

The Ever Present.

Beside, above, around, within, OSE lives, the Witness of our life; He sees the weakness and the sin...

Who'er thou art, when evil stings Thy thorn thought, the King of Kings Will help thee in thy hour of need!

THE GALLOWES.

(GREENVILLE, Ala., January 17, 1879.)—Sam Cook, convicted of the murder of Primus Caldwell, was executed to-day in the presence of several thousand people.

A Happy Idea.

(Toronto Telegram.) What Edison failed to do seems to have been accomplished by the handiwork of a New York boarding-house.

Mottos Belonging to, and Nicknames of, the Various Regiments.

Mottos are much used in the army, in many cases rather unintelligibly to the men of the respective regiments.

THE EMBLEM OF PORTUGAL.

Some years later the men were known satirically as "Kirk's Lambs," in connection with events during the brutal proceedings of Judge Jeffries.

A Pathan Sepoy Hanged.

(From the Special Correspondent of the London Standard with Gen. Roberts' Column.) Since the return of the force to Khurum courts-martial have been sitting daily upon the two Pathan Sepoys charged with firing on the night of the 1st, or rather the morning of the 2nd, with the intention of giving information to the enemy as to the whereabouts of the British force.

THE OLD AND BOLD FIFTH.

when on service in the Island of St. Lucia, took from slain French grenadiers sufficient white feathers to equip the whole regiment.

EPH'S COCOA—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.

By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills.

Queen Victoria on Her Daughter's Death.

(From the London Gazette.) The following letter is from the Queen:— Osborne, December 26.—The Queen is anxious to take the earliest opportunity of expressing publicly her heartfelt thanks for the universal and most touching sympathy shown to her by all classes of her loyal and faithful subjects on the present occasion.

Spain wants Gibraltar.

It is rather an unpropitious moment for the Spanish Government to make overtures to Great Britain for the re-cession of Gibraltar, yet the overtures have actually been made.

Suffering Among the Glasgow Poor.

A special cable despatch from London to the Mail says:—Advices from Glasgow state that there is a fearful amount of destitution existing in that city, and applications for relief are on the increase.

Bad for England, Good for Canada.

The Birmingham Daily Post says:—It is an unfortunate thing for England if a scheme proposed to be carried out in Canada should be generally adopted.

THE AFGHAN WAR.

Colonel Forbes, writing for the Daily News, complains bitterly of the carelessness and tardiness of those in command. In one engagement the 51st Regiment, leading the right advance in the vicinity of the general, were found to have only some three rounds per man left, and this, although the regiment had not, except in casual and isolated instances, attained within effective firing distance.

A Protest.

(Kingston Whig.) The Township of Kingston election will likely be protested, certain irregularities being reported. It is claimed that the Returning Officer should have counted in three or four votes which were rejected by him—that is, ballots which were spoiled so far as the Council was concerned, by containing the names of four candidates instead of three, should have been reckoned in the contest for the Reeve-ship; while objection is being raised that the room was not cleared while the returns were being made up, in consequence of which at least one ballot is known to have been lost.

Suicides in San Francisco.

It is found that suicides are more frequent in San Francisco than in any other city in the Union. On an average of the last ten years it is shown that one person in four thousand of San Francisco died by his own hand, against an average of one in eight thousand of the population of New York city during the past two years, one in ten thousand in Brooklyn during the year 1876, and one in fourteen thousand in Philadelphia during the year 1877.

What the Lifeboats Do.

(London (Eng.) Tablet.) The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has prepared a statement of the work done by its boats in saving life from shipwreck on the British coasts in the course of the past year. It appears that the society's lifeboats have rescued 471 lives, in addition to 17 vessels, which have been saved from destruction, and during the same period the Lifeboat Institution has voted rewards for the saving of 145 lives by fishing and other boats, so that it is able to show a grand total of 616 lives saved last year mainly through its instrumentalities.

Afganistan.

The following account of the surroundings of the troops on the line of march is from the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph:—But nothing could diminish my admiration of the brave and gallant men of the "Roughs and Toughs"; that the steadiness of another (probably Scotch) "Shoulder to Shoulder"; and that "Lord Lake's Dirty Shirts" told of a regiment doing hard service in India, under privations which rendered futile any appeal to the aphorism that "Cleanliness is next to godliness."

The Cost of Government.

(From the Mail.) We in this Dominion are governed by a Governor-General, seven Lieut.-Governors of provinces, and the Lieut.-Governor of the Northwest Territories—nine governors in all. We have sixty-five Executive Councillors, viz.:

Table listing representatives of various provinces and territories, including House of Commons, Senate, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, P. E. Island, Manitoba, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, and Kewatin.

The Cost of Legislation.

Table showing the cost of civil government, including salaries of members, salaries of the speakers, clerks, &c., and other expenses for various provinces.

The Cost of Administration.

Table showing the cost of maintaining the machinery of law, including salaries of judges, clerks, and other officials in various provinces.

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