

devils. There are sometimes a scolding devil, and sometimes a dumb devil. There are turbulent devils, and transformed devils. Some are miserable devils. In short, they are all treacherous devils.

They work upon the mind of man according to his natural propensity, whether avaricious, prodigal, or otherwise; whether lust, passion, hatred, or revenge, and blow the flame still higher. It is said that those who are addicted to these passions, tempt the devil to tempt them; for he who draws near to the devil, or his ways, the devil will draw near to him.

This arch rebel is mentioned throughout the Scriptures by various names, all importing his diabolical character. He is called the Serpent, Belial, Beelzebub, Angel of the pit, Prince of the power of the air, Lucifer, Abaddon, and Apollion, which last signifies the intense destroyer.

He is a cruel devil, and an envious devil. He hated to see Job prosper, although not only an innocent, but also an upright man. He moved the Sabians to fall upon his oxen and asses; he moved the Chaldeans to fall upon his camels and servants; he made lightning flash from heaven upon the sheep, and killed them all. And he, like a true merciless devil, blew down the house upon the poor children, which killed them all, and buried them in the ruins. This is a specimen of Satan's good will to mankind, so far as his commission goes. No wonder that Paddy said he did not like to *spell* him. See the English etymology of the name taken

to pieces, standeth thus—d-e-v-i-l. Take away the *d*, and it reads *evil*; take away the *v*, and it reads *ill*. So, said he, take it as you will, in any language, it is the devil of a name.

A rich gentleman in Massachusetts once stated to me that there was no devil except what was in the women. I replied, sir, I hope that you are not under the misfortune of having a bad wife. I have no wife at all, he replied; I am a bachelor. O, then, said I, the devil is a bachelor too. Now, my friends, I assure you that there is not a she devil mentioned in either the Old or New Testament.

That the devil is an active adversary, there is no doubt. He outwitted Adam, Eve, Cain, Noah, Lot, and all the patriarchs, except Abraham. Yet he has no foreknowledge. He could not tell his friend Herod where the child Jesus was; nor could he tell Pharaoh that the waters of the Red Sea would return and drown him.

The devil received a great shock when Christ appeared on earth; for ever after, when he met Him, we hear the devil cry out as if he had the cholera morbus, and even beg leave to go into the swine. His magical arts were so exposed by Christ and the Apostles, that the devil was obliged to turn bankrupt, and give up the old witches, wizards, magicians and necromancers, with their old withered and haggard faces, and now try to enlist a new class—the fashionable fools, and the polite gentry, with whom he has but too well succeeded in gaining his point—for he is a subtle devil: