

any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling-block to them that are weak." "When ye sin so against the weak brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. 1 Cor. viii. 12. "Wherefore," saith the apostle, "if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." The principle laid down here is one that should run through all our Christian life. It more than meets the case in hand, for the apostle is speaking of that which to him personally was no evil, while as to tobacco, we are unanimous in admitting that it is at least a weight. Now, if the former could be construed into a sin, much more the latter. Moreover, the term weight here means sin. Reader, if you use or sell tobacco, try yourself by this principle. The whiskey-seller is a stumbling-block over which weak ones stumble into hell; the man who sells tobacco is as surely guilty. Does any one ask to what extent his influence is harmful to others? We cannot tell. Your neighbor is influenced by you, and he influences some one else in turn, and that influence will not stop at your death, but roll on down through the centuries. Judgment alone will reveal the harm done. Brother, stop and