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 tereth the sheep: 18 [> The hireling fleeth,| because he is   
 an hireling, and ecareth not for the sheep. 147 am the   
 a2vimii1% good shepherd, and 4know my sheep, ¢and am known of   
   
 mine. 154 ds the Father knoweth me, even so know I the   
 ech. xv. Father: \*and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And   
 f Isa. 8. fother sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them   
 s beck sxxri also I must bring, and   
 they shall hear my voice; ®and   
 1s. 1 Pet. 44 there shall be & one fold, and one shepherd. VW Therefore   
 we 25. doth my Father love me, "because I lay down my life,   
   
 that It might take it again. 18g No man taketh it from   
 me, but I lay it down of myself. Tihave power to lay it   
 down, and I have power to take it again. k This com-   
 xv,10. Acta   
 ii. omit, with most of the ancient authorities.   
 © Most of the ancient authorities read, and my sheep know me.   
 4 yender, even as the Father knoweth me and I know the Father.   
   
 dd yender, they shall become.   
 ® render, one flock, one shepherd : see note,   
 f render, May. & render, for perspicuity, No one.   
   
 the “ thieves and robbers” of ver. 8 ;—and and covenant of the Father. The Lord   
 their chief and father would therefore be speaks of His bringing them, and their   
 the wolf, just as our Lord is the Shepherd. hearing His voice: meaning that His ser-   
 14, 15.] The knowledge of His yants in His name and by His power would   
 sheep here spoken of is more than the accomplish this work. Admirably illustra-   
 mere knowing by name; it isa knowledge tive of the converse method of speaking,   
 corresponding to the Father’s knowledge which He employs Matt. xxv. 40, 45. The   
 of Him ;—i.e. entire, perfect, all-compre- one flock, is remarkable—zot one fold, as   
 hensive: and their knowledge of Him cor- characteristically, but erroneously ren-   
 responds to His of the Father,—i.e. is in- dered in A. V.:—not ONE FOLD, but ONE   
 timate, direct, and personal: both being FLOCK: no one exclusive enclosure of   
 bound together by holy and inseparable an outward church, but one flock, all   
 Love. Beware of rendering the knowing the one Shepherd and known of   
 former clause of ver. 15, as in A. V., Him. On one shepherd, compare Heb. xiii.   
 as an independent sentence, “4s my 20. 17.] The speaking in allegories   
 Father knoweth me, even so know I is now over, and He speaks plainly,—My   
 the Father: it is merely the sequel to Father. In this wonderful verse lies the   
 ver. 14, and should stand as in margin, mystery of the love of the Father for the   
 as the Father knoweth me and I know Son ;—because the Son has condescended   
 the Father. the sheep] i.e. for to the work of humiliation, and to earn the   
 those my sheep—not, for ali; that, how- crown through the cross (see Phil. 8, 9).   
 ever true, is not the point brought out The that here is strictly of the ultimate   
 here: the Lord lays down His life strictly purpose, in order that. ‘Without this   
 and properly, and in the depths of the di- purpose in view,’ says Stier, ‘the Death of   
 vine counsel, for those who are his sheep. Christ would neither be lawful nor pos-   
 16.] The other sheep are the Gen- sible? 18.] The truth of this volun-   
 tiles the dispersion of the Jews, who tary rendering up was shewn by His whole   
 were already in God’s fold. By these won- sufferings, from the falling of His enemies   
 derful words, as by those in Acts xviii. 10, to the ground in the garden (ch. xviii.   
 and by the conclusion of Matt. xxv. (see to His last words, J commend (render up)   
 notes there), our Lord shews that, dark my Spirit, Luke xxiii. (sce note there).   
 and miserable as the Gentile world was, His resurrection also was eminently His   
 He had sheep even there. Observe they own work, by virtue of the Spirit of the   
 are not ix other folds, but scattered; see Father dwelling in and filling Him: the   
 ch. xi. 52. Cf. also Eph. ii. 14 ff. power in both these cases being the com-   
 I must bring....] i.e. in the purpose mandment, appointment, ordinance of the