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Rise up ye Women that are at Ease

THE BANEFUL CIGARETTE. By Sara Rowell Wright.

We cannot but consider the hydra-headed cigarette habit the greatest evil threatening the youth of our land. The wonder and pity of it is that we have not been aroused as we should long ere this; but it has stolen upon us with such rapidity that, perchance almost before we were aware of it, some of our own loved ones were engulfed in its frightful vortex.

From the March number of the Canadian Cigar and Tobacco Journal—right from the enemy's domains—we clip the following: "Despite the crusade against it the cigarette still keeps on its career of conquering and to conquer. It is made and used in every land, and according to a German statistician enough are smoked every year to reach the moon. Only of late years though has the cigarette been used by the women of the Anglo-Saxon race; as late as 1850 it was an unheard-of thing for an English or American lady to use the dreaded article. Since then there has been a revolution in every respect. The cigarette is used universally in both Great Britain and the United States, and in daily increasing quantities by the women of both countries."

Oh! the shame of it, that the above statements are as near the truth as they are!

Statistics corroborate the fact of a steady increase in the manufacture and sale of cigarettes, not only in the United States but in our own Dominion. In the former country, despite the decrease in manufactured tobacco, snuff and cigars—attributable to the stringency of the times—3,000,000,000 cigarettes were manufactured during the past fiscal year. This represents an average of about fifty cigarettes per capita. The Commercial Gazette says: "Ten years ago the number manufactured yearly was far below a billion." The increase truly is terrific and represents not only that much money worse than wasted, and which might have been turned into useful channels, but what is decidedly worse, it represents an awful increase in wrecked lives and premature deaths.

Turning to our own Dominion, we see the same proportionate appalling increase. Quoting from the last published Inland Revenue Report, we find that in 1892 there were 40,147,200 cigarettes taken out of bond for consumption; during the last fiscal year the number reached 55,143,500. Computing these at a low retail figure of fifty cents per hundred, we find them worth the enormous figure of \$275,717.50. "Why this waste?"

Yet, were the financial side of the question the most serious one involved, we might not wonder at the apparent indifference of fathers, mothers, and our own W. C. T. U. workers in general, but a more appalling side confronts us. We learn from unquestionable authority that cigarette smoking among the young irritates the nervous system, impairs the lung power, causes heart enlargement, is bad for digestion and baneful to the brain. Two hundred physicians gave testimony to the evil effects of tobacco using by boys, through a report placed before the Michigan Legislature. They said: "Boys are being dwarfed, rendered incapable of speech, made insane, and killed, through the use of tobacco." Need we wonder at this when we learn that there are five poisons used in the composition of the ordinary cigarette of commerce. The oil in the paper, the oil of nicotine, the oil in the flavoring, saltpetre, and opium. Dr. Dudley, professor of chemistry in the Vanderbilt University, gives the results of a careful analytical examination of the smoke of an average cigarette. He says: "The fact is demonstrated beyond a chance of doubt or question that carbonic oxide is the chief constituent of cigarette smoke, and that its inhalation into the air passages and lungs must of necessity be exceedingly deleterious." In a memorial presented to Congress a few years ago with reference to the use of cigarettes, it is stated: "Clippings taken from newspapers throughout the United States, show that during the past year there have been one hundred deaths of young men principally under sixteen years of age, from the effects of smoking paper-wrapped cigarettes, and about one hundred have also been consigned to insane asylums, from the same cause."

Bad habits are gregarious, we find the moral nature of the cigarette user completely warped; he has been known to lie and steal in order to indulge himself in this vice, which assuredly paves the way for a desire for strong drink. Dr. C. A. Clinton, of San Francisco, expresses himself along this line in the following forcible language: "A good deal has been said about the evils of cigarette smoking, but one half of the dire truth has never been told. I have watched this thing for some time and I say calmly and deliberately that cigarette smoking is as bad as opium smoking. A cigarette fiend will lie and steal just as a morphine or opium fiend will lie or steal." The greatest peril physically to the cigarette user lies in the practice, of late years so enormously prevalent, of inhaling the smoke. This quickly introduces a narcotic poison into the system and awakens sensations akin to those produced by opium. From the Medical Record we call the following: "The seriousness of cigarette smoke inhalation lies not alone in the fact that it involves a steady absorption of poison, but in the utter hopelessness of the habit and entire inability of the indulger to give it up. Once a cigarette inhaler, always one. One may stop the use of cigar, pipe or strong drink, but morphine and cigarette inhalation habits, if well established, are practically incurable." Said one of our own London night-school boys in answer to his teacher's pleading with him to give up the use of cigarettes—and such a hopeless, despairing look overshadowed the young face—"Oh ma'am, since I learned to inhale, I cannot give it up!" Surely then in proportion to the difficulty of the cure the greater the necessity of prevention. Dare we, knowing the danger, longer assume the awful responsibility of occupying a negative position on this question?

We cannot close this paper without sending forth a note of warning in regard to an alarming danger threatening the cigarette habitue. We refer to the impure pictures so often found accompanying packages of cigarettes. We had thought this evil was principally confined to the United States, but there came to us the knowledge, filling us with indignation, that right here in our own Dominion under the fostering protection of the flag we cannot do other than live, there lies festering a moral lazaretto whose baneful effects are sufficiently wide-reaching as to touch almost every corner of the Dominion. A Montreal cigarette firm has been sending out with its vile wares, vile pictures, coupled with a promise of a souvenir album of views when fifty of said cards are collected. What kind of morals think you will our boys have before even the requisite number are gathered? And shame upon the government that will stoop to put its stamp upon this infamous traffic of cigarettes and impure pictures, thereby becoming partners in this growing evil.

A month or so ago in London a number of convictions were made for violation of the Tobacco Act. The gentleman who has been mainly instrumental in bringing this about, produced in court sixty-two obscene pictures, found in the possession of boys who had obtained them with cigarette packages. The same Gentleman stated that he knew several boys who had almost become wrecks through the impure influences of said pictures. Is it not high time that we who wear the badge of white, and who are earnestly desirous for the ushering in of whatsoever is lovely and pure and of good report, and the complete banishment of whatsoever is vile, and impure and sinful, should strive as never before for the extermination from our Dominion, our Province, and our homes of that which brings in its train such dire evils, viz., the baneful cigarette.

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

Contributed by the I. O. G. T.

THE BITTER BIT.

The old Gentleman was not as Green as He Looked.

In a pullman car on the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway the other week a young traveller noticed an old, white-bearded gentleman trying to get into a light dust coat. The young man rushed to his assistance, and in helping him with the garment noticed a good sized whiskey-flask protruding from one of the pockets. Being of a waggish nature, he appropriated the bottle, helped the stranger on with his coat and then pulling out the flask said, "Will you take a drink?"

"No, sir; I never drink."

"It won't hurt you," insisted the wag, "it's the best."

"Young man," said the old gentleman, speaking loud enough for all in the carriage to hear, "if you persist in drinking whiskey you will be a ruined man at 40. It is the curse of the land! When I was a boy my mother died, and the last thing she did was to call me to her bedside and say: 'John, promise me that you will never touch a drop of liquor.'"

"Oh, well, in that case," said the joker "I must drink it myself," whereupon, suiting the action to the words, he pulled the cork out and took a good drink."

A moment later he dropped the bottle with an exclamation which certainly did not sound like a blessing, and yelled out, "Ugh! ugh! my mouth's all raw!" Then it was the old gentleman discovered his loss and to the amusement of the other passengers, said: "Ah, young man, you will be careful in the future before you take other people's property. I am Dr. — and that bottle contained some quinine and iron for one of my patients."

TEMPERANCE VICTORY.—E. K.

Warren, proprietor of the Warren Featherbone works in Three Oaks, N. Y. recently offered to pay into the village treasury an amount equal to the revenues derived from saloon licenses if the town would abolish the saloons, and become a

"dry" community. If his offer were not accepted, Mr. Warren announced his purpose to remove the factory to another town. The factory employs several hundred men and women, and is the mainstay of Three Oaks. The council ordered a special election to determine the issue. The result was an overwhelming victory for Mr. Warren. He will now refund the license fees paid by the saloons, and Three Oaks will be saloonless.

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There is a snake in our homes with a venomous sting, With charms for all classes, from the peasant to king; The father, the mother, the wife and the child

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It enters our homes at the dead hour of night, And brings misery and woe where once there was light;

It raises the hand to the heart-broken wife, And brings sorrow and strife to that once happy life.

It has caused that son, who a fond mother bore, To become a vile monster when seduced by its power.

And the tongue that was taught by a mother to pray, Now delights in a curse her fond love to repay.

The husband who once was both tender and kind, Transformed to a demon now to all virtue is blind;

The tempter around him its coils it has wound, And bound him with fetters that his soul doth surround.

It has severed the ties of friendship so dear, And blasted all hopes of an earthly career;

It has robbed God of the soul that to Him doth belong, And transformed it to one who has it bound with a thong.

That snake in our homes is a curse to the land, Yet sanctioned by those who have the law in their hand;

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