

TERMS AND NOTICES.

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—LORD DUFFERIN.—A London despatch states that Lord Loft has resigned the post of Viceroy of India, and that Lord Dufferin has been appointed to succeed him.

—SALE OF HUMAN BONES.—Why is it that the barbarous custom of selling corpses is still practiced in some parts of this Christianized country?

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cial Government, "no work, no pay." A certain Mr. Tavani, who holds the position of ecclesiastical agent, and who, besides his large fees, had been in receipt of 500 lire per month from the Vatican, was reduced by the Pope to 300 lire per month.

—THE RIGHT VIEW.—Occasionally a professing Christian is guilty of breach of trust or some other crime. A portion of the press seems particularly careful to give prominence to the fact of the church membership of the guilty one.

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and comfort of the expression, "He shall sit as a ruler and purifier of silver." Christ sees it needful to purify His children into the furnace. But he is seized by the spite of it. His eye is steadily intent on the work of purifying, and his wisdom and his love are both engaged to do all in the best manner for them. Their trials do not come at random; the very hairs of their head are all numbered.

INFORMATION WANTED!

Mr. Editor,—Will you please inform us as to who is correct, in the INTELLIGENCER of 20th ult., in your column of "Current Topics," after a quote from the Halifax Witness, which you quote from the Halifax Witness, which you quote from the Halifax Witness.

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DENOMINATIONAL.

Rev. J. I. PORTER'S friends will be glad to learn that he has so far recovered from his late severe illness as to be able to preach.

CAPE SABLE ISLAND.—Our Bro. McLeod, I drop you a few lines to let you know that the good work of the Lord is going on in our midst. I have been holding special meetings for seven weeks, and up to the present time the tide of revival has been steadily increasing.

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POLITICAL NOTES.

—Parliament was opened yesterday (Thursday). Some report of the opening will be given next week.

—The Manitoba Legislature, which had been in session for some time, has adjourned till April 8th. The adjournment is to ascertain the Dominion Government Railway policy as affecting Manitoba.

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THINGS IN SHORT METRE.

It is estimated that a recent snow storm in Scotland has occasioned a loss to Highland sheep farmers of £100,000.

A party and a quilt were married Jan. 1, in Morrisville, N. Y.; that is, George H. Partridge married Clara J. Quail.

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THE COMMERCIAL DEPRESSION.

The outlook at the close of last year was indeed gloomy. Something of hope filled the dawn of 1879. But now that we are fairly launched upon another year, the dark clouds lift not. The cry of hard times comes from nearly all quarters of the globe.

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THE REVIVAL SEASON.

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RASCALITY AND CHURCH-MEMBERS.

A new feature seems to be apparent, and, in heralding the crimes and rascalities which occur through the medium of the secular press. It is when the outside circumstances of nature conspire to form a place for it.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

A DAILY paper notes the fact that a ship sailed from Boston, the other day, bound for the African coast, with 200,000 gallons of rum on board, and one missionary.

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BIBLICAL REFORM.

As in the grave, so improvement may be possible in the burial case itself. In England, there has been a quiet but steady work for several years, a "wicker-burial society." The coffins recommended by the society are made of stout basket-work, willow or osier, and are perfectly perishable.

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DEEP TRUTHS.

BY REV. CHAS. N. SINNETT.

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THE BIBLE CIRCULATES.

If the world depended solely on the free circulation of the Scriptures, it would not be long delayed. During the last year, the American Bible Society has distributed and sold about 1,000,000 copies, the British and Foreign Bible Society, 3,000,000, the National Society of Scotland 36,000,000, and other societies began their work, the total circulation has been 82,000,000 by the British and Foreign, 35,000,000 by the American, 5,000,000 by the National Bible Society of Scotland, and by German Societies 8,500,000, while the circulation of other societies has amounted to about 100,000,000 copies of the Scriptures in various languages by Bible Societies during the last seventy-five years.

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THE CHINESE GRAND CANAL.

The Grand Canal of China is likely to share the fate of the Grand Canal of Siam. This waterway was constructed by Kialah-Khau and his successors of the Yuen race, and is 600 miles in length. There are 10,000 flat-bottomed boats on this canal, and these are used in the transportation of grain. The boats state that this great waterway is an enormous "white elephant," as it costs an enormous amount every year for repairs, and the appropriation has been elsewhere, not being entirely devoted to the purpose for which it was built.

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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

The Attorney General of Maine reasons that the abolition of the death-penalty in that State would do well, for he thinks that under the present law capital cases are not degraded, and that the abolition thereof would be a great loss to the State. He says that in his annual report, three occurring last year, while in 1877 and 1878 there were only four. In 1867, under the death-penalty, there were six capital trials and three convictions. The inference may be a reasonable one, but if one accepts it he must hold a very low opinion of Maine justice. Guilt is guilt, and the juryman who determines his verdict by the legal penalties is false to his oath.

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LITERARY NOTES.

WIDE AWAKE, the Boston magazine for the young folks, has doubled its subscription list this season. LETHBRIDGE & CO. issue this week the "England" of Miss Yonge's series of young folks. It will be very fully and finely illustrated. "Greece," from the same house, have had a large sale, with a steadily increasing demand.

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