

meditation of Him shall be sweet ; I will be glad in the Lord " (Ps. civ. 34).

I pass on, however, to the first of the three qualifying words which are used in Scripture in connection with the title "Shepherd," as applied to the Lord, viz ; "*Good.*" Not a heart that knows His love but echoes, Amen ; and when we find it is used in connection with the cross and giving His life for the sheep (vs. 11, 14, 15), the soul is prostrate before Him in adoration and worship.

"Our sins were laid on His sacred head,
The curse by our Lord was borne ;
For us a victim our Saviour bled,
And endured the death of scorn ;
HIMSELF He gave our poor hearts to win—
(Was ever love, Lord, like Thine ?)
From the paths of folly, and shame, and sin,
And fill them with joys divine."

In Heb. xiii. 20, 21, we find the Lord Jesus, when "brought again from the dead" (resurrection power), spoken of as the "*Great Shepherd* of the sheep." There seems to be an allusion to Ezek. xxxvii. 24. In both passages, it seems to me, the connection is with leading into the path of obedience those once characterized by self-will, see Isaiah liii. 6.

Lastly, when ascended to the glory, He is spoken of as the "*Chief Shepherd*" (1 Pet. v. 4). From that position, He not only watches over His own night and day, but also appoints under-