

"ONLY A NIGGER PREACHER"
Yet He Didn't Go Back on His Duty.

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The Rev. Jas. Black, a colored Methodist minister at Holly Springs, proved himself a hero during the prevalence of the scourge. He visited white and black, and administered comfort wherever he went, and also helped to bury the dead. His services in the village to comfort the sick and assist the buried of the dead.

But Black, I well, I recollect I have heard, that the holy hypocrite preacher, who mean?

Yes, he's black as old nigger' could grow mean?

"Mongst all the black niggers you've seen."

"He's a nigger, and a nigger, and a nigger."

"An' registered that as a slave,

"But the Lord is with all creation."

"He's a nigger, and a nigger, and a nigger."

"He was out there 'against all report.'

"An' tryin' ter save his own race

"From out of the jaws of the devil;

"By the power of gospel's grace;

"He's a nigger, and a nigger, and a nigger."

"Come stakin' 'long over the lan';

"At the hour of awful affliction;

"He's a nigger, and a nigger, and a nigger."

"Then when there was stampede of the people,

"Ex' wall of the pov' at the risk;

"The preacher lost sight of his steeps;

"In his duty," an "cross," an "all nigh!'

"An' then he got his 'nigger' sin;

"The fault wern't ex' strong ez that thread;

"And only a faw stayed to win, sir;

"The rest wern't fit to stand, sir!

"Then he wern't fit to stand, sir!

"Old Ben never flinched a second;

"Nor faltered when weary an' faint;

"But whenever the stricken 'un' bestrides;

"He took up or meself stand;

"Or he'd stand when he was lame;

"When he was the lamest stand.

"He talked of the Lord and His power;

"Sar' an' make holy what he said;

"But he took up the weak soul not to cover;

"He spoke the weak soul's petition'd part;

"Then them that never heard he it;

"An' then he wern't fit to stand, sir!

"Then he