NEW RULES AT SYRACUSE.

Apropos of the recent rule regarding smoking, drinking, etc., which has caused much commotion and argument among the undergraduates at Syracuse, the following editorial cannot but be of interest to those who are interested in the case:

"Whatever else may be said of Syracuse University, it can hardly be maintained that it is holding for popularity. Last year it expelled from the dormitories all bulldogs that were romping with its pupils. This year it has thus early served notice that hereafter no free scholars will be given to students who use tobacco or attend the theatre or frequent drinking places.

"There may be reason in all this and some observers are commend ing the spirit of learning mentioned for its "high moral stand," but at a distance it looks as if it might be rather discouraging to impec- cious, but spirited and sensitive young men. It is this disposition to emphasize poverty, to point at it and render it conspicuous, that makes poverty unpopular and is responsible, in a measure at least, for persons like Mr. Rockefeller and the late Russell Sage. The Syracuse undergraduate who does not smoke will be immediately branded as an undergraduate who cannot afford to smoke; he is constantly brought face to face with the line that separates him from the son of the rich father.

"It might be urged, perhaps, that if the instruction student is not willing to forego luxuries he should not accept financial assistance; but by many tobaccos are regarded as a necessary; and if that view of the weed is correct, why not go a step further and cut off butter from bread and molasses from cakes? Thousands would rather go without butter and molasses than be deprived of tobacco at least some butter and some molasses."

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