

# The Troubles of a Village Church

## PART VII.

### *Arranging the Concert Programme*

The day would soon be drawing nigh  
 To hold the annual tea  
 And concert, when the village choir  
 Would sing in song and glee,  
 For Josiah Ball was very strict,  
 And made them toe the mark,  
 His chorus of sopranos  
 Could sing just like a lark.

He gave them timely notice, that  
 Friday afternoon at four,  
 A special meeting would be held  
 To talk the matter o'er.  
 And there and then he wished that those  
 Who could recite or sing,  
 Or play upon an instrument,  
 To come and music bring.

He looked o'er songs and readings,  
 And music sweet and rare,  
 And then at once decided  
 A programme to prepare.  
 But when vanity predominates  
 Sometimes there is a fall,  
 And when that village choir met  
 It fell on Leader Ball.