

## THE SONG *of* OUR SYRIAN GUEST



the shepherd thus prepares, in holes and caves in the hillsides, there may be jackals, wolves, hyenas, and panthers, too, and the bravery and skill of the shepherd are at the highest point in closing up these dens with stones or slaying the wild beasts with his long-bladed knife. Of nothing do you hear shepherds boasting more proudly than of their achievements in this part of their care of flocks.

"And now," exclaimed our guest with a beaming countenance and suppressed feeling, as if pleading for recognition of the lone shepherd's bravest act of devotion to his sheep, "and now do you not see the shepherd meaning in that quaint line. '*THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MIN. ENEMIES*'?"

"Yes," I answered; "and I see that God's care of a man out in the world means far more for his good than seating him at an indoor banquet-table!

"But what about anointing the head with

