

A Nefarious Scheme

Father Sinclair spent much of his time among them. During the summer months, when he took the annual parish census, he made it a point to welcome the new arrivals whom the immigration season usually brought in considerable numbers. It was then also that he made his plans for their betterment, through the organized means of parish unions among the well-to-do people in the neighborhood, who were practically out of his reach during the vacation season, but on whom he depended during the winter months for practical assistance. He himself rarely took a midsummer holiday. Not that the pastor of St. Paul's was averse to legitimate recreation. On the contrary, he often urged those of his flock who, whilst they had the means and leisure to go out of town, hesitated to abandon certain works which they had undertaken at his request, to spend some weeks away from the stifling surroundings of Laurenboro, and to seek the wholesome atmosphere of country or seashore life. His own interests, he more than once asserted, did not permit him to leave his post, unless it were for a short trip over the Great Lakes and down the river to the Gulf. And that luxury he had allowed himself but once in the ten years of his residence in the metropolis. When his people argued the matter with him, he readily acknowledged the principle of necessary recreation even for the shep-