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RELICS OF ROMAN OCCUPATION

Interesting Finds in the Excavations at Silchester, in England.

The result of last summer's labors in the excavation of the Roman city of Silchester-about ten miles to the southwest of Reading-may be seen in the rooms of the Society of Antiquarians, under whose auspices the work is carried on. The committee has been systematically engaged with this labor for six successive seasons, none of which has been more fruitful than the last as regards both the structural restoration of the city and individual finds.

About half the area-100 acres-within the walls-has been thoroughly explored, but it is anticipated that several more years' work will be required before the Romano-British city can be regarded as completely disclosed. An expenditure of at least £5,000 a year is needed for the work, which in some respects is of unequaled archaeological and historic interest, as nowhere else have so many houses, temples and public buildings of the period been discovered, and no other place has yielded a forum or a Christian church, and with some justice the committee claims that the exploration of Silchester is the beginning of the history of the civil occupation of Britain by the Romans.

The excavations last year were begun on May 7, and continued with no break, except for harvest, until the middle of October. An area of about three and one-half acres was examined, on which were two insulae (XIII. and XIV.), of which insula XIII. was clearly shown to have been occupied by the dyers, who, according to previous discoveries, worked in this portion of the city.

The real interest was centered in insula XIV., which was almost entirely covered by the foundations of two large and important houses. The western house of the two was of the courtyard type, but different 'from others of the kind in having the fourth side, which is usually open or nearly closed by a wall, covered by a range of large chambers with mosaic floors, some of the mosaics being of large size and good workmanship and in such good condition that three out of four were taken up and properly mounted for future exhibition at the Reading The eastern house also disclosed remarkable examples of beautiful mosaic pavements and rich panels for the walls.

REV. DR. TALMAGE.

The Eminent Washington Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "The Law of Heredity."

TEXT : "Whose son art thou, thon young mau?"-I Samuel xvii., 53.

Never was there a more unequal fight than that between David and Gollath: David five feet high. Gollath ten; David a shepherd boy brought up amid rural scenes, Goliath a warrior by profession; Goliath a mountain of braggadocio. David a marvel of humility; Goliath armed with an iron spear. David armed with a sling, with smooth stones from the brook. But you are not to despise these latter weapons. There was a regiment of slingers in the Assyrian army and a regiment of slingers in the Egyptian army, and they made terrible execution, and they could cast a stone with as much accuracy and force as now can be sent shot or shell. The Greeks in their army had slingers who would throw leaden plummets inscribed with the irritat-ing words, "Take this!"

So it was a mighty weapon David employed in that famous combat. A Jewish rabbi says that the probability is that Goliath was in such contempt for David that in a paroxysm of laughter he threw his head back and his helmet fell off, and David saw the uncovered forehead, and his opportunity had come, and taking this sling and swinging it around his head two or three times. and aiming it at that uncovered forehead crashed it in like an aggshell. The battle over chold the tablean: King Saul sitting, little David standing, his fingers clutched into the hair of decapitated Goliath. As Saul sees David standing there holding in his hand the ghastly, reeking, staring trophy, evidence of the complete victory over God's enemies, the king wonders what parentage was honored by such heroism, and in my text he asks David his pedigree, "Whose son art thou, thou young man?" The king saw what you and I see, that this question of heredity is a mighty one.

The longer I live the more I believe in blood-good blood, bad blood, proud blood, humble blood, honest blood, thieving blood, heroic blood, cowardly blood. The tendency may skip a generation or two, but it is sure to come out, as in a little child you sometimes see a similarity to a greatgrandfather whose picture hangs on the wall. That the physical and mental and moral qualities are inheritable is patent to any one who keeps his eyes open. The sim-ilarity is so striking sometimes as to be amusing. Great families, regal or literary, are apt to have the characteristics all down through the generations, and what is more perceptible in such families may be seen on smaller scale in all families. A thousand years have no power to obliterate the dif-

The large lip of the house of Austria is good as ordinary people when you had such extraordinary advantare. Ought not a flower planted in a hothouse be more thrifty inan a flower planted outside in a storm? seen in all the generations and is called the Hapsburg lip. The house of Stuart al-ways means in all generations cruelty and bigotry and sensuality. Witness Queen of Scotts. Witness Charles I and Charles II. Ought not a factory turned by the Housatonic do more work than a factory tu-ned by Witness James I and James II and all the a thin and shallow mountain stream? Ought other scoundrels of that line. Scottish blood means persistence, English blood means not you of great early opportunity be better reverence for the ancient. Weish blood means religiosity, Danish blood means fond-pess for the sea. Indian blood means form-ing disposition, Celtie blood means fervid-ity, Roman blood means conquest. The Longiet facility for means conquest. than those who had a cradle unblessed? father sets his son up in business. He keeps an account of all the expenditures, so much for store fixture, so much for rent, so much for this, so much for that, and all the items aggregated, and the father expects the Jewish facility for accumulation you may son to give an account. Your Heavenly Father charges against you all the advantrace clear back to Abraham, of whom the Bible says, "he was rich in silver and gold and cattle," and to Isaac and Jacob, who tages of a plous ancestry-so many prayers, so much Christian example, so maay kind had the same characteristics. Some families entreaties-all these gracious influences, one are characterized by longevity, and they have tremendous aggregate, and he asks you for an account of it. Ought not you to be better a tenacity of life positively Methuselish. Others are characterized by Goliathian stature. than those who had no such advantage? Betand you can see it for . ne generation, two ter have been a foundling picked up off the generations, five generations, in all the generations. Vigorous theology runs down in the line of the Alexanders. Tragedy runs on in the family of the Kembles. Literature runs on in the line of the Trollopes. Philcity commons than with such magnificent inheritance of cons-cration to turn out inthe man who can truly say this morning: anthropy runs on in the lines of the Wilber-"The first word I remember my father speak-Statesmanship runs on in the line of the Adamses. You see these pecu iarities in ing to me was an oath; the first time I re-all generations. Henry and Catherine of member my father taking hold of me was in member my father taking hold of me was in wrath; I never sow a Bible till I was ten Navarre religious, all their families religious. years of age, and then I was told it was a The celebrated family of Casini, all mathematicians. The celebrated family of the Medici, grandfather, son and Catherine, all oack of lies. The first twenty years of my life I was associated with the vicious, I seemed remarkable for keen intellect. The celebratto be walled in by sin and death. Now, my brother, ought you not-I leave ed family of Gustavus Adolphus, all warit as a matter of fairness with you riors. not to be better than those who had no early This law of heredily asserts itself without Christian influence? Standing as you do bereference to social or political condition, for you sometimes find the ignoble in high place tween the generation toat is past and the generation that is to come, are you going to and the honorable in obscure place. A de-scentiant of Edward I a toll gatherer. A pass the blessing oo, or are you going to have your life the guif in which that tide of descendent of Edward III a doorkeeper. A descendant of the Duke of Northumberland blessing shall drop out of sight forever? You are the trastee of piety in that ancestral line, trunk maker. Some of the mightiest families of England are extinct, while some of and are you going to augment or squander that solemn trust fund? Are you going to those most honored in the peerage go back disinherit your sons and daughters of the to an ance-try of hard knuckles and rough exterior. This law of heredity is entirely heirloom which your parents left you? Ah. that cannot be possible-it cannot be possible Independent of social or political conditions. Then you find avarice and jealousy and senthat you are going to take such a position as You are very careful about life insursuality and fraud having full swing in some that. auces, and careful about the deeds, and families. The violent temper of Frederick William is the inheritance of Frederick the careful about the morigage, and careful about the title of your property, because Great. It is not a theory founded by worldwhen you step off the stage you want your children to get it all. Are you making no ly philosophy, but by divine authority. Do you not remember how the Bib e speaks of a provision that they shall get grandfather's or grandmother's religion? Ob, what a last hosen generation, of the generation of the righteous, of the generation of vipers, of an will and testament you are making, my untoward generation, of a stubborn generation, of the iniquity of the fathers visited brotherl "In the name of God, amen. being of sound mind, make this my last will upon the children unto the third and fourth generations? So that the text comes to-day and testament. I bequeath to my children with the force of a projectile hurled from mightiest catapul'. "nose son art thou, all the money I ever made and all the house I own, but I disinherit them, I rob them of the ancestral grace and the Christian inmightiest catapul'. thou young man?" "Well," says some one, "that theory disfluence that I inherited. I have squan lered that on my own wor dliness. Share and share alike must they in the misfortune and charges me from all responsibility. Born of sanctifie t parents, we are bound to be good, the -verlasting cutrage. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Go1 and men and we cannot help ourselves. Born of unrighteous parentage, we are bound to be and angels and devils and all the generaevil, and we cannot help ourselves." Two tions of earth and heaven and hell, July, inaccuracies. As much as if you should say: 1896." "The centripetal force in nature has a ten-dency to bring everything to the center, and this morning to a sense of your opportunity promising, and responsibility. I think there must be an Germany-old cradie or a frogment of a second therefore all come to the center. The cen-t-ifugal force in nature has a tendency to throw everything to the periphery, and therefore everything will go out to the periold cradie or a frigment of a gradle some-where that could tell a story of midnight You know as well as I know that phery." you can make the centripe al force overcome Where the centrifugal, and you can make the censleep with the holy nursery rhyme? trifugal overcome the centripeta, as when is the old clock that ticked away the mo-there is a mighty tide of good in a family ments of that sickness on that awfai night ments of that sickness on that awful night that may be overcome by determination to evil; as in the case of Aaron Burr, the liberwhen there were but thres of you awake-you and Go and mother? Is there not an tine, who had for father President Burr, the consecrated; as in the case of Pierrepont El-wards, the scourge of New York society eighty years ago, who had a Coristian ancestry, while, on the other hand, some of the attended a prayer meeting one night and best men and women of this day are those asked for prayers and then went home and who have come of an ancestry of which it wrote down these words: "I wenty-five years would not be courteons to speak in their presence. The practical and useful object ago to-night my mother went to neaven, my beautiful, blessed mother, and I have of this sermon is to show you that if you alone, tossed up and down upon the billows pected. have come of a Christian ancestry then you of ife's tempestuous ocean. Shall i ever go are solemnly bound to preserve and develop to heaven? She told me I must meet her in has brow are solemnly bound to preserve and develop to heaven? She told me I must meet her in the glorious inheritance, or if you have come heaven. When she took my hand in hers and of a depraved ancestry then it is your duty to brace yourself against the evil tendency turned her gentle, loving eyes on me and gazed earnestly and long into my face and by all prayer and Christian determination. and you are to find out the family frailties and in arming the castle put the strongest guard at the weakest gate. With these smooth stones from the brook I hope to "r's pravers-oh, my sweet, bl seed mother's prayers! Did ever a boy have such a mother as I had? For twenty-five years I have not heard her pray until to-night. A have heard her prayers all over again. They have bad, in fact, a terrible r surrection. Oh, how she strike you, not where David struck Gollath, in the head, but where Nat- an struck David. in the bear. "Whose son art thou, thou young man?" There is something in all winter holidays to bring up the old folks. I think many of was wont to pray! She prayed as they prayed to-night, so earnest, so importunate, so be lieving. Shall I ever be a Christian? Sho our thoughts at such times are set to the tune of "Aul: Lang Syne." The old folks She was a Christian. Oh, how bright and pure and happy was her dife! She was a cheerful The old folks were so busy at such times in making us happy and perhaps on less resource made their sous and daughters happier than you "There is my mother's Bible. I have not opened it for years. Did she believe I could ever neglect her precious Bible? She surely on larger resources are able to make your sons and daughters. The snow lay two feet above their graves, but they shook off the white blankets and mingled in the holiday thought I would read it much and often. How often has she read it to me! How did festivities--the same wrinkles, the same stoop of shoulder under the weight of age, the same old style of dress or coat, the same prayer! How has she kneit by me and over the same old style of dress or coat, the same How has she kneit by me and over smile, the same tones of voice. I hope you me, and I have felt her warm tears raining pressure in all of the natural gas fields of the country. The life of the weils also has not, I hope there are those who have recited mother, did you pray in vain for your boy?

be in your house some article of dress or furniture with which you associate their impassioned interrogatory in regard to your pedigree, "Whose son art thou, thou young

First I accost all those who are descended of a Christian ancestry. I do not ask if your parents were perfect. There are no perfect people now, and I do not suppose there ware any perfect people then. Perhaps there was sometimes too much blood in their eye when

they chastised you. But, from what I know of you, you got no more than you deserved. and perhaps a little more chastisement would have been salutary. But you are willing to acknowledge, 1 think, that they wanted to do right. From what you over-heard in conversations and from what you saw at the family altar and at neighborhood observed a work that they had invited obsequies you know that they had invited God into their heart and their life. There was something that sustained those old people supernaturally. You have no doubt about their destiny. You expect if you ever get to heaven to meet them as you expect to meet

the Lord Jesus Christ. That early association has been a charm for you. There was a time when you got right up from a house of iniquity and walked out into the fresh air because you thought your mother was looking at you. You have never been very happy in sin because of a sweet old face that would present itself. Tremulous voices from the past accosted you until they were seemingly dudible, and you looke i around to see who spoke. There was an estate not mentioned in the last will and testament, a vast estate of prayer and holy example and Christian entreaty and glorious nemory. The survivors of the family gathered to hear the will read, and this was to be kept and that was to be sold, and it was "share and share alike." But there was an unwritten will that read something like this: 'In the name of God, amen, I being of sound mind, bequeath to my children all my prayers for their salvation; I sequeath to them all the r-sulis of a lifetime's toil; I bequeath to them the Christian religion, which has been so much comfort to me, and I hope may be solace for them; I bequeath to them a

hope of reunion when the partings of life are 'Share and share alike,' may they inover. herit eternal riches. I bequeath to them the wish that they may avoid my errors and copy anything that may have been worthy. In the name of God who made me, and the Christ who redeemed me, and the Holy Ghost who sacrifices me, I make this my last will and testament. Witness all you hosts of heaven. Witness time, witness eternity. Signed, sealed and delivered in this our dying hour, Father and Motoer." You did not get that will proved at the surrogate's office, but I take it out to-day an I I read it to you. I take it out of the alcoves of your heart. I shake the dust off it. I ask if you will accept that inheritance, or will you break the will?

O ye of Christian ancestry, you have a responsibility vast beyond all measurement. God will not let you off with just being as

to you what they were, and that there may I It shall not be in vale. Ab, no, no, it shall not be in vain. 1 will pray for myself. has sinned against so much instruction as I memories. I want to arouse the most sacred have? Against so many precious prayers memories of your heart while I make the put up to heaven for me by one of the most lovely, tender, plous, confiding, trusting of mothers in her Heavenly Father's care and grace? She never doubted; she believed. She always prayed as if she did. My Bible, my mother's Bible and my conscience teach what I am and what I have made myself, Oh, the bitter pangs of an accusing conscience! I need a Saviour mighty to save. I must seek Him. I will. I am on the sen of existence, and I can never get off from it. I am aftoat. No anchor. no rudder, no com-

pass, no book of instructions, for I have put them all away from me. Saviour of the perishing, save, or I perish.' Do you wonder that the next day he arose in prayer meeting and said: "My brethren, I stand before you a monument of God's amazing mercy and goodness, forever blessed be His holy name. All I have and all I am I conse crate to Jesus, my Saviour and my God?' Oh, the power of ancestral prayer! Hear it!

Hear it But I turn for a moment to those who had evil parentage, and I want to tell you that the highest thrones in heaven and the mightiest triumphs and the brightest crowns will be for those who had evil parentage, but who by the grace of God conquered-ton-quered. As good, as useful, as splendid a gentleman as I ever knew had for a father a man who died blaspheming God until the neighbors had to put their fingers in their ears to shut out the horror. Ous of the most consecrated and useful Christian ministers of to-day was the son of a drugken horse jockey. Tide of evil tremendons in some families! It is like Niagara rapids, and yet men have clung to a rock and been rescaed. There is a family in New York, whose wealth has rolled up into many millions, that was founded by a man who, after he had vast states, sent back a paper of tacks because they were 2 cents more than he expected. Grip and grind and gouge in the fourth generation-I suppose it will be grip and grind and gouge in the twentieth generation. The thirst of intoxicants has burned down through the arteries of a hundred and fifty years. Pognacity or combativeness charac terizes other families. Sometimes one form of evil, sometimes another form of evil. Bat it may be resisted: it has been resisted. If the family frailty be avarice, cultivate un-sulfishness and charity and teach your children never to eat an apple without offering somebody else half of it. Is the family frailv combativeness, keep out of the company of quick tempered people and never answer in imperiment question until you have counted a hundred both ways, and after you nave written an angry letter keep it a week before you send it, and then burn it up.

Is the family frailty timidity and cowardice, cultivate backbone; read the blography of brave men like Joshua or Paul and see if you cannot get a little iron in your blood. Find out what the family railty is and set body, mind and soul in battle array. Conquer you will. I think the genealogical table was put in the first chapter of the New Testament not only to show our Lord's pedigree, but to show that a man may rise up in an ancestral line and beat back successfully all the influences of bad here lity. See in that genealogical table that good King Asa was born of vile King Abia. See in that gencalogical table that Joseph and Mary and the most illustrious Being that ever touched our world of ever will touch it had in their ancestral line scandalous Rehoboam and Ruhat and Thamar and Bathsheba. If this world is everto be Edenized-and it will be-all the infected families of the earth are to be regenerated, and there will some one ar se in each family line and open a new genealogical table. There will be some Joseph to arise in the line and reverse the evil influence of Rehoboam, and there will be some Mary to arise in the line and reverse the influence of Bathsheba. evil Perhans the star of hope may point down to your manager. Perhaps you are to be the hero or the heroins that is to put down the brakes and stop that long line of genealogical tendencies and switch it off on another track from that on

LAMPS ARE VERY ANCIENT.

Some Facts in Their History Which Are Odd and Interesting.

To the Egyptians has been given the honor of inventing the lamp, but it seems more than probable that they received it from the older civilization of India. The lamps originally used by the Hebrews, the Egyptians and the Greeks were simple flat vessels. with a small handle at one end, and at the side a little projection with a hole, forming a nozzie. In the back was a larger opening, into which the oil was poured. The oil used was generally vegetable, but according to Pliny it was sometimes of liquid bituinen.

The lamp commonly used in Egypt at the present time is a small glass vessel, with a tube in the bottom, in which is placed a wick of cotton twisted around a straw. The common lamp of India is a small earthen saucer, with a bit of twisted cotton for a wick. The ordinary traveler's torch, or lamp, In India is a bundle of strips of rags on the end of a stick, with oil poured over it. In "bible lands" the lamp commonly used is a small earthenware plate, with the edge turned up to make it hold a small quantity of off

Among the most beautiful ruins of antiquity that have been preserved are a great number of Egyptian, Greek and Roman lamps, formed of clay, metal, terra cotta and bronze. The museum at Naples contains the finest variety of specimens to be found anywhere. These were recovered from the ruins of Pompeli and Herculaneum. Some lamps were hung with chains to bronze candelabra; some were supported by beautiful brackets.

In 1784 Ami Argand, a Swiss residing in London, made an entire revolution in artificial light by inventing a burner with a circular wick, the flame being thus supplied with an inner and an outer current of air. To Argand we also own the invention of the common glass lamp chimney. He was very desirous of increasing the light given out by the lamp that he had invented, and to that end had made many experiments, but all to no pur-

One night, as he sat at his work table thinking, he noticed 'an oil flask lying near off which the bottom had been broken, leaving a long-necked, funnel-shaped tube. He carelessly picked this up, and, "almost without thought," placed it over the flame of his lamp. The result astonished and delighted him, for the flame became a brilliant white light. Argand made practical use of the hint thus given him by devising the lamp chimney .-Philadelphia Times.

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Another pavement was interesting, both on account of the coarse workmanship, indicating a late date, and also for the pattern, which marked the position of the table and couches in the triclinium, of which it formed the floor. The most remarkable feature, however, in this house was the small chapel containing the base of a detached shrine for the household gods, a feature not hitherto found at Silchester.

One of the most interesting discoveries was that of a block of wood through which passed two large and perfect lead pipes, while the chase for another was cut in front. This arrangement, it has now been ascertained, represented when complete the force pump, described by Vitruvius as the "machina ctesibica." This is believed to be the first example of Roman hydraulic machinery discovered in Britain.

The most beautiful of the finds is a small pillar-molded bowl of deep sapphire blue streaked with white and yellow spots, which fortunately has beeen perfectly restored. No other complete example of this kind of imported glass has hitherto been found in this country .- London Times.

A Slip of the Tongue.

"Dearest," cooed the sweet girl, "you have told me, so often I am your first love! But should fate ever part us, promise me you'll never show my letters to your next-"

"How can you speak so, darling?" broke in the noble youth. "You know I'd never show them. Why, have I ever shown you the letters written me by-

Here the youth suddenly paused. And then all was silence.

OH! WHAT A RELIEF.

"I suffered with terrible pains in my left ovary and womb. My back ached all the time.

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then lifted then to heaven in that last prayer, she prayed that I might meet her in heaven. I wonder if i ever shall? My moth-sarabia.

which it has been running for a century. You do that, and I will promise you as fine a palace as the architect of heaven can build, the areaway inscribed with the words, "More than conqueror." But, whatever your heredity, let use say you may be sous and daugh-ters of the Lord God Almighty.

Estranged children from the homestead, come back through the open gate of adop-tion. There is royal blood in our veins: there are crowns on our escutcheon; our father is king; our brother is king; we may be kings and queens unto God forever Come and sit down on the ivory bench of the Come and wash in the fountains palace that fall into the basins of crystal and ala-baster. Come and look out of the upholstered window upon gardens of azalea and amaranth. Hear the full burst of the orchestra while you banquet with potentates and victors. Ob, when the text sweeps backward, let it not stop at the cradle that rockyour infancy, but at the gradie that rocked the first world, and when the text sweep forward let it not stop at your grave, but at throne on which you may reign for ever and ever. "Whose son art thou, thou young man?" Son of God! Heir of immortality! Take your inheritance!

CROPS ABROAD.

The General Conditions in June Were Promising.

In European countries conditions during Jone were highly favorable to growing A summary follows:

United Kingdom-All crops were greatly improved by the rains at the end of the month and nearly all districts indicate an average crop. Hay making has been gener-al an i the shortage on account of the long drought is not so great as was anticipated. France-It is expected that the wheat crop will considerably exceed that of last year. It is not yet safe to say that there will be a surplus, out it is confidently predicted that there will be sufficient for home require-All other cereals are looking most

Germany-The month has been generally favorable to the stan ling grain. Late telegraphic advices are not couched in quite supplication in your behalf. Where is the such sanguine words as those from France old rocking chair in which you were sung to and Austria, but fair average crops are predicted. Holland and Belgium-Crops are flourish-

ing; a good average expected, and an early harvesi. Spain-Favorable weather has materially

improved the outlook for wheat, and an early average crop is expected.

Austria-Hungary-An unusually favorable June encourages cellef in a targe return of cereals-wheat and rye especially. The wheat is standing thick on the Hungarian plains, and the harvest is expected to be early.

Italy-An average crop of cereals is ex-

Bulgaria and Roumania-June weather has brought woreat along wonderfully, and the prospects are now good. Maize is also looking well.

Russia-Reports indicate a good average

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