

to the Country, on our first arrival, and we may add also from the painful fact of having seen some of our beloved Countrymen, for want of reasonable advice, on their first coming to the Country totally ruined, and in too many instances, we fear, both in body and in soul.

FIRST, — Beware of forming hasty acquaintances and frequenting unknown company. Without attention to the characters of the persons with whom you become associated, you may find yourselves exposed to all the evils attendant on bad company, before you are aware, and you will either prove by it, that your habits have been heretofore bad, or expose yourself to such temptations as are calculated both to corrupt, and to confirm you in evil habits; and you may rest assured that the more sober and respectable part of mankind, will form their opinion of your character by the company that you keep. "Tell me your company!" says the Spanish proverb, "and I will tell you what you are."

"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."

It has been too often seen that improper company has led to the destruction of a good name — of the prospects of the present life and of the precious soul to all eternity.

If you form acquaintances, let them be of such a description as may improve you in religion, morals and respectability; — in habits of strict sobriety, honesty and diligent industry. And that you may be the more secure against the influence of unprofitable company, let me