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#### DEAR MEMENTOES.

DR. TALMAGE ON SACRED HOME RELICS.

Treasures Kept in the Throne Room of the Heart.

The Beloved Chairs Used by Father and

Patient Endurance of Suffering Taught by the Invalid's Chair.

Special to the Kannes City Times. BROOKLYN, N. Y., Sopi, a.—The Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage's text to-day was I. Samuel xx., 18: "Thou shall be missed, because thy seat will be empty." Following is the sermon

in fail: Set on the table the cutlery and chased silverware of the pulsee, for King Saul will give a state dinner to day. A distinguished place is kept at the table for his son-in-law, a celerated warrior, David by name. The guests, eweled and plumed, come in and take their diaces. When people are invited to a king's anquet they are very apt to go. But before the covers are lifted from the feast Saul looks around and finds a seat vacant at the table. He says within himself, or perhaps audibly; What does this mean? Where is my son inaw! Where is David, the great warrior? 1 lovited him. I expected him. What! A vaant chair at a king's banquet!" The fact was that David the warrior had been seated for the last time at his father-in-law's table. The day before Jonathan had coaxed David to go and occupy that place at the table, sayng to David in the words of my text: "Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be

DEAR FAMILIAR POSSESSIONS. The prediction was fulfilled. David was missed. His seat was empty. That one vacant chair spoke low-ier than all the occupied chairs at the banquet. In almost every house the articles of furniture take a living personalit . That picture a stranger would not see acything remarkable either in its design or execution, but it is more to you than all the pictures of the Louvre and the Luxembourg. You remember who bought it and who adnired it. And that hymn-book-you rememher who sang out of it. And that cradle-you remember who rocked it. And that Bibleyou remember who read out of it. And that bed-you remember who slept in it. And that room-you remember who died in it. But there is nothing in all your house so eloquent and so mighty-voiced as the vacant chair. I suppose that before Saul and his guests got up from this banquet there was a great clatter of wine-pitchers, but all that racket was of wine-pitchers, but all that racket was drowned out by the voice that came up from the vacant chair at the table. Many have the vacant chair at the table. Many have gazed and wept at John Quincy Adams' vacant chair in the house of representatives, and at Mr. Wilson's vacant chair in the vice hair in the vice and you will think and think and wish that presidence, and at Henry Clay's vacant chair in the American senute, and at Prince Albert's vacant chair in Windsor castle, and at Thiers' vacant chair in the councils of the French nation; but all these chairs are unimportant to you as compared with the vacant chairs in your own household. Have these chairs any lessons for you to learn? Are we any better men and women than when they first address

THE PATHER'S VACANT CHAIR. First, I point out to you the father's vacant hair. Old men always like to sit in the same chair. Oh men always like to sit in the same place and in the same chair. They somehow feel more at home, and sometimes when you are in there place and they come into the room, you man up suddenly and say: "Here, father, here's cour chair." The probability is it is an arm that, for he is not so strong as he ones was and he needs a little uphooding. His hair is a little fresty, he gams are a little degreesed, for in his early days there was not much deattstry. Persups a care chair and old. much destistry. Persups a case chair and old fashioned apparel, for though you may have suggested some improvement, father does not want any of your nonsense, Granufather never had much admiration for rew langed notions. I sat at the table of one of my parhave had much admiration for new tangled notions. I sat at the table of one of my parishoners in a former congregation; an aged man was at the table and his son was presiding, and the father somewhat abruptly addressed the sin and said: "My son, don't now by to show off because the minister is here? Your table never liked any new customs or manners; he preferred the old way of deing things, and he never looked so happy as when with his eyes closed he said in the arm chair in the corner. From wrinkled brow to the tip of the shippers what placidity? The waves of the past years of his old close at the loot of that chair. Perhaps, sometimes, he was a little impatient and some innes told the same story twice; but over that oil chair how mans his sed memorates belove? I hope you did not crowd that old chair, and that it did not get very much in the way. Sometimes the old man's chair gets way. Sometimes the old man's chair gets way. Sometimes the old man's chair gets been so unwise as to make over all his property to his children with the understanding that they are to take care of him. I have seen in such cases children crowd the old man's chair gets that to the door and then crowd it into the poor. sometimes, he was a little impatient and sometimes fold the same story twice, but the bover! I hope you did not crowd that old chair, and that it did not get very much in the way. Sometimes the old man's chair gets very much in the way, especially if he has been so unwise as to make over all his woperty to his children with the understanding that they are to take care of him. I have seen in the case of the control of the control of the control of the case that they are to take care of him. I have seen in such cases children crowd the old man's chair to the door and then crowd it elear late the street, and then crowd it into the poor house, and keep on crowding it until the old man fell out of it into the grave.

IN THE BEART'S THRONE ROOM.

But your father's chair was a sacred place. The children used to climb up on the rings of it for a good night kiss, and the lower ha

it for a good night kiss, and the lorger he stayed the better you liked it. But that chair stayed the better you liked it. But that chair has been vacant now for some time. The furniture dealer would not give you 50 cents for it, but it is a throne of influence in your domestic circle. I saw in the French palace and in the throne room the chair that Nacoleon used to occupy. It was a beautiful chair, but the most significant part of it was the letter "N," embroidered into the back of the chair in purple and gold. And your father's old chair sits in the throne room of your heart and your affections have embroidered into the back of that chair in purple and gold the letter "F." Have all the prayers of that old chair been answered? Have all the counsels of that old chair been practiced! Speak out, old arm chair! History tells us of an old man whose three soms were yeldors in the Olympic games, and when they came back, these three whose three sons were victors in the Olympic games, and when they came back, these three sons, with their garlands and put them on their father's brow, the old man was so rejoiced at the victories of his three children that he fell dead in their arms. And are you. O man, going to bring a wreath of joy and Christian usefulness and put it on your father's, brow, or on the vacant chair, or on the memory of the one departed? Speak out, old arm chair! With reference to your father, the words of my text have been fallilled: "Thou shall be missed because thy seat will be empty."

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was entirely different. You ask me head I
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when at and a gall you went into that grog short o get that into sharing draught, did you not hear a voice that said: "My son, why go in there?" And louder than the basterous encore of the place of wheel amusement, a voice saying: "My son, what do you here?" And when you went into the house of sin a voice saying: "What would your mother do if she know you wore liero?"

voice saying; "What would your mother do if she know you wore here?"
And you were provoked with yourself, and you charged yourself with superstition and fenaticism, and your head got hot with your own thoughts, and you went home and you went to bed, and no account had you douched the pillow! Man, what is the matter?" This: You are too near your mother's rocking chair. "Oh, pshaw!" you say "There's nothing in that I'm 500 miles off from the church whose bell was the first music I ever heard." Ican not help that; you are too near your mether's rocking chair. "Oh," you say, "there can't be anything in that; that chair has been vacant a great while." I can not help that; it is all the mightier for that; it is omnipotent, that vacant mother's chair. It whispers; it speaks; it weeps; it carols; it mourns; it prays; it warns; it thunders. A young man went off and broke his mother's heart, and while he was away from home his mother died, and the telegraph brought the son, and he came into the room where she lay and looked upon her face, and he cried out: "O, mother, mother, what your life could not do your death shall effect. This moment I give my heart to God." And he kept his prombs. Another victory for the yearnt chair. With reference to your mother the words of my text were fulfilled: "Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty." he know you wore here!

be empty."
THE PROUDEST MOMENT OF LIPE. Some one said to a Greeian general: "What was the proudest moment in your life?" He thought a moment and said: "The proudest moment in my life was when I sent word home to my parents that I had gained the victory." And the proudest and most brilliant moment in your life will be the moment when you can in your life will be the moment when you can send word to your parents that you have con-quered your evil habits by the grace of God, and become eternal victor. Ob, despise not parental anxiety! The time will come when you will have neither father nor mother, and you will go around the place where they used to watch you, and find them gone from the house, and gone from the field, and gone from the neighborhood. Cry as loud for forgive ness as you may over the mound in the church yard, they will not answer. Dead! Dead! And then you will take out the white lock of you had done just as they had wanted you to, and would give the world if you had never throat a pang through their dear old hearts. God pity the young man who has brought dis grace on his father's name! God pity the grace on his lather's name! God pity the young man who has broken his mother's heart! Better if he had never been born; better if in the first boar of his life instead of being laid against the warm bosom of maternal tenderness, he had been confined and scrulichered. There is no balm powerful enough to heal the heart of one who has brought parents the heart of one who has brought purents to a sorrowful grave, and who wanders about through the dismat cemetery, rending the hair and wringing the bands and crying: "Mother! Mother!" O, that to-day, by all the memories of the past and by all the hopes of the future, you would yield your heart to God! May your father's tiod and your mother's God be your God foreyer.

THE INVALID'CHAIR'S LESSON.
Third-I go on a little further! I come to the invalid's chair. What! How long have O. I have been sick ten, twenty, thirty

la it possible? What a story of endurance! On that field of human suffering the grace of God gets its victors. Edward Payson, the invalid, and Richard Baxter, the invalid, and Robert Hall, the invalid, and the ten thousand of whom the world has never heard, but of whom all heaven is cognizant. The most conspicuous thing on earth for God's eye and the eye of angels to rest on is not a throne of earthly power, but it is the invalitischair. O, these men and women who are always suffering, but never complaining—these victims of spinal disease, and regurally contine, and rheumatic exercication—will answer to the spinal disease, and neuralgic torture, and rheumatic excruciation—will answer to the roll call of the marters, and rise to the martyrs' throne, and will wave the martyrs'

ALWAYS PREACHING SUBMISSION. But when one of these invalids' chairs be-come vacant how suggestive it is! No more bolstering up of the weary head. No more changing from side to side to get an easy posi-tive. No more use of the handage and the tion. No more use of the bandage and the cataplasm and the prescription. That invalid's chair may be folded up or taken apart or set away, but it will never lose its queenly power; it will always preach of trust in God and cheerful submission. Suffering all ended now. With respect to that invalid the words of my text have been fulfilled: "Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty." Fourth—I pass on and I find one more vacant chair. It is a high chair. It is the child's chair. If that chair be occupied I think it is the most potent chair in all the household. All the chairs wall on it; all the chairs are turned Thou shall be missed because thy seat will be empty."

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about 500,000,000 of them! The old crusty dis-

signif 503,00,000 of them? The old crustr disciples told the mothers to keep the children away from Christ. "You bother Him? they said, "you trouble the Master." Trouble Him? He has filled heaven with that kind of trouble, "Taxword of a Child's voice. A pioneer in a different way that for the first train or two after his residence in Sierra Nevada county there was not a single child in all the trainly of a leadered miles. But the Fourth of said, come and the movers were all eathered se raced of a lendred miles. But the Fourth I dult came and the movers were all gathered section and they were celebrating the Fourth at oration and poem and a looktrous brass and, and while the band was playing an interest of the section of the band was playing an interest of the lend was playing an interest of the lend was playing an interest of the lend of the warrhy ment began at the set of the lend on the enderth coast, and the their were all thillien for away, and were their were all thillien for away, and were their were all thillien for away, and were their were the with commissioness as the cell the batter of the masse went a mil the child cried some and sometime, and because their played induce and londer, tryets to have an at the lendred lander and landring down as the cot up and should be fast and saids. s fine got up and should bis list and salds; soo that noisy band and give the baby a aure." Of there was pathos in it as well as set every in it! There is nothing to arouse of melt and subdue the soul like a child's

ante becomes a higher chair, and there is esolution all about you. In three fourths of he hours of my congregation there is a va-ant high chair. Somehow you never get over t. There is no one to put to bed at night, no one to ask strange questions about God and braven. O, what is the use of that high chair! It is to call you higher. What a drawing upward it is to have children in heaven! And then it is such a preventive against sin. If a father is going away into sin he leaves his living children with their mother, but if a father is going away into sin what is he going to do with his dead children floating about him and hovering over his every waward bin and hovering over his every wayward step! O, sneak out vacant high char, and say: "Father, come back from sin; mother, come back from waiting for you." With respect to your child the words of my text have been fulfilled: "Thou shalt be missed because thy seat will be empty."

VOICES CALLING TO HEAVEN.

My hearers. I have rathered up the voices of

Voices Calling to Heaven.

My hearers, I have gathered up the voices of your departed friends and tried to intone them into one invitation upward. I set in array all the vacant chairs of your homes and of your social circle, and I bid them cry out: "Time is short. Eternity is near. Take my Saviour. He at peace with my God. Come up where I am. We lived together on earth; come, let us live together in heaven." We answer that invitation, We come. Keep a seat for us, as Saul kept a seat for David; but that seat shall not be empty. When we are scat for us, as Saul kept a seat for David; but that seat shall not be empty. When we are all through with this world and we have shaken hands all around for the last time, and all our chairs in the home circle and in the outside world shall be vacant may we be wor-shiping God in that place from which we shall go out no more forever. I thank God there will be no vacant chairs in heaven

#### Excavations at Pompeii.

It seems odd to speak of a dead city as a growing one. But that is exactly the case with Pompeii. There are many cities in Italy that do not grow half as fast as the one buried by the ashes of Vesuvius one thousand eight hundred years ago. A person visiting it at intervals of a year notices a marked enlargement of its boundaries. The Italians, you know, are the champion diggers. They make the shovel fly when they attack the grave of Pompeii. We saw a gang of them at work there. A government overseer watches them like a hawk. He wanted to be sure that they pocketed no jewelry, coins or objects of art or utility yielded by the exeavations. The only produce of their toll in that line as we stood by was a bit of iron, which the guide called a hinge, and the fragment of a small marble column. The spades busily plied were gradually bringing to light a beautiful house. The floors were mosaic, with simple but graceful designs in scroll patern—nearly as fresh of color as if laid yesterday. The walls bore frescoes of fainter thats-grinning masks, fawns, cupids, birds, fish and fruit. It had evidently been the home of a well-to-do citizen of Pompeli. The nervous movements of the workment betraved their anxiety. They were hoping at every moment to make a valuable "find."

Perhaps they might hit upon a great iron chest, studded with round knobs like a boiler, and full of gold, money or ornaments, or they might strike another wonder in marble or bronze, or they might be startled by coming suddealy upon a skull or human remains. In the latter event the work is suspended till a careful inspection is made. The responsible and intelligent person in charge proceeds to ascertain if the dead Pompetian had left a mould of himself or herself in the plastic ashes. If so, he prepares a mixture of plaster of Paris, breaks a hole in the crust, and slowly pours in the liquid till the mould is full. When it has hardened the casting is tenderly removed. Lo! there is a rough image, showing some poor creature in the agonies of death, prone on the floor, face downward. Thus, most usually, were the inhabitants of the doomed city caught by the destroying angel. The skull, or leg, or arm, or whatever other part of the skeleton has not relapsed into its original dust, may attach itself to the plaster east in the proper place, or may require to be joined on by a pardonable "restoration." In either case, the effect is thrilling in its horrible reality .- New York Journal of Commerce.

### A Surprised Englishman.

Traveled Americans are always snrorised at everything that is new. Traveled English people are only surprised to find anything familiar in strange places. There is an Englishman in town who has been around the world. He has been put to all sorts of tests in the hope of making him really aston shed. Everything failed until the other day he was in a saloon taking a drink and a fellow near him called ont

to the bartender: "A glass of half and half." "By Jove!" said the Englishman,

And of all his experiences that is the only one he quotes .- San Francisco