

States, to pay for the tobacco snuffed, burned, and chewed. The money spent for tobacco would pay all taxes, and assessments levied for public uses. In our large cities it will pay for all the bread and leave a surplus; it will build all the school-houses necessary, and pay the teachers for the education of all the boys and girls; it would pay all the expenses of the Protestant Church, and carry the gospel to all the lands of the earth; it would support all the religious and benevolent institutions now in existence. And yet this tremendous expenditure is without benefit in the world, politically, socially, or religiously. Many young men, not yet twenty-five, have smoked up eighty acres of land. Many burn and chew enough to clothe a family. Some decidedly poor men have chewed up, and spit out one hundred and sixty acres of land, with the interest on the money invested, and not even the land where the excess has fallen has been benefitted by the cost. Some professing Christians pay one dollar for the gospel and ten for tobacco. Lord have mercy on such Christians! It cannot be that while making the great efforts for the evangelization of the world are languishing for the want of means to carry forward their operations, in bringing back a world of sinners to the fold of God, that it is right to squander millions of the Lord's money in pandering to a depraved sensual appetite.

The influence of this accursed practice is seen and felt in our Sabbath schools, and many parents have to mourn over the sons of their love, as they have seen him led away by the example of a professor of religion, or a so-called minister of the Lord Jesus Christ; and our little boys, when they can not get genuine tobacco, are found with a cornstalk, elm root, or some other porous weed or weed, trying to follow in the footsteps of their illustrious predecessors in folly. Is it right that men professing godliness should exert their influence to fix upon our youth a habit that will offend God and man, hinder their usefulness, and prepare them for taking farther steps in the downward course for folly and intemperance? Heaven save us from such a result!

The influence of the practice is seen and felt in the enjoyment of professors of religion. How many are in form seeking the blessing of a clean heart, and are yet indulging in the vilest of passions! Is it not a direct insult offered to Deity, to pray to him to come and dwell in us while we are cleaving to and fighting for a habit degrading and filthy in the eyes of every right-minded Christian man? The habit is hard to be broken off, and this is oft-