

tem—"Hear both sides." Be men of your word; not blowing hot and cold, and shaping a subtle character. Develop a simple spirit—open as the day, and accessible to all. PUNCTUALITY! This is said to be the *soul* of business; and it should ever be yours to meet every engagement at the proper time and place. Never let it be necessary for you to be driven to make *lame* apologies for neglect of preaching appointments; and *lag* behind *time* in commencing divine services, which damages a minister's reputation and usefulness, however talented and pious.

Again, it is expected that ministers in our DENOMINATION should be *peaceable* men, cherishing a meek and quiet spirit—discouraging irritating discussion and *wrangling* in official meetings; but maintaining the discipline of the church by firmness on the one hand, and courtesy of deportment on the other. Cultivate a *soul* of friendship to those colleagues with whom you may be stationed; and submit to the *judgment* and cooperate with your SUPERINTENDENT and Official Brethren heartily, in the management of church affairs. Cherish a generous sympathy for the *Senior Ministers*, and for those retired from the active work, who fought the battles, and manned the walls of Zion, before you were born. You have entered into their labours; may you be worthy *sons* of those venerable *sires*, testifying until death the gospel of the grace of God.

II. I will now pass to another GENERAL TOPIC—your relation to the work of the Ministry, in its bearings on others and the future.

In the prosecution of your labours, you have to deal with beings—rational and endowed with moral capacity—but who have fallen into darkness and guilt. Hence, you will be confronted with corrupt passion, worldly influence, and satanic agency; these will concentrate their *forces* to neutralize your efforts to save souls. Sinners will pro-

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