

[Southold, Suffolk Co.]

THE REV. BOIVIN RESIGNS  
Congregation Gave Him a Piano, a Bicycle, and Offered a Vacation.

SOUTHOLD, L.I., April 24.—The Rev. Bertram L. Boivin, pastor of the Universalist Church of this place, sent in his resignation this evening. He resigns, much to the regret of the congregation, to leave the ministry and become the private secretary of a wealthy widow whose home is at Erie, Pa. He refuses to make public her name. Frank D. Smith of Peconic, who knows all about the matter, also declines to talk of the case, but he spoke of the widow as Mrs. Betts.

Mr. Boivin came here in June last. He had just graduated from Tufts College. He soon became a favorite in Southold and surrounding villages, and his church has been crowded at every service he conducted.

His congregation gave him a piano. His health became poor, and he was advised to take more exercise, and when his congregation heard this he was given a bicycle. Despite his outdoor exercise he continued to grow weaker, and he was ordered to Florida. He offered to resign, but Southold wanted him to stay, and he was voted a three months' vacation. Mr. Smith was starting for St. Augustine, and the young minister went with him.

It is said that it was through Mr. Smith the young minister met the widow by whom he has been engaged as secretary. It is said Mr. Boivin is to have charge of the widow's estate. She complained that the lawyers to whom she was forced to have recourse to manage her affairs were too greedy.

The minister will begin his duties this week.

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