

Moral Reforms.

Who Carries the Business On?

Men don't believe in a devil now,
As their fathers used to do;
They reject one creed because it's old
For another because it's new.

There's not a print of his cloven foot,
Nor a fiery dart from his bow,
To be found in the earth or air to-day!
At least—they declare it is so!

But who is it mixes the fatal draught
That palsies heart and brain,
And loads the bier of each passing year
With its hundred thousand slain?

But who blights the bloom of the laud to-day
With the fiery breath of hell?
If it isn't the devil that does the work,
Who does? Won't somebody tell?

Who dogs the steps of the toiling saint?
Who spreads the net for his feet?
Who sows the tares in the world's broad field
Where the Savior sows his wheat?

If the devil is voted not to be,
Is the verdict, therefore, true?
Some one is surely doing the work
The devil was thought to do.

They may say the devil has never lived,
They may say the devil is gone;
But simple people would like to know
Who carries the business on?

—Temperance and Reform.

What A Man Saw in Delirium Tremens.

In the October American Magazine Charles Roman gives a record of his own experience as a victim of delirium tremens. It is a remarkable psychological document, comparing favorably in interest and as a piece of writing with De Quincey's "Confession of an Opium Eater." Following is a brief extract which gives some suggestions of the things the patient saw:

"Up to this point the zoological visitations had been intermittent. During the next few days, however, I saw all that I could stand. I saw such prehistoric creatures as exist nowhere except in museums. I saw rats as they marched past my door, or flew through my windows, or floated in my tub. Elephants strode in and out with lumbering steps and swaying trunks. At times they seated themselves and taunted me with their thunderous bellows or their ear-splitting screeches. They flaunted their snouts high in the air and guffawed. Monkeys jumped from limb to limb in the trees outside my room. Snakes of all colors, of all descriptions, reptiles with fantastic figures upon their backs and with eyes of sapphire or ruby or of milk-white marble, wriggled upon the floor or crept in and out of heretofore unseen crevices in the walls, and dropped into the water of my tub. They swam around and around me, squirming under me, with their tongues darting in and out with ferocious activity. Giraffes craned their necks around the doorways

or through the windows; chickens roosted over my head and cackled; dogs and wolves ran around the room barking and snapping; pigeons flew from one corner to another and cooed. Lions I heard roaring, and tigers I saw while they opened their mouths like huge cats, in silent, angry disapproval, licking their whiskers and wetting their paws, softly and daintily. This and far more.

"I saw crocodiles in droves. Fat, scaly, glistening beasts they were, with frothy, foaming jaws, long sweeping tails, crouching upon or creeping along the foot of my bath tub or my bed and grinding their yellow teeth in gluttonous anger as they contemplated me, their prey. I saw the reeking, slippery body of a crocodile slide into the water of my tub. Then, as I shrank in breathless horror to escape, I saw his greedy, filmy eyes arise to the surface, with his cold, foul chin flush with mine. His icy beak touched my cheek, the hot vapor from his lungs seared my flesh. I turned as cold as ice and trembled like a leaf in a storm."—Free Methodist.

Thirty-eight Reasons Why No One Should Use Tobacco.

1. It causes death.
2. It poisons the blood, disturbs the nerves, weakens the appetite, stunts the growth, occasions paralysis, renders the tissues of the body liable to disease, increases the likelihood of insanity and of sudden and even of premature death.
3. It unfits for intellectual labor. It has been found by careful observation that students who use tobacco freely seldom stand in the front rank of scholars. A distinguished teacher says that after two weeks in the lecture-room he can mark those who indulge in tobacco. They show a decided inferiority in insight and mental force.
4. The Bible forbids us injuring our bodies. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?" 1 Cor. 6: 19.
5. It injures morally.
6. It is a great social evil.
7. It sets a bad example and may influence others. Paul says, "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth lest I make my brother to offend." 1 Cor. 8: 13.
8. The Bible enjoins temperance, and commands us to abstain from all appearance of evil.
9. Our influence is needed against its use. Some religious sects are making the use of tobacco a bar of entrance into the ministry. The French military schools are adopting a similar rule of admission; also some of the universities.
10. It is a habit, which, when once formed, is like the appetite for strong drink—hard to overcome.

11. If we never taste it, we can never become its slave.

12. It is the first step in intemperance, and leads to other vices.

13. It weakens the will power, and makes us less liable to resist temptation.

14. It leads to bad company.

15. It gives others a bad impression of your character.

16. It is unmanly.

17. It is unholy.

18. It is entirely useless.

19. It is extravagant. Consider the amount spent annually for tobacco, and think how much good it might have accomplished.

20. It is a sin to spend money so uselessly when millions are perishing without the gospel of Christ.

21. It is a filthy habit.

22. It renders the breath impure and discolors the teeth.

23. It is disgusting to others.

24. The odor of tobacco smoke is unhealthful and makes many persons sick.

25. Valuable property is destroyed by carelessness in smoking. An insurance agent says, "One-half our losses come from the spark of the pipe and cigar."

26. Its use is excessive among the lower classes and criminals.

27. Persons who are slaves to its use regret that they ever formed the habit. But they submitted to be bound by a shackle that is hard to break.

28. It grieves your dearest friends and is displeasing to God.

29. It can be classed with intoxicating drinks as being a disgrace to a Christian nation.

30. It indicates a lack of moral courage.

31. It is very foolish to form a degrading and injurious habit.

32. You can find many good reasons against its use, but none in its favor.

33. You don't want to indulge in a habit that would be out of place in heaven.

34. You can do better work for Christ by abstaining from its use.

35. Jesus is our great example. You are not doing as he would do if you use tobacco.

36. Every true woman has greater respect for a man if he don't use tobacco.

37. You should not soil your mouth with what the lower animals refuse.

38. Total abstinence from the poisonous weed is a duty you owe to yourself, to others, and to God, as well as to future generations.—From "The Blood Cure for the Tobacco Habit."

We honor our heroic and patriotic dead by being true men, as true men by faithfully fighting the battles of our day as they who fought the battles of their day.—David Gregg.