

CHRIST THE SHEPHERD.

Psalm xxiii.

The secret of a happy life. Safety,
verse 1.

The secret of a happy death. His
presence, verse 4.

The secret of a happy eternity.—
His home, verse 6.

He is the Good Shepherd in death.
John x. 15.

He is the Great Shepherd in resur-
rection. Heb. xiii. 20.

He is the Chief Shepherd in glory.
1 Peter v. 4.

He makes me lie down. Only a
satisfied sheep will lie down. Some
sheep are mostly on their feet. Green
pastures may be always found in
God's word, though all others are
dry. Still waters undisturbed, rest,
peace. He cares for His sheep. He
restores, seeks, calls, brings back,
heals. A sick sheep will not follow.
He leads in the right path. The
sheep does not know the way. He
sees when we can not. He is strong-
er than any enemy. No danger in
the valley when you walk with Him.
We feast at His table. He owns us
as His children and anoints us with
His Spirit. We can hold no more.

Guardian angels follow us here and
we shall dwell with Him there.—Carr.

Seven I wills for the Christian :—
I will deliver him—Deliverance. I
will set him on high—Exaltation. I
will answer him—Communion. I
will be with him in trouble—Comfort.
I will deliver and honor him—Honor.
I will satisfy him with long life—Sat-
isfaction. I will show him My sal-
vation—Salvation.

We cannot accept Christ and
slight His teaching. We cannot
accept Christ and spurn the essen-
tial truths which radiate from His
life, character and work. Christ and
Christianity are inseparable. The
strength of a chain is measured by
its weakest link. The credentials of
the great Teacher are to be deter-
mined by the weakest truth to which
he gave sanction. We cannot have
Christ without believing in Him.

Christian reader, let us seek to
keep close to Christ, close to His
word. This is our only security in
this dark and evil day. Apart from
Him, we are nothing, have nothing,
can do nothing. In Him we have
all. He is the portion of our cup
and the lot of our inheritance. May
we know what it is not only to be
safe in Him, but separated to Him,
and satisfied with Him, till that
bright day when we shall see Him as
He is, and be like Him and with Him
forever.—C. H. M.

CHEERFUL PEOPLE.—God bless the
cheerful person! man, woman, or
child, old or young, illiterate or ed-
ucated, handsome or homely. Over
and above ever other social trait
stands cheerfulness. What the sun
is to nature—what God is to the
stricken heart which knows how to
lean upon Him, are cheerful persons
in the house and by the wayside.—
They go unobtrusively, unconscio-
usly, about their silent mission, bright-
ning up others around them with the
happiness beaming from their faces.
We love to sit near them; we love
the glance of their eye, the tone of
their voice. Little children find them
out, oh, so quickly, amid the densest
crowd, and passing by the knotted
brow and compressed lip, glide near,
and, laying a confiding little hand on
their knee, lift their clear young eyes
to those loving faces.