

The Troubles of a Village Church

PART VIII.

Holding an Election for Deacons

An event of great importance,
Was very close at hand,
For deacons of that little church
Election then would stand.
Excitement was at fever heat
To see who would get in,
Each clique worked hard and faithful
To have its champion win.

Now, Deacon Stone and Deacon Smart
Both claimed they'd had enough,
And for election would not stand,
But that was only bluff.
They meant to stay right in the front,
Cared not who was behind;
Their social standing they must keep
And never be outshined.

Old Deacon Green, the merchant,
Was going to run again,
And so to all his customers
He made it very plain.
For some owed bills for merchandise,
Which now they could not pay,
And notices to settle up
Quite filled them with dismay.