

tion of three months' trial, should their examination by the Local Preachers' Meeting, or Quarterly Official Board, be satisfactory, they shall receive license as Local Preachers.

SECTION II.

Of Rules of Conduct for a Minister or Probationer for the Ministry.

48. Rule 1. Be diligent. Never be unemployed; never be triflingly employed; never trifle away time, neither spend any more time at any place than is strictly necessary.

49. Rule 2. Be serious. Let your motto be "*Holiness to the Lord.*" Avoid all lightness, jesting, and foolish talking.

50. Rule 3. Converse sparingly, and conduct yourselves prudently, with women. (1 Tim. v. 2.)

51. Rule 4. Take no steps towards marriage without first consulting with your brethren.

52. Rule 5. Believe evil of no one without good evidence; unless you see it done, take heed how you credit it. Put the best construction on everything. You know the judge is always supposed to be on the prisoner's side.

53. Rule 6. Speak evil of no one; because your words, especially, would eat as doth a canker. Keep your thoughts within your own breast till you come to the person concerned.

54. Rule 7. Tell every one under your care what you think wrong in his conduct and temper, and that lovingly