

Sunday Reading.

The True Shepherd.

I was wandering and weary, When my Saviour came unto me; For the ways of sin grew dreary, And the world had ceased to woo me; And I thought I heard Him say, As He came along His way,— O foolish souls! come near Me, My sheep should never fear Me, I am the Shepherd true.

"Supposing Him to have been in the Company."

By C. H. SPURGEON. "Supposing him to have been in the company.—Luke ii. 44." (Concluded.) III. Now for a third lesson: THE SUPPOSITION made by these two good people MAY INSTRUCT US. Let us use it at this time, and turn to "Supposing him to have been in the company."

thoughts of the day, So whenever you come up to the house of God try and learn all that you can from all the teachings of God's word. Seek good company, and learn by it. Have a deaf ear to those who speak wickedly, but always be ready to listen to everything about your God, your Saviour, your faith, and the heaven where you hope to dwell.

he was, I could wish to have been there even at the price of sharing their burning—would not you? Or see, a few poor people met together in a cottage talking about Jesus, as people seldom do now; Jesus is there, and their hearts are burning within them! How favored they are! If their hearts might otherwise have been sad, yet supposing him to be in the company, how restful all the mourners become; how light every burden grows, how every aching heart rejoices, for in his presence there is fullness of joy.

confident, and all doubts will vanish. How firmly shall we believe because we are living in fellowship with "the Truth"! How safely we shall be guarded against temptation, even as the sheep are, safe from the wolf when the shepherd is near! What blessed, heavenly lives shall we lead; Surely, it will be small change for us to rise from earth to heaven if Jesus be always in the company, in the family, and in the business; in our labours and recreations, in our joys and sorrows.

against me, and never a word in reply from him whom I redeemed with my own blood! Was not this Peter over again in his denials of his Lord? You did not deny him with oaths and cursing but the same cowardly spirit ruled you. Oh, if you had but come out in your true colours! You do not know what an influence you might have had for good. If we set the Lord Jesus Christ always before us, should we not be brave to testify and quick to defend?

cently entered into rest—Dr. Thomas, Dr. Cramp, and Samuel Green. Fifty-one only of the whole 142 survive. In the last thirty-five years some 200 have entered the ministry, of whom about 190 are still at work, abroad and at home.

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