

given to him thereof before) in such manner and form as is prescribed in the said book of Common Prayer.

25. (69.) If any Minister, being duly *and correctly*, without any manner of collusion, informed of the weakness and danger of death of any infant unbaptized in his parish, and thereupon desired to go or come to the place where the said infant remaineth, to baptize the same, shall either wilfully refuse so to do, or of purpose or of gross negligence shall so defer the time, as, when he might conveniently have resorted to the place, and have baptized the said infant, it dieth, through such his default, unbaptized; the said Minister shall be *liable to such censure as to the Bishop shall appear just*. Provided that where there is a Curate or substitute, this constitution shall not extend to the Parson himself, *if he hath remitted to the Curate or substitute the performance of that duty*.

26. (70.) In every Church shall be provided one book at the charge of the Parish wherein shall be written the day and year of every Christening, Wedding or Burial. And for the safe keeping of the said book the Churchwardens shall provide, at the charge of the parish, *a secure chest, to be under the direction of the Minister*.

27. (71.) No Minister shall preach or administer the Holy Communion in any *other than a public congregation*; except when any, being either so impotent that he cannot go to the Church, or very dangerously sick, are desirous to be partakers of the Holy Sacrament.

29. (75.) No ecclesiastical person shall at any time, other than for their honest necessities, resort to any tavern; neither shall they *without urgent cause* board or lodge in any such places. Furthermore, they shall not spend their time idly by day or by night; but at all times convenient they shall hear or read somewhat of the Holy Scriptures, or shall occupy themselves with some other honest study or exercise, always doing the things which shall appertain to honesty, and endeavouring to profit the Church of God; having