- Editorial - THE 23rd PSALM (4)

One cannot read this psalm without soon facing the fact that the Psalm is filled with assurance. We need not fear evil in the way for God is with us. His rod and staff are sources of comfort. He uses the crook to pluck the sheep from the snare of the fowler and the dangers of the way. With his rod he defends the sheep from the enemy. We, like sheep, may find peril in the way. Spiritual beasts may seek to consume us. Spiritual death is always a possibility. With this in mind the psalmist brings to us a word of encouragement: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for Thou art with me." It should be a source of comfort to each of us to know that Christ is always near when we need Him most.

While some people think there is a break in the thought at verse five, I do not think it is so. The scene is part of the oriental pastoral scene. When we think of a table we think of a four-legged affair upon which we place food. Preparing the table in this psalm means preparing of food. Through the poisonous shrubs the shepherd leads his sheep to pastures of good food. God always provides for His own.

This psalm ends with a reminder of the goodness and mercy of the Lord. It also states a privilege which His sheep may have of living with His forever.

Looking over our lives, we ought to be reminded of the goodness and mercy of God which has followed us Sometimes our difficulties have driven us to prayer and greater trust in God. Following Christ, The Good Shepherd, assures us of one day entering a heavenly sheep-fold.

"Where evening shadows never fall,
Where Thou, eternal light of light,
Art Lord of all."

REPORT FROM MILLVILLE

"At the annual business meeting of the Millville Reformed Baptist Young People's Society, held Saturday evening, July 22/61, Edwin Hoyt was elected to the office of president for the coming year. Edwin succeeds Dale Hull who served in this capacity for the past five years. Also elected at the same meeting were: Miss Jean Graham, vice-president; Miss Janet Graham, secretary-treasurer.

Trusting that God's blessing will rest upon the new officers of our Society, we are expecting a wonderful year in His Service."

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While taking a beautiful lesson one day in Bible Bethany the blessed Christ came along and plucked from the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley a most beautiful bouquet and pinned it on the lapel of my soul It almost perfumed the whole settlement and every time that I got a glimpse of my flowers I had a shouting spell.

—Bud Robinson

The chance of sacrifice, the opportunity to give and to give up, is our priceless heritage now in this life."

—Paget Wilkes.

Many of our young people will be glad to know that Miss Genavieve Lloyd of Fredericton, N. B. will be leaving September 2nd for a month tour of Europe. Miss Lloyd will join the remainder of the group in Montreal that she will be touring with.

During her tour of Europe, Miss Lloyd will visit the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, France annd Italy. She will return to Canada October 2nd.

This trip is made possible by the Federal Civil Service Association.

Miss Lloyd is Secretary treasurer of the Fredericton Young People's Society and Secretary Treasurer of the Sunday School.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

At the annual business session of the Young People's Association the following District presidents were appointed:

Mr. Glendon McCrea, Saint Croix District
Rev. Gary Lyond, Aroostook District
Miss Joyce Somers, Central Nova Scotia District

WIGGIN'S DORM

Among the many projects sponsored by the Young People's Association have been items which have contributed much to the support of Bethany Bible College, Foreign Missionary work and many phases of the work in the homeland. In addition to the regular responsibilities, our Young People have agreed to purchase the paint to paint the Wiggin's Dormitory at Beulah Camp. Much of this work is already done and the marked improvement in the appearance of the building is ample reward for those taking part in this project.

FREE FROM SIN

by J. B. Chapman

To be holy means to be free from sin. Sin is in two forms: sin as guilt as the result of transgression, and sin as defilement or pollution as a result of our fallen estate. But holiness means to be free from both the guilt and defilement of sin. We shall not be free from the presence of sin until we get into a sinless world. But to be holy means to be free from sin in a sinful world. Jesus prayed in the seventeenth chapter of John, "I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil." In substance, this is to say that holiness means that we are to have the world taken out of us while we are yet in the world. It is like the ship in the water, but which has no water in it. The ship can float, no matter how much water it is in just as long as it does not get any water into it. And that is the way it is with us. The wicked world cannot sink us, if we keep it all on the outside.

-Holiness Echoes

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"God has challenging futures for us and will go to miracle lengths to get us to pay attention—as He used the burning bush to attract Moses."—Selected.