LESSON III., APRIL 18, 1915.

Commentary.-I. Provision (vs. 1, 2) 1. the Lord is my shepherd-This general statement expresses the condition of a submissive, trusting child of God in his relation to the great Shepherd. It expresses the author's confidence in Jehovah. The psalm throughout is takup with the figure of the shepherd

and his sheep. The relation is a most tender one. There are mutual confidence and love. The shepherd has full control of the sheep and his great care is for their welfare. What a shepherd was to his sheep in Palestine in Davis time, and conditions are still practically the same as they were then, the Lord is to His people now. We note the use of the possessive pro-noun, "my," in this clause. David claimed Jehovah as his personal Shepherd. It was not enough to be assured that He was the Shepherd of Israel. That was a great blessing to Israel es a nation, but David was an individual, and as such he craved and obtained the assurance that Jehovah was his Shepherd, and had a care for him personally, I shall not want-In consequence of the relation expressed in the preceding clause, David declared definitely that his needs would all be met. He would not want for provision, for the resources of Jehovah are boundless. He would not lack guidance, for his Shepherd was infinite in wisdom. He would not lack protection, for Jehovah is the Almighty. He would not want for comfort, for God is the Comforter of His people, David expressed full confidence in God. He did not know all that was in the future, yet he was bold to declare that in times of peace or in times of trouble, in health or in sickness, in the strength of manhood or in the feebleness of old age, he should not want. He should not lack any good thing,

whether of a temporal nature or spir-

itual.

2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures—This and the following verses of the psalm follow up the general statement made in the first verse and give the particulars in which Jehovah acts as the Shepherd of His people. It was no small task for the shepherd to find always suitable pastures for his sheep. The figure here denotes an abundance of rich herbage. This is an expressive figure, as consider conditions in Palestine. During the months when rain falls there is a plentiful growth of grass and there is no difficulty in finding pasturage; but during the long period of rainless days and nights, the vegetation is dried up and the ground is him. There is danger in the Christparched. Then the shepherd must ex- lan's falling at such times ag are here ercise great care to find pasture for his sheep. In the figure there is plenty God and a heart made clean through undisturbed by a single doubt. The the delightful spirit it breathes, and lie down in the grass. He leadeth me beside the still waters—Pasturage and surance of safety. The presence of the in Jehovah, darkened by no fears or water meet the needs of sheep as far great Shepherd makes hard places complaints and so perfectly at rest as sustenance is concerned. In Pales- easy and dangerous places safe. God that it has no more to ask. It sings tine during the dry season there are ever says to his true followers, "I am of many mercies which the believers comparatively few living streams. with the ... Thy rod and thy staff receives and traces them all to one There are many wadies, or water- they comfort me-The rod is a shepcourses, which are torrents in the wet season, but are dry in summer. The shepherd must take care that during the latter part of the day he may lead his flock to a supply of water. There are streams that are swift. Sheep are timid creatures, and helpless as well, and must be led to quiet waters to quench their thirst. Hence the shepherd knows where there are wells or fountains at which his sheep may slake their thirst, and this whether it is in the dry season or in the wet. So the great Shepherd is abun-

dantly able to provide for his sheep at all times, under all circumstances. 11. Guidance (v. 3.) 3. He restoreth my soul-The Syrian shepherd knows his sheep by name, even though there may be hundreds in his flock. watches carefully lest one should should become injured in any way the shepherd nurses it carefully and seeks to restore it to strength and health. in a spiritual sense the Lord refreshes the weary. He gives "power to the faint." If one should fall out by the way, the great Shepherd seeks after lost one in an effort to restore him. He leadeth me-Shepherd life in Syrta is very different from that with which we are familiar. Here, sheep are placed in enclosed pastures and are there provided with food and water. No wild beasts or robbers threatof the sweetest gifts of the covenant. If we could be saved from wrath, and yet remain ungenerate, impenitent sinners, we should not be saved as we way of holiness. All this is done out of pure, free grace; "for his name's sake" It is to the honor of our great She herd that we should be a holy people, walking in the narrow way of righteousness. if we be so led and guided, we must not fail to adore our heavenly Shepherd's care. - Spurgeon.

III. Protection (vs. 4, 5.) 4. Through the valley of the shadow of death-One needs to see Palestine in the summer season to appreciate the force of this expression. There are deep ravines, with dangerous precipices and infested with wolves and other wild beasts, and where robbers lark, into which the sunlight comes but little Outside of these ravines the sun shines and its glaring light falls upon the bare soil and rocks, and the contrast is so great that the deep ravines are sttingly called the valley of the shaof death. This represents the ion the trial of faith is great, and and times come to all. I will fear no

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evil-There is danger, but the shepherd guards his flock as a whole and each sheep in particular, and the sheep hear his voice and trustingly follow will fear no evil.' For thou art with me—This is the explanation of the as- It is the utterance of personal trust with individual life and experience. herd's weapon to ward off robbers and wild beasts. It is a heavy club two or three feet long. It promises safety and of his shepherd life, and ascribes the hence is a comfort. The staff is the peace and happiness of his own life shepherd's crook. It is six or seven to the kindly guidance of God. feet long and has a hook at the upper end. With this the shepherd draws back the sheep from dangerous places or guides it in the right direction. With it he may pull the sheep cut of lute and unlimited. Food, protection, a pit or cleft of the rock.

in the presence of mine encuies-Some think the figure changes here repose and serene enjoyment. Appeand the children of God are enjoying tite is allayed, anxieties dispelled, the a banquet of spiritual good, but it whole nature satisfied, and repose is seems rather that it is the continua- found in the affluence of divine love. tion of the former figure, and there is a figure within a figure. The shepherd leads his sheep into a good passtray away and go into danger. If one there are robbers and wild beasts ture and they feed in safety, althougharound them. God supplies his children with grace and joy in the face of the assaults of Satan. Thou ancintest my head with oil; my cup runneth over-Here begins the beautiful picture at the end of the day. The psalm has sung of the whole round of the day's wanderings, all the need of the sneep, all the care of the shepherd. Now the scene closes with the last scene of the day. At the door of the sheepfold the shepherd stands and "the rodding of the sheep" takes place. The shepherd stands turning his body en them and they are not in need of to let the sheep pass; he is the door ance. He was relying upon God to constant guidance to lead then into as Christ said of himself. With his save him from making a wrong decisplaces of pasture, water and safety; rod he holds back the sheep while he ion in critical moments, from failure there, no flock is seen grazing without inspects them one by one as they pass in making the most of his powers and a sleepherd. The shepherd gees anead into the fold. He has the horn filled opportunities and finally to conduct of his flock and the sheep folow. In with olive oil and he has cedar-tar, and him to mansions above. the paths of rightcourness for his he anciets a knee bruised on the recks name's sake-Whatever God may give or a side scratched by thorns. And "Fear no evil, no apprehension of us to do we would do it, led by his here comes one that is not bruised, real or ultimate injury. Trust in love. Some Christians overlook the but is simply worn and exhausted; he the divine Shepherd is an antidote to blessing of sanctification, and yet to a bathes its face and head with the re- all harm. The answer to all doubt brimming full from the vessel of water shaken and perfectly serene. provided for that purpose, and he lets perfect composure and serenity the the weary sneep drink. There is psalmist looked forward to the time desire, for we mainly and chiefly pant nothing finer in the psalm than this, when he was to pass through the God's care is not for the wounded only, but for the worn and weary also. -Knight

IV. Comfort (v. 6.) 6. Goodness and him. mercy shall follow me-As Grd had blessed David in the past, he would continue until the end of life. The past ! was a pleage for the future. In the house of the Lord-The blessings represented in the psalm are spiritual. The author had confidence that he would have an eternal home with God. Questions.-When and by whom was this psalm written? What relation is maintained in this psakn? In what sense is Christ a Shepherd? How does an Eastern shepherd care for his sheep? What is meant by still waters? In what sense does the Christian's cup run over? What is meant by dwelling in the house of the Lord?

PRACTICAL SURVEY. Topic - Divine fellowship. I. Insures the possession of good. II. Secures protection from harm. III. Affords assurance of victory.

This palm, so personal and tender, tional thought of continuance. It is sets forth the weighty theme that feeble man may have constant companionship with the mighty and everlasting God. It breathes in every line | The blessedness of this psalm is found world could spare many a large book better than that sunny little psalm. ource, the great Shepherd Himself. David, the royal poet, puts a spiritual meaning into the various experiences had a most vivid perception that the feast, the anointing, the fulness, all came from the divine hand. The expression, "I shall not want," is absoguidance, care, sympathy, repose, re-5. Then preparest a table before me storation are all anticipated. For a time desire is stilled in satisfaction, The possession of all gifts is found in possessing the Father. David had learned the lesson of weariness. He had passed under discipline. He had learned to know himself. He had learned to know God. He was glad simply to trust and let himself be taken care of. By the thoughtfulness, tenderness, sympathy and care he had exercised in his shepherd calling, David learned and realized the heart and character of the great Shepherd. While the psalm is not the utterance of shepherd days it perpetuates their memory. David here teaches that peace and rest do not depend

> "valley." The prospect heightened his triumph by that security which the presence of his Guardian afforded His experience was ripe for the change. He could anticipate the event with cnofidence. He locked upon the Shepherd as the Master of death. Exquisite simplicity marked his anticipation of the valley. His habitual communion with God prepared him for death. His confidence in God gave strength for life's work. gave support under life's trials, secured the fulfilment of life's great hopes. The fact that Jehovah con-

upon the absence of life's burdens, but

wholly upon the shepherding of God.

underlying basis of all his rich exper-III. Affords assurance of victory. The psalm is a song of gratitude, of hope, of consecraton, a song of the soul on its way to heaven. To David the events of life were displays of God's goodness and mercy, at the close of which he would bring his own to his everlasting habitation, The last verse of the psalm summ

descended to be his shepherd was the

1. Insures the possession of good. izes what went before with the addithe performance of heaven that is one of the greatest joys in prospect, a most complete picture of happiness. the hallowed impression it produces. God is presented in closest relations



the condition of seed grain used in Canada showed that an average of 41 noxious and 138 common weed steds were being seeded on each square rod of land in oats. Seed wheat and bar-

in grading. Cereal graens should be graded to the total bulk, and most of the weed quire 5.5 acres of corn to fill it. A cubic seeds will be removed with the screen- foot of silage in a silo one foot deep ings. Some of the weed seeds are difficult to separate, but most of them feet deep, a cubic foot of silage, taking can be removed by a fauning mill. an average of the whole depth, will Any make of mill which has sufficient weigh 33.3 pounds. A deep silo will shake, angle or slope of sleves and hold more in proportion than a shallow wind supply may be provided with one and the silage will keep better. suitable sieves. The top sieves should The height should be at least twice the be just coarse enough to let the grain diameter. run through and need sufficient slope to run coarse impurities over the tail of the mill. The lower screens should

ated zinc screen The grade for oats tongue. is made over a screen, with slcts 5-61 by 1/2 inch. Barley requires the same

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CLEANING AND GRADING SEED. The 1912 Seed Branch inquiry into

worse. Over 88 per cent. of the 2,065 deep will. Doubling the diameter insamples of wheat, oats, barley and flax collected as being sown were reported cleaned with a fanning mill, but ten feet in diameter and at the same most of the samples showed that either the mills were not equipped with the proper sleves, or else they were not well operated. The remaining home-grown seed, almost 11 per shows that a silo 10 by 28 feet would cent. was being sown direct from the hold 42 tons of silage, and it would rethresher, with no cleaning whatever. quire 2.8 acres of corn, producing 151 Small, broken and shrunken seed in tons per acre, to fill it. A silo ten

grading or removing weed seeds.

The amount of silage which may be stored in a silo depends upon the depth, the diameter and the amount of water in the silage. A silo 36 feet deep will store nearly five times the ley foul, and flax was about four times amount of feed that one twelve feet creases the capacity four times. silo thirty feet in diameter will hold more than nine times as much as one depth. The late Professor F. H. King, the authority for the above statements. worked out a table showing the capacthe samples also indicated the failure by forty would held seventy tons, and require 4.6 acres of corn to fill it: a silo fourteen by twenty-eight feet remove from one-third to one-half of would hold eighty-three tons, and reweighs 18.7 pounds. In a silo twenty

Give the colts the lightest of the seeding work. They are far more able have openings of the size required for to do harrowing than they are to take freshing olive oil, and he takes the is "Thou art with Me." It is the seed is made over an 8-64-inch porfor-cultivator do not put them on the

> The first day in the fields allow the type, with slots larger, depending on horses to stand for a few minutes at the size of the seed. Wild buckwheat frequent intervals. Remember they 64s. 6ds. may be removed from wheat by a . are coff. have done little work through screen, with triangular perforations, the winter, and there is a danger of 9-64-inch or larger. Flax requires on overdoing them, especially if the day top a woven wire sieve 3 x 16 inch be hot with little breeze blowing.

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ON SAFE GROUND

With a fraction of uncertainty on one or two points, such possibly as high prices for feed, scarcity of help, etc., the dairy farmer, nevertheless, the whole Dominion over, is actually engaged now in planning for a more abundant milk harvest than ever from his faithful, patent cows. The prudent, far-sighted man has cegitated nearly all points, such as seed selection, labor-saving implements, better stables, more alfalfa, a new silo, abundant water, and the best cultivation he can possibly give to the land owned or rented.

On many dairy forms, however, one more point needs immediate attention before the herd owner can truthfully be said to be on really safe ground. For if the abundant crop or the expensive feed purchased is given to a cow. or cows, whose dairy ability is lacking, sadly lacking, some one is beune to receive an unpleasant surprise and disillusionment. If dairy ability means al ility of the cow to turn feed into good milk at low cost, is it not the siep of wisdom to make sure that each cow on the premises does possess that ability?

Where no cow testing has been practiced a moderate estimate is that three out of twenty cows consume feed valued as high as the price received for the milk they yield. Dairy records aim at detecting these bovine erooks; shows the dairyman which cows produce the most milk and fat and which produce them the cheapes (for instance, 63 or 95 cents per 100 pounds of milk), so any man keeping dairy records is speedily on the home stretch towards the winning post inscribed "each cow pays a good profit." That is safe ground for the dairy-

The row or drill method of planting corn is still commonly followed in Ontario and Quebec. The investigation conducted by the Seed Branch shows that 956 farmers were planting in drills at an average rate of 2.14 pecks of seed per acre and 350 planted in squares or hills at 1.17 pecks of seed per acre. The average results of 32 drills, and three-eighths of this ton was in the form of freshly-husked ears. A fouryear average at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, shows two and three-quarter tons per acre in favor of the hill method. Hills should be three feet apart each way and contain three or four plants. Rows should be three feet apart and the plants nine inches apart in the row. Three and a half feet spacing might be preferable for largegrowing varieties or weedy land. The hill method gives a much better opportunity for cultivating the land and controlling weeds, but the corn is rather more difficult to harvest than that which is grown in drills.

One bushel, 70 nounds, on the ear or One bushel, 70 nounds, on the ear or 56 pounds of shelled corn, germinating 95 per cent., should be sufficient to plant five acres by the hill method. One acre will require 60 cents worth of seed at \$3 per bushel. Seed corn of the same price planted at the average. of the same price planted at the aver-ed. age rate by the drill method will cost \$1.60 per acre.

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attempting to murder Mrs. Mary Wark, 77 years of age, Ernest Penfold a fourteen-year-old boy, is under arrest at Howick, Que. After attacking Mrs. Wark in the farm house of her son-in-law, Robert Kerr, with an axe, Penfold attempted suicide by taking Paris green. Penfold is an orphan, and was employed by Mr.

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