

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A TALMAGE SERMON THAT PICTURES GREEN PASTURES

The Distinguished Divine Discourses of the Shepherd's Plaid, the Shepherd's Flock, the Shepherd's Dog, the Shepherd's Pasture Grounds and Flocks

In this wintry season Dr. Talmage refreshes us with this glowing pastoral until we can almost hear the bleating of the flocks in green pastures. The text is Psalms xxiii, 1, "The Lord is my Shepherd."

What with post and rail fences and our pride in Southdown, Astrakhan and Flemish varieties of sheep, there is no use now of the old time shepherd. Such a one had abundance of opportunity of becoming a poet, being out of doors 12 hours the day, and oftentimes waking up in the night on the hills. If the stars or the torrents or the sun or the flowers had anything to say, he was very apt to hear it.

DAVID, THE SHEPHERD BOY. David, the shepherd boy, is watching his father's sheep. They are pasturing on the very hills where afterward a Lamb was born of which you have heard much.

THE SHEPHERD'S PLAID. And first: the shepherd's plaid. It would be preposterous for a man going out to rough and beseeching work to put on splendid apparel.

THE SHEPHERD'S DOGS. Next I speak of the shepherd's dogs. They watch the straying sheep and drive them back again. Every shepherd has his dog—from the nomads of the Bible times down to the Scotch herdsmen watching his flocks on the Grampian hills.

THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK. Next I mention the shepherd's crook. This was a rod with a curve at the end, which when a sheep was going astray was thrown over its neck and in that way it was pulled back.

THE SHEPHERD'S PASTURE. The time of the shepherd's pasture is the summer. The sheep were not going astray, their wool was better than if they had been kept in the hot atmosphere of the sheep cot.

THE SHEPHERD'S FLOCK. The flock of the shepherd is the sheep. Warm days of prosperity come and we stand on sun gilt Sabbaths, and on hills of transfiguration, and we are so high up we can catch a glimpse of the pinnacles of the heavenly city.

He says: "After awhile I shall be independent of all the world. O my soul, eat, drink and be merry!" Business disaster comes to him. What is God going to do with him? Has God any grudge against him? Oh, no! God is throwing over him the shepherd's crook and pulling him back into better pastures.

USES OF ADVERSITY. When I was on the steamer coming across the ocean, I got a cinder in my eye, and several persons tried to get it out very gently, but it could not be taken out in that way.

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Table with columns: Eastbound, Westbound, No. 3, No. 4, Passengers, Stations, Daily, Ex. Sun., A.M.P.M.

Gape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway

JOHN GILL, RECEIVER. Schedule in Effect January 23, 1898.

Table with columns: South Bound, North Bound, Daily, MAIN LINE, No. 1, No. 2.

BENNETTSVILLE

Table with columns: South Bound, North Bound, Daily, No. 3, No. 4.

MADISON BRANCH

Table with columns: South Bound, North Bound, Daily, Mixed, No. 15, No. 16.

TO ALL POINTS NORTH, SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST

Schedule in Effect May 30, 1897.

Table with columns: Train No., Leaves, Arrives, Points.

HOW THE WITNESS CAME TO TIME

"What time was it?" asked a Georgia lawyer, saying the Atlanta Constitution, "I don't know," replied the witness, "I don't know," replied the witness, "I don't know," replied the witness.

FROM A PRACTICAL POINT OF VIEW

He stood long before a representation of the Venus of Milo. "I see that you appreciate art," said another visitor to the gallery. "Appreciate art!" he exclaimed. "Say! I can hardly tell myself away from that statue. If I only had it—"

WHY?

Why isn't a medical glass a sanitary measure? Why isn't the bookkeeper's lunch the bite of an adder? Why shouldn't the sailor's accounts be cast up by the sea?

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Schedule in Effect Feb. 27, 1898. Departures from Wilmington, NORTHBOUND.

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SOUTHBOUND

Table with columns: Daily No., Passenger-Due, Stations, Times.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON-FROM THE NORTH

Table with columns: Daily No., Passenger-Due, Stations, Times.

Table with columns: Daily No., Passenger-Due, Stations, Times.

FROM THE SOUTH

Table with columns: Daily No., Passenger-Due, Stations, Times.

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SEABOARD VESTIBULE LIMITED TRAINS

DOUBLE DAILY SERVICE TO ALL POINTS. Schedule in Effect May 30, 1897.

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