

The incorporation under the laws of the State of the Non-Smokers' Protective League of America has been deferred, we believe, because some formalities have not yet been complied with. But the League will doubtless be incorporated in due time in this and other States, and it may serve a good purpose. No conscientious and law-abiding smoker ever wants to make himself objectionable to others. No man who is worthy of good tobacco, which may still be obtained in small quantities by the initiate, is inclined to make his enjoyment of it annoying to persons who have not formed the tobacco habit.

The objectionable smoker is almost invariably one who does not know good tobacco, and would not care for it in any circumstances. The men who violate rules against the use of tobacco in public places are never men who derive both solace and inspiration from the act of smoking it, either in pipes or in the form of cigars. With the cigarette puffer in general we do not care to

deal. Many men of otherwise exemplary habits do smoke good cigarettes in moderation, but never to the annoyance of others.

Anything that may be done to restrict the general and indiscriminate use of tobacco in public places, hotels, restaurants, railroad cars, will receive the approval of everybody whose approval is worth having. Much may be done to check the tobacco nuisance by organization and intelligent effort. Among the gentlemen named as incorporators of the new league are Chancellor DAY, DAVID STARR JORDAN, Dr. HARVEY WILEY, and Prof. BURT G. WILDER. But we also note the name of a somewhat rabid and aggressive anti-tobacco agitator, Dr. CHARLES G. PEASE, who may turn out to be the originator of the movement. Dr. PEASE, if our memory serves, is a wildly emotional hater of tobacco. His associates must bear in mind that pipes and cigars cannot be suppressed. Mankind cannot be made over on the Pease model. But objectionable smokers may be disciplined, and that much ought to be done.