

stimulants; this ceased upon the discontinuance of their bad habit. Tobacco is without doubt the primary cause of much drunkenness. Out of 600 prisoners confined in the State Prison in Auburn, N. Y., for crimes committed when under the influence of strong drink, 500 of them testified that they began their intemperance by the use of tobacco. Liquor dealers are not slow to perceive this, and to keep a supply of cigars to catch the barely initiated wine-bibber. The cigar does its work on one side of the bar, and the money paid for it helps to fill the cask on the other. Thus it becomes no weak supporter of King Alcohol.

Accepting these facts, as we must, one may well enquire, What honest man can continue the use of the weed? And yet in the Christian Church thousands on thousands—even ministers of the Gospel—are found smoking and chewing as though the thing were perfectly harmless. They oppose the liquor business, and at the same time encourage its recruiting officer, that is, they help God with one hand, and the devil with the other. While we denounce the imbibor, the dealer, and the legislator, ought we not to shake our garments of every influence that would in the least savor of the bar-room? If we cannot,