

(For Dominion Presbyterian.)
 Rev. Mr. Frock's Sermon.

"One Sunday morning recently the Rev. Mr. Frock,
 Being somewhat indisposed, 'twould seem, or leastwise out of sorts,
 Gave the following exhortation to the members of his flock,
 With good results, according to reliable reports:
 Dear brethren, bear with me to-day, and do not think me vext
 If some censorious sentences get mixed with my remarks,
 And don't suspect the moon if I should wander from my text,
 For that's natural to preachers as the flying up of sparks.
 My text was—I've forgotten just exactly what it was,
 But let that pass, and listen—I've a word for every peev;
 And I hope that no disturbance will necessitate a pause,
 And that none will go away before my exhortation's through.
 And first—I crave your pardon for referring to the fact—
 Attendance—your assembling of yourselves together here—
 The edifice is never disproportionately packed
 Except when buns and coffee are provided twice a year.
 And, secondly—it pains me to make mention of this head—
 Finance—your plate collections are discouragingly scant,
 And contain—I blush to say it—too much silver plugged with lead;
 We don't manufacture bullets—it's good money that we want.
 And thirdly now, and lastly, your behavior—I'm ashamed
 To see so many dogs in church—dogs aren't what we desire;
 And you sleep throughout the sermon, and the prayers, too, 'tis claimed,
 Except when you're awakened by the giggling of the choir.
 And, in conclusion, brethren, if you don't amend your ways,
 I will assuredly vacate this elevated perch;
 Plugged money, dogs, and vacant seats must vanish from my gaze,
 Or you'll get another pastor, and I'll get another church.

FATHER FOOLSCAP.

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