

SUNDAY'S SERMON.

ONE OF DR. T. DEWITT TALMAGE'S WEEKLY DISCOURSES.

The Subject: "Recovered Families." (Preached at Little Rock, Ark.)

TEXT: "Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept until they had no more power to weep." - David recovered all. - Samuel xxx., 4, 12.

There is intense excitement in the village of Ziklag. David and his men are hiding...

Oh, what long stories they will have to tell their families of how they dodged the battle-axe, and then will roll up their sleeves and show the hand-wound.

The Amalekites have come down and consumed the villages and carried the mothers and the children of David and his men into captivity.

Very soon David and his enraged company come upon the Amalekites' camp. Here are the officers of the Amalekites army holding a banquet.

Now they are coming home, David and his men and their families—a long procession. Men, women and children, loaded with jewels and robes and with all kinds of trophies.

This subject is practically suggestive to me. Thank God, in these times a man can go off on a journey and be gone weeks and months and come back and see his home untouched and undisturbed.

Armed diseases came down upon the quietness of the scene—scarlet fever or pleurisy or consumption or undefined disorders came and seized upon some members of that family and carried them away.

That Amalekites' death, which has devastated a thousand other households, has blasted yours.

A gentleman went to a friend of mine in the city of Washington and asked that through him he might get a consular permit to some foreign port.

Why these long shadows of bereavement across this audience? Why is that in almost every assemblage black is the predominant color of the apparel?

One day, in Ulster County, N. Y., the village church was decorated until the fragrance of the flowers was almost bewildering.

He had gone out from them less than a week before in his strength, now he comes home lifeless.

I preached this sermon to-day because I want to rally you, as David rallied his men, for the recovery of the loved and the lost.

I remark, in the first place, if you want to join your loved ones in glory, you must travel the same way they went.

I have also to say to you that the path that these captives took was a treaded path, and that David and his men had to go over the same difficult way.

Of the big, unhidden fear, Stealing down the furrowed cheek, To the eloquence of silence, Tales of woe they could not speak.

Who are those under the altar? The question was asked, and the response came. These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

I remark again, if we want to win the souls of our friends in heaven, we will not only have to travel a path of faith and a path of tribulation, but we will also have to positively battle for their companionship.

Look! Who are they on the bright hills of heaven yonder? There they are, those who sat at your own table, the chair now vacant.

Up! Strike hard! Charge more bravely! Remember that every inch you gain puts you so much farther on toward that heavenly reunion.

If this morning while I speak you could hear the cannons of a foreign enemy which was to despoil your city, and if they really should succeed in carrying your families away from you, how long would you be before you resolved to go after them?

Every weapon, whether fresh from the armory or old and rusty in the garret, would be brought out, and we would urge on, and coming in front of the foe we would urge on, and then look back at "Victory or death!"

If you would make such a struggle for the getting back of your earthly friends, will you not make such a struggle for the gaining of the eternal companionship of your heavenly friends?

You say that all this implies that our departed Christian friends are alive. Why do you any longer say they are dead?

Do you think that Paul is so near dead now as he was when he was living in the Roman dungeon? Do you think that Frederick Robertson, of Brighton, is as near dead now as he was when, year after year, he slept seated on the floor, his head on the bottom of a chair, because he could find no other position?

I must not forget those 200 men who fainted by the brook Besor. They could not take another step farther. Their feet were sore; their heads ached; their bodies were exhausted.

A shepherd finds that his musical pipes are bruised. He says: "I can't get any more music out of this instrument, so I'll just break it, and I will throw this reed away."

May God Almighty, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, bring to nature the companionship of our loved ones who have broken the heavenly land and into the presence of Christ, whom, not having seen, we love, and so David shall recover all, and as his part is that goes down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the staff.

The Boston Transcript thinks there is reason to believe that in the fullness of time the bicycle rider will be able to make both ends meet.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

On one farm in Wayne Township, Pa., the other day a rattlesnake four and one-half feet long and a blacksnake six feet long were killed within half an hour in the same nest.

AUSTRALIA is now sending large supplies of poultry and game to the English markets. Several experimental consignments of chickens, ducks, wild ducks, teal and curlews have made a success and there is promise of the development of a considerable trade.

ALBERT W. PAINE, of Bangor, Me., who has been in the active practice of the law since 1835, is believed to be the oldest lawyer in continuous practice in New England.

A STRIKING illustration of the value of vaccination, says the London Times, is afforded by the recent experience of the nurses at the Birmingham workhouse and the workhouse infirmary.

The ominous decline of population in France is evidently receiving the serious attention of the government. One proof of this is found in one of the proposals of M. Burdeau's budget which has attracted very little notice.

THEY are about to plant a Liberty Tree in California, which is to stand for a thousand years, and which will be emblematic of the patriotism of the extreme West.

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KNOWLEDGE... statement that a child of age would not have more words in its vocabulary than a mother to note for the number of words used by the child. All the parts of speech were recorded, with the result in this case the child appeared to have a vocabulary of 1,523 words.

KNOWLEDGE... always be a warm friend to Hood's Sarsaparilla and I do not know anything better for a family medicine. I have also used Hood's Vegetable Pills and think them the best." Mrs. LIZZIE PETERSON, 114 Hamlet, New York.