

A correspondent of the *Cincinnati C. Advocate*, who has made a careful computation from the best available sources of information estimates that "the smokers and chewers among the preachers and members of the Cincinnati Conference only make an annual expenditure for tobacco of over \$180,000!" The writer says, "There are numerous instances where five to ten members of a charge or circuit spend more jointly for tobacco than their whole charge or circuit gives for all the benevolent collections of the church combined!" Thus in a great many, if not in the majority of cases, more money is paid for tobacco than the gospel; it has been even found that some would rather leave their church than give up their wasteful habit. Many working men with large families to maintain, and who can ill afford to waste their wages, spend more than \$100 in a few years on their tobacco. Yet ask them for a subscription for some church fund or religious newspaper, and they will gravely tell you they cannot afford it! What tobacco consumer can justify his conduct in this respect? especially when it is remembered that money thus spent is worse than wasted, it does a positive injury to the system.

Writes a correspondent in the *Toronto Advertiser*, "I asked a gentleman some few weeks since, how many cigars do you smoke in a day? Without any hesitation he answered, ten or twelve. I suppose the wholesale price of a good cigar will be at least five cents. That is 50 cents a day for tobacco—that is \$3.50 per week, or \$182 per year. Add the simple interest at 8 per cent., (which comes to \$14.56) to the principal, makes just \$196.56. That would buy a nice house with 7 or 8 rooms, suitable for a clerk or a mechanic, where you could sit down free of rent, or if you liked better, you could secure a life insurance for \$3,500. Think of that. And the indulgence in tobacco costs all that money, and sacrifices health along with it. Suppose that you possessed that money, and a burglar attempted to rob you of it, how hard you would fight for it. But for the sake of a temporary indulgence, you part with it, and health also, and never grumble."