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Hold fast the form of sound words.—2d Timothy, 1, 13.

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THE ENTRY TO JERUSALEM.

Throw wide the gate, my heart, and give thy Lord a welcome meet. A welcome meet, Take all thy palms, thy banners to afford, Laid at his feet.

PASTORS AND CHURCHES.

There is, perhaps, no human relation in which questions more delicate, and in some respects more difficult, are raised than that of the pastor with his church. It is a relation entirely peculiar, and one which, although, in its nature, it is a relation of friendship and sympathy, and yet, in its practical aspects, it is a relation of authority and responsibility.

JOHN RANDOLPH—AN INCIDENT.

The Rompke statesman was not among the few public political characters distinguished for personal piety, but from various passages of his life, as well as from his intercessions at death, it is plain that he had deep religious convictions and great reverence for the Bible.

DOCTOR'S EXPERIENCE.

"Doctor," we said to an old physician who has practiced a thousand pills, "I am told you have a momentary tobacco experience, do give us a specimen."

THE NOBLE NEGRO BOY.

The following incident in the fatal collision of the Niagara with the Postboy on the Mississippi, was related to me by an eye-witness.

EAST WIND.

Why should the wind coming from the east over an ocean of water depress the human body, while that which comes from the west aerates a constitution, enlivens the spirits, and gives courage and vigor?

DRINKING USA.

Says the late Bishop Alonzo Potter in a sermon on the subject of intemperance: "Drinking usages are the characteristic of the age, and these usages derive their authority, in the first instance, from the people. Every Christian heart ought to feel troubled that God's people are doing less among us to save men than the followers of the devil to destroy them."

MORAL CONDITION OF BOSTON.

Rev. S. W. Coggeshall, an enthusiast in statistics, in an article in Zion's Herald, presents in a startling light the inadequate provision for the religious instruction of the people.

THE CROSS OF CHRIST.

As far as in him lies, he who attributes glory of redemption not to the cross of Christ but to his own holy conversation, renders of none effect the mystery of the Dispensation. But, God forbid that I should save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection, secured, three capital objects in the plan of our salvation—first, the form of humanity which the Son of God made himself of; second, the measure of love which he tendered, even to the death upon the cross; third, the mystery of redemption in which we suffered death.

WHAT ARE YOU LIVING FOR?

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