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THE PREACHER'S VACATION.

The old man went to meetin', for the day was bright and fair.
The his step was slow and totterin' and 'twas hard to travel there;
But he-bungered for the Gospel, so he-trudged the weary way.
On the road so rough and dusty, 'neath the sun's hot burning ray.

By-and-bye he reached the building, to his soul a holy place;
Then he paused and wiped the sweatdrope from off his wrinkied face.
But he looked around, bewildered, for
the old bell did not toll,

and the doors were shut and bolted, and he did not see a soul,

So he leaned upon his pilgrim-staff and said: "What does it mean?" And he looked this and that way, till it second to him a dream. He had walked the dusty highway (and he breathed a heavy sigh)

e summons came to die.

Soon he saw a little notice, tacked on the meetin' door, So he limped along to read it, and he read it o'er and o'er; Than he wiped his dusty glasses, and he

read i: over again, Til his limbs began to tremble, and his eyes were full of pain.

As the old man read the notice, how it made his spirit burn! Pastor absent on vacation-Church is closed till his return ?

Then he staggered slowly backward. and sat him down to think, For his soul was stirred within him till he thought his heart would sink

So he moved on along and wondered; to himself soliloquized-'I haved live I 'til almost eighty and

was never so surprised. As I read that oddess notice stuck on the meetin' door: Pastor absent on vacation'-never heard the like before

Why, when I first joined the meetin', very many years ago, Preachers sraveled on the circuit, in the heat and through the snow:

If they got clothes and vittals ('twas but little cash they got), by said nothing bout vacation, They said nothing bout we but were happy in their lot.

Would the farmer leave his cattle, or the shepherd leave his sheep, Who would give them care and shelter or provide them food to eat? So it strikes me yery sing'tar, when a man of holy hands

Thinks he needs to have vacation, and forsakes his tender lambs.

Did St. Paul git such a notion? Did a Wesley, or a Knox? Did they in the heat of summer, turn

from their feedy flocks? Did they shut up their meetin'-just go and lounge about? Wby, surely then, if thus they did, Satan would raise a shout.

Do the taverns close their doors, just to take a little rest? Why 'twould be the height of nonsense,

for their trade would be distrest. Did you ever know it happen, or bear anbody tell-Satan absent on vacation—and closed

the doors of hell? And shall preachers of the Gospel pack their trunks and go away. Leaving saints and dying sinners to get along as best they may

Are the souls of saints and sinners valued less than selling beer? Or do preachers fire quicker than the rest of mortals here?

Why it is I cannot answer; but my feelings they are stirred; Hear I've dragged my tottering footsteps to hear the gospel word. But the preacher is travelin' and the

meetin'-house is closed; I confess it's very trying -hard indeed to keep composed.

'Tell me, when I tread the valley, and go up the shinin' height, Will I hear no angels singin'—will I see no gleamin' light?

Will the golden harps be silent? Will I meet no welcome there?

Why, the thought is most distressin', twould be more than I could bear.

"Tell me, when I reach the city, over on the other shore.
Will I find a little notice tacked upon the golden door,
Telling me, 'mid dreadful silence, writ in words that out and burn —

Jesus absent on vacation -- Heaven closed 'til His return?' -The Methodist.

They Talked of Other Things. "Yes," haid he, fite is so lonely." "It is so lonely sometimes" she Ar. Lve.

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"I—think—it—would—be—nice"

14 And then—"

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