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Our Divine Master both recognized man's need of rest and declared how best his weakened energies might be restored, when he said to his disciples, "Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile." It will be well if we all heed his voice and strive to disentangle our thoughts from the many cares of life, and lay down some of the heavy burdens we bear and rest awhile. Our "life is more than meat and the body more than raiment;" neither does "a man's life consist in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Toil and moil for three hundred and thirteen days out of the year was never intended by our beneficent Creator, neither will our physical being bear it, as our days of sickness, weakness, and despondency indicate. Our Lord has "given us an example that we should follow his footsteps" into the wilderness and rest awhile; and depend upon it, by so doing we shall be happier beings, better Christians, and in the end, accomplish more genuine work. For true recreation we should not go to the thronged city or the fashionable watering-places, but to nature's park, the wilderness; away from cares, excitements and conventionalism of society. Only wherever we go, and whatever we do, let us remember that we go with the Lord and say "thou God seest me." Alas! that some seem to forget that the joys and blessings of the holiday-season are intensified by the conscious presence of Him who, as He led the way. said, "Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile."

It is cause for general regret, that the Pastor of Bethel Congregational Church, has been so long laid aside from his active work, through serious sickness. It is to be hoped that, as on former occasions, he will, by the good hand of God, be once more strengthened for his work.