

put down a sack of grain which he had on his back, cautiously approached the Father, and, seizing him by the shoulder and the leg, made an effort to draw him out; but finding him too heavy, he left him, that he might return quickly to a place of greater safety. There, after having looked at the Father, who on his part continued to do what he could to facilitate the help of which he had need, he could not refrain from returning to make a second effort, greater than the first, by which [33] at last he drew the Father out of the water.

These are some of the dangers that are inseparably attached to the search for our poor wandering sheep in these regions, as we shall see still further hereinafter; but these are the delights of the servants of the good Shepherd.