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THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

BY D. L. MOODY.

Christ says, "My sheep hear my voice, and they follow Me" (John x. 27). A gentleman in the East heard of a shepherd who could call all his sheep to him by name. He went and asked if it was true. The shepherd took him to the pasture where they were, and called one of them by some name. One sheep looked up and answered the call, while the others went on feeding and paid no attention. In the same way he called about a dozen of the sheep around him. The stranger said, "How do you know one from the other? They all look perfectly alike." "Well," said he, "you see that sheep toes in a little, that other one has a squint, one has a little piece of

wool off, another has a black spot, and another has a piece out of its ear." The man knew all his sheep by their failings, for he hadn't a perfect one in the whole flock. I suppose our Shepherd knows us the same way.

"MY SHEEP KNOW MY VOICE."

An Eastern shepherd was telling a gentleman that his sheep knew his voice, and that no stranger could deceive them. The gentleman thought he would like to put the statement to the test. So he put on the shepherd's frock and turban and took his staff and went to the flock. He disguised his voice, and tried to speak as much like the shepherd as he could, but he could not get a single sheep in the flock to follow him. He asked the shepherd if his sheep never followed a stranger. He was obliged to admit that if a sheep got sickly it would follow anyone. So it is with a good many professed Christians; when they get sickly and weak in the faith, they will follow any teacher that comes along, but when the soul is in health, a man will not be carried away by errors and heresies. He will know whether the voice speaks the truth or not. He can soon tell that, if he is really in communion with God. When God sends a true messenger, his words will find a ready response in the Christian heart.

Christ is a tender Shepherd. Some of you may think He has not been a very tender Shepherd to you: you are passing under the rod. It is written, "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth" (Heb. xii. 6). That you are passing under the rod is no proof that Christ does not love you. A friend of mine lost all his children. No man could ever have loved his family more, but the scarlet fever took one by one away; and so the whole four or five one after another died. The poor stricken parents came over to Great Britain, and wandered from one place to another here and on the Continent. At length they found their way to Syria. One day they saw an Eastern shepherd come down to a stream and call his flock to cross. The sheep came down to the brink and

A WORLD'S THANKSGIVING.

BY MARGARET J. PRESTON.

With sacred joy and solemn exultation,
We lift our hands, that thousands more to-day
Than ever since this hoary world's creation,
With single purpose moved, have met to pray.

From hemisphere to hemisphere is surging
One mighty impulse—one divine accord,
That, with a Pentecostal power, is urging
All Christendom to bow before its Lord.

Across our Continent the anthem ringing
Mingles with Britain's splendid psalm of praise.
We catch the undertone that France is bringing;
We hear the hymns that German voices raise.

From hamlets hidden in Waldensian mountains
Come back the strains their ancient martyrs
sung;
Above the tinkling lapse of Roman fountains
Prayer rises in the soft Italian tongue.

In snowy Sweden wafts of song, ascending,
Meet at the fiords Norway's answering swell;
O'er Holland's flats the worshippers are wending;
From Alp to Alp resounds the chapel bell.

Somewhere among the Russian steppes are kneeling
Earnest believers who have come to pray;
Across Armenia's plains are softly stealing
Such orisons as bear the soul away.

Where Hafiz sang among his Persian roses
Fair bands of Christian choristers are seen;
The proud Parsee his Zend-Avesta closes,
And bends before the lowly Nazarene.

Sad women, shut in many a dim zenana,
Weep now for joy to find the peace they crave;
The Hindu spurns the dreams of his Nirvana,
And learns at last that Buddha cannot save.

The cold Confucian casts aside his Morals;
Islam mistrusts the creed of his Koran;
Broken petitions rise from Krooman corrals;
And prayer betrays the yearnings of Japan.

On the Dark Continent are faintly straying
Songs from the hut beneath the mango hid;
Along the Nile brave Christians still are praying
Within the shadow of the pyramid.

Unnumbered Ocean Isles unite their voices
In one prolonged, magnificent refrain;
East with the West, North with the South rejoices;
Shore answers shore, and main responds to main.

Therefore we lift our hands in exultation,
Ascribing, with all Christians everywhere,
Of every kindred, every name and nation,
Thanksgiving for the blessed Week of Prayer!

—Independent.

Lexington, Va.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.—Advices from Europe are to the 15th inst.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Two thousand striking steel workers refuse to resume work at the reduction of wages proposed by the masters. The iron-masters of Cleveland, Yorkshire, owing to the depression in the pig-iron market, are making arrangements to extinguish the fires in twenty iron furnaces, thinking this will produce an advance in prices. The committee of cotton manufacturers at Manchester have passed a resolution declaring that it is necessary for the interests of the trade to continue the struggle with the striking weavers, to insure the reduction of 5 per cent. in wages.

The steamer *Celtic*, which left New York on the 15th ult. for Liverpool, and had its main shaft broken when about two days out, being prevented by contrary winds from returning, proceeded eastward under sail. It was spoken several times, and on the 12th the steamer *Britannic*, of the same line, took it in tow, and both reached Queenstown on the 14th, and thence proceeded to Liverpool.

IRELAND.—A Nationalist meeting, announced for the 13th in Co. Fermanagh, was prohibited by the authorities; as were both an Orange and Nationalist meeting to be held in Co. Cavan, on the 16th.

FRANCE.—The strike of sailors and stokers at Marseilles continues with vigor; 56 steamers have been abandoned by their crews. The steamship companies having again declined the conditions proposed by the strikers, the latter have induced some who had previously held aloof, to join the movement.

A meeting of 4000 unemployed persons, including some women, was held in Paris on the 13th. Some violent speeches were made, advocating an armed revolution as the only means of ending the stagnation in trade; but the delegates from workmen's associations spoke more moderately, expressing the belief that an appeal to the Chambers would mitigate the crisis. A proposal that the workmen go to the Government buildings *en masse* the next day, was rejected, and the meeting separated quietly.

The departure of the Comte de Paris to visit the King of Spain, was made the occasion of a Royalist demonstration at the railway station in Paris, contrary to his expressed wish. Four persons were arrested on account of it.

GERMANY.—It is stated that Prince Bismarck has directed an inquiry to be made whether the exemption laws which allow the cities of Bremen and Hamburg to provision ships with American pork should not be extended to Prussian ports.

Edward Lasker, the able leader of the Liberal party in the German Parliament, who had been on a visit to the United States for some months, died suddenly in New York on the 5th inst.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.—The Upper House of the Hungarian Diet has rejected, by a vote of 200 to 191, the bill legalizing marriages between Jews and Christians.

NORWAY.—The proceedings against the Ministers of State, under articles of impeachment by the Supreme Tribunal, which began last Eleventh mo., were resumed before the Chamber on the 10th. The counsel for the defense opened the pleadings on the second count of the indictment, which

THE needle of the compass will not settle until it points toward the pole star, and so the soul can find no lasting peace until it turns with full purpose of faith to Christ.—*Golden Rule.*