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'Hold fast the form of sound words.'—2 Timothy, i. 13.

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RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

From the British Messenger. The Bishop of London, on the evening of the first Sabbath of the year, addressed a most reasonable discourse to a vast congregation...

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

At the beginning of the year, was devoutly observed in London. It was preceded by appropriate sermons in various places of worship.

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There are confessions which we need always to offer, and plead, and petitions which we should always present. As long as the 'magnificence and the afflicted' are many; Jews in darkness and heathen and Mahometan nations are deceived...

REVIVAL DOCTRINE.

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SPURGEON'S TESTIMONY.

Is religion declining in London? Is it declining—contrasted with recent times of quickening—throughout the land? I believe that answers apparently contrary can be given to these questions...

SPECIAL SERVICES.

The Special Services Committee have issued their report on the result of the fourth course. During this series, 115 services were held in the theatres and halls, attended by above 161,800 persons...

But I hear also the ring of the pure gospel, and I see signs following. Here also in London I know that searchings of heart are increasing as to the causes of spiritual declension; that confession is made, and prayer for healing and renovation is offered.

ropolis, droves are turned away every night from want of room. Mr. Carter has been for three years 'ploughing through this vast underlying stratum of society.'

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THE YORKSHIRE WEAVER.

It was my happiness to spend a week in the beautiful vale of Todmorton, Yorkshire, England, preaching daily in the surrounding chapels. On one occasion I spoke of the various methods which God is pleased to bless in bringing sinners to himself...

THE LOSS OF A WIFE.

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THE GUTTA PERCHA TREE.

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DANIEL'S REWARD.

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I inquired as to his progress in a religious life. To which he replied, 'My ignorance of divine things was so great, that I knew not what to do. I had not been a drunkard, nor a swearer, nor had I kept company with loose young men; but I had been living without God. All my plans, and habits, and thoughts, and desires, had been about this world, and never rose higher; but now all things were become new.'

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Reader, you are training up a family for the judgment without family prayer? Do you regard the eternal welfare of the souls of domestics under your charge?

'I was born near the edge of yonder lofty hill. My father occupied a small farm, on which the family used to work during the summer months, and in the winter we all wore cloth, for our own use and for the market.'

THE SEA OF GALILEE.

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