

RULES FOR VISITORS AND TRAVELLERS

Prepared by the late Rev. Dr. Bedell of Philadelphia, for his own congregation.

IF RESIDING IN THE COUNTRY.

1. Never neglect your accustomed private duties of reading, meditation, self-examination and prayer.

2. Never fail to attend some place of worship on the Lord's day, unless prevented by such circumstances as you are sure will excuse you in the eye of God.

3. Never entertain invited company on the Lord's day, and pay no visits, unless to the sick, and needy, as acts of benevolence.

4. Never engage in anything, either on the Lord's or on any secular day which will compromise your Christian consistency.

5. Seek to do good to the souls of your family and all others within your reach.

6. Always remember that you are to "stand before the judgement-seat of Christ."

IF TRAVELLING.

1. Never, on any plea whatever, travel on the Lord's day.

2. Make your arrangements to stop if possible in some place where you can enjoy suitable religious privileges.

3. If at a public-house or watering place on the Lord's day do not mingle with indiscriminate company; keep your own room as much as possible, and be engaged in such a way as may make the day profitable to your soul and honorable to our God.

4. Every day find or make time for your private duties of reading, meditation self-examination and prayer.

5. Carry tracts and good books with you to read, distribute or lend according to circumstances.

6. Seek opportunities to do good to the souls of those into whose society you may fall.

7. Never, by deed or conversation, appear to be ashamed of your religious profession.

8. Remember you are to "stand before the judgement-seat of Christ."

Let me entreat you to read these items of advice over and over again, and recur to them in every time of temptation. They are the affectionate warning of one who knows the danger of your situation, and whose heart's desire and prayer to God it is that you may maintain your Christian integrity; honor God, live in

obedience to his will, and enjoy the peace which can alone spring from a "conscience void of offence," "because the love of God is shed abroad in the heart."

"ANENT" TOBACCO.

TO THE ED. "MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN."

Can you inform me what is the reason that our clergy never denounce "tobacco using" from the pulpit, as well as the other vices? Can it be because so many of the prominent members, elders, and alas! in too many cases our ministers themselves are addicted to the vile habit? Or perhaps it is considered so deeply-rooted that eradication is impossible. However may be, we think it a subject which should be dealt with as well as others of no greater moment especially as it intrudes itself to such an extent into our Sabbath services. One cannot even take his place at the Lord's table on a Communion Sabbath (after a short intermission) without calling to mind a portion of Tennyson's "Light Brigade" with slight variations "Tobacco to the right, tobacco to the left, tobacco in front, coming and going," and instead of feeling as the solemnity of the occasion demands, is involuntarily thinking of the foulness of his neighbors' breath and probably trying to stifle the nauseous feeling arising on account of it.

I would like an answer to my "query" from yourself, or any of those who may be interested in the matter.

Truly Yours

ANTI-TOBACCO.

1. Our ministers do sometimes denounce "tobacco using" from the pulpit and with regard to the opinion of General Assembly thereupon read the things mentioned, as obstacles to religion, in the Report on the State of Religion as given in Assembly's Proceedings in these pages.

2. In not many cases so far at least as our Synod is concerned are our ministers themselves addicted to it. A few of the older ones who learned its use when it was looked upon as perfectly harmless and innocent and who still regard their use of it in the same light, use a little, but taking our young men, born, trained, and educated or partly so, in our colleges and we doubt if Anti-tobacco can point to one tobacco user.

3. We would commend Anti-tobacco's experience to the consideration of tobacco users who go to the Lord's table.