

cheapest plan must be to invent sham facts and sell them to you, while he keeps the real facts for his own use.

These things are said well ; but I am not sure whether the restlessness of the man who bets ; the absorption on what was commenced as an amusement ; the time consumed in consulting betting information ; the unworthy company men are seduced into ; the craving temptation to make bets beyond means, and which has started hundreds on courses of knavery and theft ; the growing dislike that comes to steady work, and to slow but sure gains ; the sort of fevered passion that must have gratification and is wound up in intensity in its very eagerness to pursue it ; the alternations of exultation and of despair ; the sort of mad appetite in which men live ;—whether all this is not the sorest evil of that modern habit of betting and of gambling which is so serious a moral danger of the age. Happy is that young man who, in view of all these things, comes to this wholesome resolution : “Whatever else I may do or not do, gamble and bet I will not.”

But will you let me ask you to follow me in more serious reflections ? You are the child of eternity ; you have now your time of probation ; you have your one earthly life to live, and upon what you make it will depend that which will follow through