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Brocht Back.

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THERE'S nether licht o' star nor mune,
An' the win' blaws snell an' cauld;
Black clouds drift over the lift aboon,
"Are the sheep a' i' the fauld?"

The Shepherd's voice the question speirs,
Ilk sheep by name He can ca';
Ae name He cries, nae bleat He hears,
Ae sheep has wannert awa.

The Shepherd tak's in's han' His staff,
For the Shepherd canna sleep,
"I'll," says He, "tae the hills be aff
Tae search for my puir lost sheep."

"Shepherd, the nicht is wild an' cauld,
An' the snaw is driftin' deep,
Ye've ninety-nine safe i' the fauld,
Ne'er fash ye for ae lost sheep."

He's aff, He's aff ower hill an' dale,
"Na, I canna bide," said He,
"Ilk sough o' win', an' howl o' gale
Is a lost sheep's bleat tae me."

Nane but the Shepherd gaed that nicht
That He brocht His lost sheep hame;
His e'en were bricht wi' wondrous licht,
Tho' worn an' wrack't was His frame.

Torn were His han's, bruised were His feet,
Dank wi' His bluid was His hair,
Close tae His hert (it felt ilk beat)
A bluid-sprinkl't sheep He bare.

The Shepherd cried wi' gladsome voice,
"I've found my sheep that was lost."
Nane wha echoed His gled "Rejoice,"
Ken'd ocht o' the awfu' cost.

Toronto, Ont.

Editorial Talk.

FOR further information as to the relationship indicated by this side-heading we would refer you to "Peter Pushem's Pulpit" in this issue, where that worthy holds forth

Detroit '99 and The Herald. But in this place we want to say just a word or two that he has not had sufficient breath left to utter after his most vigorous discourse. Never in its history has the HERALD had so many appreciative and approving friends among those who have right

to express critical judgment upon matters of journalism than to-day. From men into whose hands comes regularly the richest, brightest, ablest of periodical literature, it has been ours to receive words of sincerest admiration. They have come to us like a refreshing draught to one toiling wearily uphill; they have brought us new courage and inspiration for greater efforts, the fruit of which our readers shall yet enjoy. But we should like to feel that we are giving as great satisfaction to the rank and file of the Endeavor army, as to its leaders. True there are some who have the kindly thought to speak a word of encouragement when renewing, or corresponding upon business; but they are a select few. The morning that our mail brings us a letter with no other purpose in its composition, no other object in the investment of its two-cent stamp, than to say: "You have helped us; we like you," we shall feel inclined to take a day off by way of celebration. Now to stimulate *your* interest in the management and editing of this *your* paper, we want to submit for your consideration and suggestion certain ideas that are incubating in the editorial brain. (1) How do you like the change in position of our news department? (2) During the past year several methods of conducting the prayer meeting department have been followed; which do you like best? (3) We want to strengthen our department for Junior workers; what would you suggest? (4) Do you think in our special illustrated articles we should confine ourselves to religious subjects, or go further afield in the world of science and literature? (5) What do you like best in the HERALD? what department do you read first? (6) What do you miss from its pages that you would like to see there? Let us hear from *you*, and we shall talk about these things again. Meanwhile watch us grow in helpfulness.

NEWS comes of another treasure-trove that has been rescued from a mass of papyri found in Cairo a year ago. Examination discloses one of the documents as "The Acts

The Acts of Paul the Apostle, familiar by name to all students of the early church Fathers, but hitherto in character and contents an almost unknown quantity. It is impossible at this early stage in its investigation to pronounce with certainty upon its authenticity; Eusebius has left us his doubts concerning it,