The Sunday School 3

BIBLE LESSON

Abridged from Peloubets' Notes.

First Ouarter.

CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Lesson XII. March 19 .- John 10: 1-16.

Study the Whole Chapter.
Compare Psa. 23 ; Heb. 13 : 20 ; 1 Pet. 5 : 4.
Commit Verses 4 - 16.
GOLDEN TEXT.
I am the good shepherd : the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep,
John 10 : 11.

EXPLANATORY.

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We have before us a picture of the Good Shepherd, that we may see why he should accept, love and obey him as ite shepherd of our, souls; and a picture of the flock, that we may see how we should act toward the Good Shepherd.

I. THE GOOD SHEPHERD ENTERS THE FOLD BY THE DOOR.—VS. 1-3. We are first told how we may recognize the Good Shepherd, in contrast with thieves, robbers and hirelings, like the scribes and Pharisees in Christ's day.

I. HE THAT ENTERETH NOT BY THE DOOE INTO THE SHEEPFOLD. The sheepfolds of the East, while there are sometimes within them low, flat buildings for shelter in severe weather, are "not covered buildings like our stables, but mere enclosures urrounded by a wall of loose stones with thoru-bushes upon the top, or a palisade, but usually an effectual barrier against the wolves." They are usually on the sunny side of a hill, sheltered from the winter winds. The door is fastened at night and guarded by the porter, or door keeper, who aleeps just outside the door; the watch dogs also remain outside. The porter opens the door for the shepherds on their arrival in the morning. CLIMBRILE UP SOME OTHER WAY. From another direction, instead of the regular path from the pasture by which the shepherd comes. A THIRE, A pilferer, sneak thief, one who gains his booty by craft. A ROBBER suggests the idea of violence, and of an organized band, like the Bedouins. They naturally climb up some other way, rather than try to break through the guarded door.

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2. IS THE SHEPHERD. A shepherd fulfils the shepherd idea. Whether any claimant is a shepherd may be thus tested. The Forter or Door-guard. 3. TO HIM THE PORTER OPENETH. "The Holy Spirit is especially he who opens the door to the shepherds passes the frequent use of this symbolism, by the apostles (Acts 14:27; I Cor. 16:9; 2 Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:3)." II. THE GOOD SHEPHERD KNOWS HIS SHEEP BY NAME. "We of the West are accustomed to give names to dogs, horses, and even to cows, and are not surprised that these animals are intelligent enough to recognize their own names. In the ancient East it was not unusual to give names to sheep in the same way. The give names to sheep in the same way. The classical scholar will recall the instance in 'Theoritus' where the shepherd calls several of his sheep to him by their individual means."

APPLICATIONS. 11. Christ loves us as individuals, not merely as a part of humanity. No one but a divine Saviour, omniscient and omnipresent, could know all his disciples by name, and be present everywhere to hear their prayers and grant them aid.

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3. Jesus knows each individual's want, nature, and circumstances, so that he ministers to each exactly what he requires. 4. He assigns our duties to us as indi-viduals, giving each the work fitted for him

to do.
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FIRST. LEADETH THEM OUT. When the shepherd has called his sheep, and is satisfied that none is missing, he starts forth for the pasture; but this is continually changing, "for the hillsides and uncultivated plains are practically common lands belonging to the village, and shared by all, so that no one can retain the best pasturage day after day." Jesus thus leads his disciples. His Holly Spirit will guide into all truth. No one is wise enough to choose his own life for himself.

Second. HE GOETH BEFORE THEM. The Oriental shepherd never drives his flock as we do, but goes before them. Jesus never asks us to go where he does not go, or to do or suffer anything he has not done or suffered. He is the perfect example. AND THE SHEEF FOLLOW HIM. This is one test that, they are his sheep; they so trust their Shepherd that they follow wherever he leads, know that he will lead them aright, although they themselved cannot see the green pastures or still waters, or know which is the way to them.

will, They not follow. This is true to the letter. A traveler in Greece found three stepherds with flocks of six or seven hundred each, all mingled together, but the sheep would answer to their names when called by their owner, but not if called by another. The traveller experimented with them. He called, and the sheep took no notice. The shepherd called, and they came. Then he said that the sheep took no notice. But when the shepherd exchanged clothes with the traveller the sheep would not obey the strange voice; but when, in the traveller's dress, the shepherd called, the sheep came at his widding.

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6 This parable. Rather, "allegory." They understood not. They did not see the point, nor how it applied to them selves. Hence Jesus proceeds to apply it.

IV. The Good Shepherd is the Door of the Sherp. "Vs. 7-9. 7. I am the Door of the Sherp. (1) Jesus brought the truths of salvation from God. (2) He made the only atonement for sin. (3) He brought to men the new spiritual, divine life, without which no one can see God. (4) He brought in himself every power which could lead men to the good. He was the embodiment of all the influences by which men became children of God, even under the old covenant. To him all their sacrifices and ceremonies and all their prophets pointed. (5) The sheep enter this door by faith.

8. ALL THAT EVER CAME BEFORE ME. Not all teachers or prophets, but all who came "professing to be the Messiah"; or all who, pretending to be teachers from God, yet substituted for the divine teachings which pointed to Christ, false doctrines and principles, selfish ends, formalities, and all methods of salvation which do not really save. THIEVES AND ROBERES. Who seek to feed on the sheep and not to shepherd them. Here is the test of teachers, preachers, rulers of all kinds. Here is a mirror in which the Jewish leaders could see their own picture. It is well for all to look into it.

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HIS SHEEF.—Vs. 9, 10. 9. IF ANY MAN.
Shepherd and sheep.

HE SHALL BE SAVED. From all the
dangers to which sheep are exposed, from
sin, from death, from error, from those
who would injure; safe in troubles and
temptations, which would be like the
wolves whose attacks he could hear, but
from whose power he was defended.
9. AND SHALL GO IN AND OUT. Once
belonging to the flock and the fold, he can
go in and out under the care of the Shepherd and everywhere be safe, and have
freedom of activity for all his powers.
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AND FIND PASTURE. Compare the green fields and still waters of the 53rd Psalm, and the bread of life in Lesson VIII. of this quarter. All the best fruits of earth and of heaven are for the sustenance of the disciple of Christ.

TO. THE THIEF. See on v. S. I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE.

ABUNDANTLY. Jesus does for his disciples what the shepherd cannot do for his sheep. He gives life, eternal life to them. He feeds and inspires this life more and more. It is not mere living a sickly existence, but abundant life.

VI. THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVES HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP. This the test of any good shepherd, that he is faithful even unto death. Even to this day the shepherd must risk his life in defending his flock from the Bedouin robbers and the wolves. So it was in, David's time, when he slew the lion and the bear in defending his flock.

12. BUT HE THAT IS A HIRELING. The

12. BUT HE THAT IS A HIRRLING. The shepherd in the East is usually the owner or the son of the owner of the flock, though sometimes an agent whose salary is a fixed proportion of the produce, as Jacob under Laban. The hireling is the man who happens to be hired for fixed wages, merely for the day, and has no further interest in the flock. SEETH THE WOLF COMING... AND FIREFIS. He cares more for his own safety than for his honor, or for the harm that may come to the sheep.

15. As THE FATHER KNOWETH ME. Perfectly. completely, through and through. 12. BUT HE THAT IS A HIRELING.

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16 AND OTHER SHEEF I HAVE, WHICH ARE NOT OF THIS FOLD. The Gentiles, who were not in the kingdom of God. but would be brought in as members of techurch he was soon to found. THEY SHALL HEAR MY VOICE. They will listen to the gospel, and to the voice of God in their souls, and accept his invitations, and become the sheep of his flock. AND THERE SHALL BE ONE FOLD. Better. The dock ": no one exclusive enclosure of an outward church,—but one flock, all knowing the one shepherd, and known of him.

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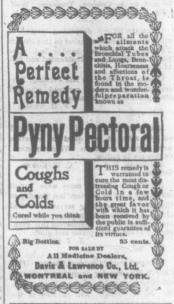
But the traveller from Halifax was getting better. He continued to do so, till he was entirely well again, with not the suspicion of a shadow of Kidney Disease in his system. One day he anazed one of his friends by walking into his office and asking: "How are you, Jim?"

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