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MEANING OF THE EMPTY CRADLE

ourning Souls That Will Be Assured and Comforted, as by a Heavenly Father's Manifested Love, by This Sermon to Those That Mourn the Loss of Little Children-He Welcomes Baby in Heaven To-night.

tered according to Act of Parliament of Can-da, in the year 1902, by William Baily, of To-onto, at the Dep't of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Chicago, Dec. 7 .- Assurances and suggestions that will help to console many mourning souls are given by Rev. Frank De Witt Talmage in this discourse on the text Isaiah xl, 11, 'He shall gather the lambs with his agm and carry them in his bosom and shall gently lead those that are with young."

What does the "empty cradle" of this morning's theme mean? Does it mean that the babies who once played in our nurseries have grown up into big boys and girls who rush away every morning from the breakfast table to be in time to answer the call of the school bell? Does it mean that our children have become young men and women and left the old homestead to go forth into the great battle of life? Oh, no. This morning I am going to preach upon the little white cradle which has been emptied in order to fill up the little white casket. I am going to tell why Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, often comes into the homes and gathers the little lambs into his arms and carries them into the green pastures of heaven. We know he always cared for them, as my text asserts, while they still remained with us upon earth, but not till they reach heaven can they realize his perfect love.

Did you ever stop to think that the vast majority of the human race die in childhood and that over one-third die in infancy before the fourth year has been reached? Only the other day I preached a funeral sermon in the house of a dear friend, in which y a little white casket. As I was poking into the face of the little world and whom I had also baptized, a sympathetic friend said: "Oh, Mr. Talmage, this is awfully hard to bear! I know what it means to have the Divine Gardener come and pluck the blossoms out of the nursery. I have had seven children during my ife; six of them are dead. Only one soy is alive of them all." As I left home of mourning and stood mon the street waiting for the pallarers to place their precious burin the white hearse by conversaion I found out that the two mothwho were then standing nearest my side each had two nurseries. iren within the four walls of the The second nursery was for dead children within the four des of the family plot.

Now, my friends, what is the reaning of this wholesale emigration ore? Are the life and the death of mpty cradle so empty that it an hold for us no inspiring lesson of od cheer, or is Christ to-day gahering the lambs into his arms and arrying them in his bosom so that e can the more safely lead the be reaved parents along the thorny and dangerous pathway of an earthly ourney to the glorious destination repared for them ahead? The marinal notes of my Bible affirm that this portion of my text may mean that the Good Shepherd may be carrying the little lambs in his bosom the green pastures of heaven that the mother sheep, with bleat and cry, will follow more anxiously and closely after the Divine Master So to-day I preach to thousands of sorrowing hearts. I want to tell them why their dead children were born and also why God does not let the vast majority of the human race grow old and with bedimmed evesight see the twilight of threescore

years and ten. The empty cradle can be the sacred hearthstone of a purified matrimonial love. It can be the hold convenantal ark, the cherubim of which are made out of far more valuable ma-terial than those which were once molded out of melted gold. These new cherubim may be the spiritual bodies of our redeemed children, who are hovering over us in perpetual benediction. It may be the trysting place where tired and careworn men and women meet again to talk over the sweet memories of the past. Some people do not believe this. They skeptically assert that a cradle, full or no, is a wedge which 'drives fathers and mothers apart rather than a golden link of love clasps parental heart to parental heart. Lately a very dear family friend, who had been a Wife for many years, but not a mother, told me that she really believed her husband and herself were more dependent upon each other and therefore loved each other the more because they had no children, I only laughed at

druggists in the Dodailed to any address of four 2-cent postage of Cours and post County and the streets with a staff, going step by step, who thinks he is getting along all right and who is attempting to prove that the sunlight is useless merely because he has never seen a sunrise or a sunset, having been a sunrise or a sunset, having been horn blind." Every true father knows that the happiest moment of his life was not the day he held his bride's hand at the marriage altar, but the day he could sit by his wife's bedside and hold in his big hand a topposite Piggott & into pieces, like a cup of porcelain.

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her. "Why," I said, "when you attempt to talk that way you are like a blind man feeling his way along the streets with a staff, going step before and to no purpose. "Now, imagine how great and joyous was my surprise to find that just the one box cured me, so that the lumps disappeared and also the external swelling. I feel like a different man to-day, and have not the least doubt that Dr. Chase's Ointment saved me from a very danger-ous and painful operation, and many years of suffering. It is with the great fear of letting it fall, lest it break into pieces, like a cup of porcelain.

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she is the mother of my children. fully of her. Remember, gentleme in my presence to speak disrespectto say against my former wife, Fur-thermore, I will not allow any one Soul, and he said: 'I have nothing it, seeins to have surged over his family, deeply as she had dishone of the relation she sustained to the reference to his wife, the recollection and asked what he wanted to say in the reporters came to this warden with them until they were shot. When shout to be executed for murder, and remained the two Biddle brothers, who were Pittsburg Jail. His wife liberated years ago for the warden of the bretation as one of them had a few have the same kind of a holy interman hearts a deeper, wider, holler meaning. These words ought to ought to have for at least two hudle, the words 'husband' and 'wife' home and at last parted to let a lithave for some time hovered over After the dark clouds of a nativity or bis wife, his baby's mother. pis joans caes upon the smilling face

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because they loved Hattie or Nellie or Mabel. If that be true, tell me, O broken hearted parents, did you not love each other with a deeper, wider and holier affection after you togethnursed the little sufferer through that last long poinful sickness? Do you not now love each other more after you together have arranged the little white flowers upon the little white casket? Do you not to-day love each other the more because baby's death come you never the tion her name but give to each other er a holy kiss, while your eyes and cheeks are wet with falling tears Yes, your little dead child's life a distinct mission. She lived enough to make the twain one From her cosket to-day she reache out one arm and puts it about be father's neck. She reaches out the other arm and pits it about the me ther's neck. And now her dead ti part as she gives you this holy beediction. "Papa, mamma, be true t each other and love each other for

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th r or no they have a little one the spirit land. "Where your trea ure is, there is your heart also" co be interpreted in more ways the You have a boy who be started out to earn his own living He has become the owner of a little hoestore in one of the outlying dis tricts of some large city. When you visit him and his young bride, does he take you the first day to see any of the great stores in the downtown districts? Does he want you as Does he want you soon as you arrive to visit the note. art galleries or the libraries or the amous auditorium, where the mightiest orators of the world have spoken and the most beautiful voices Europe and America have sung? Oh, The first place the boy takes you to is his own little store. Why, his face beams with pride as he says Mother, just look at these show Are they not splendid vindows! Those windows cost me \$300, they are worth it. Then, mother, I intend as soon as the business reases enough to warrant it to build in addition on the back of the store. hen perhaps I may be able to hire his corner store and knock out the tervening walls. Then I shall run line of furnishing goods as well s a shoestore. Don't you think this s a fine situation? And, mother, made all this myself practically out of nothing-out of the \$50 you gave me when I left home." Why does your boy go on like that? Easy en-ough to understand. His treasure is

in that store. There his heart is al-What is true in reference to the usiness life is true in reference to the home. You may travel all around the world. You may stand n a Lourve or a Luxembourg. You may wander through a Windsor castle or a Vatican. You may travel for a time among the poetic peauties of India or Ceylon, when the evening hour comes your thoughts will leap over continents and swim over seas. They will travpast palaces and cathedrals and Towers filled with crown ndon wels until at last they enter some humble home and smile and laugh and ery by some cozy fireside. Why? decause your loved ones are in that ome. And where your treasure is

by the same law of reason a practicality; no condition, ine Father to do this? us to heaven ourselves? Oh ork is not yet done. But God 'o us feel that heaven is a by coming into our homes and aling our best and dearest treasures What does he take? Our Sometimes. But generally hing dearer and more precious that. God as a loving Father the degrist possession we have es that for which a mother give the diamond rings off her the silk dresses out of her wardrobe, the house over her head; which she would give anything and everything if she could only get back her child. God in love takes that little child out of the parental arms. He takes it as a hostage, as the great kings of old used to de nd the sons and daughters of their

deliant subjects, to be sent to the royal court as a guarantee that those subjects would thereafter behave themselves. God, when he comes into our nurseries and takes the little ones home with him to heaven, practically says to the bereft parents: "Father and mother live purer and nobler and more con secrated lives. Live as Jesus would have you live. Then some day you will come to the heavenly land where you shall be able forever and ever to dwell with your little ones." Does not this suggestion give to you an added force to the beautiful words "And he shall gently lead those that are with young?

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be a place filled with childwas with great difficulty and considerable pain that I was able to stoop. At this severe crisis I purchased a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, but I had little or no faith in that I had tried various remedies to be as I had tried various remedies to be as I had tried various remedies to be a limited by the little of the little dred idea of heaven. They think heaven is to be a kind of tenement house district or they suppose it to be a place where everybody goes through a kind of metamorphosis and becomes so changed in looks and speech in a little while that their very best friends would not know them if they should meet them when walking on one of the golden boule vards near to the beautiful gate. But thank God, we will know our loved ones in heaven. Moses and Elias, after having spent a thousand years in heaven, talked upon the Mount of Transfiguration just the same as they talked to their friends when upor

earth. We shall know Jesus in heav-

en by the scars upon his resurrected

in his earthly body. I believe our re-deemed friends are to be just the same in heaven, in one sense, as they were when upon earth. I believe they are just the same, except that in the

death! no tears. An empty gradle signifies that God has his favorites, if I might reverently use that term. Ob. that I had more time in which to develop this inspiring and tremendous thought! By his favorites I mean this: has selected our redcemed children out of all of the human race as the ones he wishes to save from suffering, as the ones who by his tender love are to win all the joys of heav-en without any of the tears of Geth-

heavenly land they have no pain no

sickness, no sin, no parting, no

Perhaps I can illustrate this idea in a very simple way. Supposing you were a man of great wealth. As you go up and down the world your heart aches for the little bootblacks and newsboys whom you meet in the street and who seemingly have no show in life. You were once a waif of the street, and you know what their temptations and struggles are You endow a great institution, where these boys can have educational advantages and the comforts of a home. You cannot send all the boys there because you have not money enough, but you can send some. So you go up and down the large cities, selecting here and there the brightest boys you can find. They are your favored bootblacks. You select the brightest the most promising and the most manly. Well, in the same way I think God has his favorites, and they are children who are dead and translated. When Christ thinks of all the temptations he had to meet on earth and all the sorrows he endured, resolves to relieve many of the burdens, and he takes away chiefly those of whom ne said, "Of such are the Kingdom of Heaven." So comes into the world, and he selects the best and brightest of our children. Have you not noticed that the handsomest and the best boys and girls'are, as a rule, the first to be called away? Well, Christ comes in and takes our best and purest and lifts then up into his arms and says, "Ah, this lamb has too frail and beautiful a soul to be subjected to my dear friends, are you not glad that your dead babies are among

God's favorites? Are you not

that they do not have to suffer as

you have to suffer and weep as you

weep, stumble over the open graves

as you stumble, sin as perhaps you

have sinn d? Are you not thankful that your little children in heaven are to be numbered among God's specially honored ones? Thus my text to-day has a most practical and inspiringly helpful mesage for all men and women who have sacred little graves in their family plots. I want you all to set your faces toward the heavenly land, where your beloved children are waiting for you. I want you truly to feel that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has lifted the little lambs into his arms and is carrying them in his bosom. Remember, the parting will not be long. Believe me if you have faith in Jesus Christ the reunion will surely come. And so I will close this ser-mon with the sweet consolation a little Philadelphia girl once gave to her aged grandmother, Mrs. William Harper, the widow of the noted pas-tor of the Broad Street Presbyterian Church. One day, sitting at the feet of her grandmother, this little girl looked up and said: "Grandmamma; do you miss granddaddy? Well, never mind. I know he misses you. We will not be separated long grand ma. Perhaps you will go next; per-haps I. But it will not be long. And then, grandmamma, won't 'daddy' be glad to see us both?'' No, be reaved parents, your separation from your little ones will not be long, if you only place your faith in Christ and live for him. It will not be long. Perhaps you will be the next to go perhaps I. But when we are all to-gether in heaven will not your little nes be happy to greet us? But the parting will not be long. Sad hearts,

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