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## INTRODUCTION

It is not the purpose of this volume to discourage the attendance upon the services of any of our Churches, but on the contrary, through the gospel as delivered to us in this book, to stimulate and encourage regular attendance, wherever it is possible, upon all sanctuary worship, but there are those in every community who, in the providence of God, are barred from Church attendance by reason of illness, physical disability, infirmity of age, etc., and it is for these primarily who are shut in and never hear a sermon from the pulpit that this volume is published. The universal need for such a publication was suggested to me during the long illness of my wife, Mrs. Annie Violet Hutton, who for seven years was unable, through physical infirmity, to attend a Church service. To her memory this volume is affectionately dedicated with the hope that it may reach many homes of those shut in through affliction and age. If this book shall reach the thousands of homes of affliction, and through its ministrations bring joy and gladness to hearts bowed down with sorrow, her long suffering will not have been in vain, and in her gentle Christian spirit I believe she would have gladly made her sacrifice.

I am under deep obligation to the contributors to this volume who have made the work possible through their generous responses to my requests. They are among the most eminent and most spiritual ministers

of our various Protestant Churches. They have eliminated all dogma and doctrinal discussion and have contributed only such sermons as are best suited to the spiritual needs of those for whom this volume is especially intended. It is the prayer of the contributors to this volume that it may reach the homes of much affliction and bring words of comfort and encouragement to hearts of sadness and depression.

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PSALM XXIII.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## THE PILGRIM'S GUIDE

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TEXT—"Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel and afterwards receive me (or take me) to glory." (Psalm lxxiii. 24.)

Asaph has been sorely tempted. He had been led to envy the prosperity of the wicked. As he considered them, they seemed to be free from trouble, having more than heart could wish. Their very faces seemed to betoken fullness and plenty, for their eyes stood out with fatness. In striking contrast with these, he reflected upon the lives of many of the godly, their penury and poverty, their sorrows and afflictions, and the conclusion he had almost reached was that if the wicked were thus blessed with God's favor, then the efforts of the righteous to lead lives of holiness, seeking to do God's will upon the earth, were fruitless and vain. This was the conclusion well-nigh reached by God's servant, this the pit into