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## MANTLE FOR SON AUSTEN Party Calling for Him, but He Rarely Appears Outside His Private Grounds-Son Thought Too

Weak to Displace Balfour.

LONDON, Oct. 19 .- (Special.)-Reports from Birmingham state that Joseph Chamberlain's health is again forming the subject of considerable speculation there in relation to the possibility of his being again seen in public life. The members of the family continue to assert that the improvement in his health warrants the expectation that he may return to the House of Commons. This, of course, is quite natural on their part, but in Birmingham no such expectation is entertained. The fact that Mr. Chamberlain is never seen outside this own grounds except when driving in the country very occasionally shows that he cannot have regained sufficient physical vigor to render it likely that he can face the exertion of reappearing in the House of Commons next session. As a matter of fact, his condition has been proctically stationary during the past two months. As at present arranged, he will leave Birmingham, when the severe weather sets in, for Valescure to stay until the late Spring.

## Chamberlain Is Needed.

Jesse Collings, M. P., speaking in Bordesley the other night, said he thought Bordesley the other night, said he thought it very likely there would be a general election next year. The government would come back with a less majority, which would be to their advantage. Since the retirement of Mr. Chamberlain things had not been going on well. He hoped and believed, however, Mr. Chamberlain would come back again to give them the benefit of his counsel and advice, for they needed it. To his mind the Unionist Party was like men going through the wilderness without a Moses. The young members were chafing under the inaction to which they were condemned. They had a leadership that created no enthusiasm, but rather damaged it. They had a leadership halting between two opinions, recognizing in an academic and half-hearted way the great item in Mr. Cham-berlain's platform of tariff reform, but hearted way the great item in Mr. Cham-berlain's platform of tariff reform, but the efforts they were putting forth to further that policy, compared with what those efforts ought to be, were poor and puny. The younger members were dis-satisfied, and did not hesitate to express their dissatisfaction. What he felt was felt probably by the majority of the House of Commons.

Mantle for Chamberlain's Son.

