

Every man needs a shepherd - we do not like to realize this, we like to say "I am the master of my fate". It is repugnant to human pride to admit the need of a shepherd, but every man needs a shepherd. No man has any guarantee of continued prosperity and health trouble and sickness come to all of us. I met a man once who had been connected with the American Legation in Russia during the Russian revolution. He told me of attending a great ball at the Grand Duchess Michaela's. At this ball she was decked with jewels worth many thousands of dollars - she seemed to have everything that could be provided for her happiness, but a few days later the revolution took from her everything that she had. He told me that the last thing he had heard of the Grand Duchess Michaela, she was singing in a cheap cabaret in Moscow for a few cents a day. Such calamities are, of course, not very frequent but similar upheavals on a smaller scale are common in everyday life. Many a man who at one time has many thousand dollars to his credit, finds himself later penniless and no man has any guarantee of continued prosperity.

No one has any certainty of continued health. I met a man in New Mexico who had been a college professor in Ohio. He spent his summers traveling abroad and he seemed to have every prospect for a thoroughly happy life, but one day he developed a slight cough which soon proved to be a very bad case of asthma. He was then hardly able to work at the University because of the difficulty of breathing and all his prospects for a happy life were overturned by this disaster to his health. No one of us knows when a similar trouble may overtake us. In view of the uncertainty of continued health and prosperity, every human being needs a shepherd.

About a year ago a railroad train left Washington, D.C. one night. A group of men in the rear car of that train were returning