out in a degree to try the pleasant odor of smoking tobacco, and finally was able to smoke a pipe so well that even my brothers came to the discovery that I could empty a pipe at a smoke as well as some of the older smokers, and they offered to supply me with tobacco for five years if I would only keep them company in smoking, as boys. Not one of the family continued to smoke after reaching manhood.

Our section of the County of Peel, at that particularly time was exceedingly wild. Not infrequently did we hear the wolves at night, in their cries after deer or rabbits. To me the tone was most unpleasant, and sounded very much like trouble for the pursued. Upon one occasion, early in the morning, our old friend the dog, that was left upon the farm by its former occupant, was seen to pursue a supposed dog across one of the fields, towards a neighbor's farm. This dog had the habit of being very vicious with other dogs; he was of the bull-dog type. My father, seeing the dog, as he supposed, wondered why there had not been a scuffle between the dogs, as it was our dog's habit to handle roughly all the neighbors' dogs. However, later in the morning, the supposed dog went to the neighbor's sheep fold, and his dog gave battle. When the neighbor arose to look into the trouble, he discovered a wolf on the premises, and the dog, encouraged by his master's presence, attacked the