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The Lord Provost of Glasgow on Friday afternoon received a telegram from Mr. Cross, stating that her Majesty had reprieved the sentence of death on Isabella Thomson or Grant. The Lord Provost and Bailie Lamberton proceeded to the prison, and in the presence of the Governor and Chaplain told her that her life was spared. She appeared unconscious, but gradually comprehended her position. She expressed her heartfelt thanks to all who had exerted themselves on her behalf.

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DEATH FROM SNAKE BITE.

A Guildford correspondent states that three young men, named Mortimer, Forbes, and Gordon, were crossing the Downs to Amberley, when they stopped in a copse for luncheon. As they were sitting on a bank Mortimer was bitten in the hand by a black viper. The reptile was killed and no further notice was taken of the matter. Before Amberley was reached, however, Mortimer was seized with serious symptoms and expired in great agony at a village public-house. All the three were engaged as clerks

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Much of the happiness of life depends on our outward demeanour. We have all experienced the charm of gentle and courteous conduct: and we have all been drawn irresistibly to those who are obliging, affable, and sympathetic in their demeanour. The friendly grasp, the warm welcome, the cheery tone, the encouraging word, the respectful manner, bear no small share in creating the joy of life; while the austere tone, the cold stare, the frowning brow, the quarrel, the cold and indifferent manner, the curt and disrespectful air, the supercilious and scornful bearing, are responsible for more of human distress, despair,

and, too, that their transient nature might seem
warrant.

HOW THEY MAKE AN END IN BULGARIA.

When the head of a Bulgarian family perceives that he is about to die, he sends for the priest and begins to bargain with him about the cost of his funeral. The moment he dies all the pots, pans, and kettles in the house are turned upside down to prevent his soul taking refuge in any one of them, and great care is taken to prevent either man or animal—especially a cat or dog—from stepping across his body, as otherwise, in the opinion of his family, he would turn into

their neighbours. The body is buried without coffin, in a shallow grave, and left there for a

VENTILATION.

Managers complain almost always getting up late in the morning. The primary reason often is defective ventilation of the bed-room, or from using an unduly small bed. The bed-room should be large enough for the beds are too soft and yielding, and partially envelop the sleeper, thus producing profuse perspiration. This is especially true in the case of the sick, who are often permitted by reason of the carbonic acid exhaled by the sleeper being retained. Again it is a common error to suppose that the opening of a window at the top of the room, a room can be ventilated. People forget that for proper ventilation there must be an inlet as well as an outlet. If the window is open at the top, the air goes to the top of the room. Certainly the heated air goes to the top, but the chief impurity, the carbonic acid, is not removed. The air is not freshened, and the

ordinary open fireplace, especially if there is a

THE STAFFAGE OF THE CABUL MISSION.

A Standard telegram from Bombay, of Monday's date, says: "A special meeting of the Viceroy's Council has been held at Simla, at which Mr. Roberts, the commandant of the frontier forces, thereupon started for Peshawar with secret orders. A Standard is ordered to be in readiness on the frontier, where 12,000 men are already massed. The Indian newspaper universally consider that the affront to the British flag is in reality on the occupation of Afghanistan. A war feeling is prevalent among the Europeans. Trade is disturbed, and Government are expected to take prompt action. The Viceroy of the Standard says the prospect of a conflict between Great Britain and Afghanistan has caused the greatest consternation in that city."

A LITTLE FLOCK.

Captain Charles of the steamer Ariel, in a recent

Island, on which he found twenty-five inhabitants.

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The steamer City of Antwerp reached the Mersey at 6 o'clock, having on board 550 passengers, ship and 408 live oxen.

The work of gathering the hop crop has almost ceased here, owing to the fact that the pickers are returning to their homes.

A fire broke out on New Newton Abbot wharf on Monday, a boiler burst, destroying the greater portion of the mill, and setting fire to a dwelling house.

The Grand Duke Constantine left Paris on Friday night.

At 11 o'clock, £1,259 10s was paid into the Exchequer as "volunt money orders" from the Post office.

M. Victor Hugo is understood to be completing two volumes of poems, which are expected in the near future.

All danger of war being now over, the War Office has decided to reduce the number of men in the ranks to one half of the former proportions.

"The evidence shows that he set up with her night after night; and they squeeze hands and talked about the future of the world," said the witness.

"The damage," was the charge of a Kansas judge to a woman who had been charged with seducing a girl.

CARPET readers will have observed that most of the English poets have good deal to say about the history of our country, and it is still considered a disgrace if any body who is not poetical.

Business Announcements.

