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## P R E F A C E.

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It is with much pleasure that the Author of these Parable Lessons sends forth this "Second Series." It is a pleasure fraught with gratitude to those whose kind appreciation of the first series has made this second one desirable.

The preface to the former series applies equally to these Lessons. Only one suggestion the Author would emphasize: encourage the children to talk about the picture with you and tell you the story of the Parable, *before* taking up the Lesson in the book. The Lesson in the book, indeed, is not intended as a lesson, but simply as suggestions for the help of the parent or teacher.

E. C. W.

QUINCY, 1886.





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The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Psalms xxiii, 1, 2.

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

But he that is a hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth; and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

The hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

John x, 11.

### SOME OTHER THINGS WHICH JESUS SAID OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

John x, 8.

“Heavenly shepherd, guide us, feed us,  
Through our pilgrimage below,  
And beside the waters lead us,  
Where thy flock rejoicing go.”

# NEW-TESTAMENT PARABLES.

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## CHAPTER I.

### THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

FIRST of all, tell me everything you can think of about sheep and lambs. Are there many sheep near where you live? Are they cross and disagreeable, or are they gentle and lovable?

Every one knows what an amiable animal the sheep is. How often you hear people say "as gentle as a lamb." There is no animal that makes a more delightful pet. Lambs are very tender and delicate little creatures in their babyhood. Sometimes when a lamb's mother deserts it or dies, the little one is taken to the house and fed and cared for almost as carefully as we would care for a baby. Then all the family are sure to get very fond of it. It is frisky and playful like a kitten, but never scratches. It is affectionate and will follow like a dog, but never growls or bites. Yes, the lamb is one of the most lovable of all animals.

Would you not suppose that a shepherd, taking care all the time of such lovable animals, would get very fond of them?

Yes, indeed; shepherds do get to be very fond of their sheep. In the Holy Land, in Jesus' time, and long before Jesus' time, the wealth of people was very much in their flocks of sheep and herds of cattle. Instead of saying a man was worth so many dollars, people would say he had so many sheep and cattle. The flocks of sheep used to be taken away off to the grassy plains and hills to be watched and tended. All through the long day, and sometimes through the long night as well, the shepherd would have no other companions than his sheep and dogs. If he were a kind man, a "good shepherd," he grew very fond of them and they of him. The shepherds give names to their sheep, and if one of them is called he will frisk gleefully up to his shepherd to be petted.