

be sounded. Tobacco is a deadly poison. A small piece—a single mouthful—one-third of a “fig”—is sufficient, if chewed and swallowed, to kill instantly the stoutest and healthiest man, who is unaccustomed to the use of it. Taken in the most moderate way, it disturbs the vital functions, it excites and deadens the nerves; it disarranges the digestive powers; it poisons the blood; it maddens the brain;—it unmans the man. It pollutes his breath—defiles his mouth, destroys his teeth, and, when taken excessively, as it usually is when taken at all, it renders him a nuisance—an outrage against decency—a filthy, disgusting, loathsome object, whose presence is offensive to all who are not, like himself, saturated, physically and mentally, with the abominable juice.

Nature lifts up her warning voice against the use of tobacco; and the “voice of Nature” is the “voice of God.” Christianity condemns it, for it enjoins self-denial, and bids us “cleanse ourselves from all filthiness” of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord; to deny “worldly lusts”, and assures us that they “war against the soul.” Our bodies, if we be christians, are the “temples of the Holy Ghost”, and a curse is denounced against those who *DEFILE* the temple of God, by the indulgence of ungodly lusts and unnatural appetites.

Chewing, smoking, and snuffing, are not only injurious, expensive, unnatural, and degrading habits, in themselves, fit only for the savages from whom they were first learned, but they lead directly to innumerable other evil practices.

It is high time for the voice of the church to be raised against this monster vice! We should circulate information on the subject. Christians must not shrink from the self-denial involved. Ministers must lead the way. Let them *preach*, and let them *PRACTICE* against it. Let the young be warned; let the aged be entreated. Let the evil habit be discountenanced—frowned upon—put down.

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