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THE WEEK.

WE are informed that several clergymen in the Church of the United States, who had joined the Reformed Episcopal schism, have already returned.

Information has been received of the death of the celebrated Rev. Patrick Cheyne, of the Scottish Church.

The Afghan war is progressing satisfactorily. General Browne is reported to have occupied Jellalabad on Saturday.

Lord Lytton, Viceroy of India, has telegraphed to the British Government to the effect that Major Cavagnari brings news that the Ameer has fled from Cabul to Turkestan. His son, Yakoob Khan, has been released from confinement and left at Cabul. It was also added that the Ameer had lost nearly all control at that city, and that his soldiers were fast deserting.

Complete anarchy also prevails in the country between Jellalabad and Cabul. The Ameer and his family are said to be journeying towards Balkh with the retiring Russian Mission. Some accounts represent that the Ameer's flight will probably end the war. Others state that the Governor of Candahar has determined on resistance, and that Wali Mohammed is near Shutargarden Pass with eleven regiments of infantry and a force of cavalry. The Ameer's Master of Horse, the greatest enemy of England, is reported to be ill.

The inhabitants of a portion of the Khyber Valley, the Zukhar Khels, escaped to the mountains before the arrival of the British troops.

The marriage of the Duke of Cumberland and the Princess Thyra took place with great pomp in the Chapel of Christiansberg Castle on Saturday evening.

In the election in East Toronto for the Provincial Legislature on Saturday, the Conservative candidate was elected by a majority of 45 over the Reform candidate. Mr. Harcourt was elected for Monck by about one hundred majority.

It is reported that Count Schouvaloff has notified the British Government that the Czar intends to propose the Duke of Edinburgh as the Prince of Bulgaria. The proposal is intended as a special sign of the friendship of Russia toward England.

The heaviest snow storm experienced in Montreal for some years took place on Saturday night last. Nearly three feet of snow covered the ground. On the same day in Halifax a snow storm began early in the morning. It was succeeded by rain and the streets again became bare of snow.

It is not from bad crops, bad roads, low prices or anything of the kind that Great Britain is now suffering. The general distress is no doubt occasioned as much by "strikes" as by anything—probably more than by anything else. These strikes are now resorted to by almost all the combinations which employ labor. We hear of them among the Manchester cotton spinners, among cutlers, iron works, collieries, and actually among the farm laborers, as well as among almost all other departments of labor. From Leeds we learn that the proposed reduction of 12½ per cent. in the wages of the colliers in South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire affects 193,000 men. A monster meeting will be held during the holidays, when a scheme for striking *en masse* at the commencement of the year will be discussed. This course is favored because it is feared the masters are endeavoring to break down resistance in detail. Some pits have already received notice of the reduction.

The St. Lawrence at Quebec is full of ice, and on two or three occasions this week the ferry boats were broken from their moorings by the strong pressure of the current and the floating ice and carried a considerable distance down the river. No accident occurred. The St. Charles river is frozen over as far down as the harbor works, and fishing cabins are already being erected in the ice.

The British steamer Rinaldo, which was in collision with the steamer Byzantin, has arrived at Constantinople. It is stated that only four persons, the surgeon, first officer, chief engineer and one seaman, escaped from the Byzantin. The disaster occurred on Wednesday night, during a gale. The Byzantin was on the way from Marseilles to Constantinople, and was proceeding up the Dardanelles when she ran into the British steamer Rinaldo, anchored off Latakia, bound for Hull. The Byzantin belonged to Fraissenet & Co., of Marseilles. The Rinaldo returned to the Bosphorus for repairs. Other accounts state that a larger number of passengers were saved.

The conciliatory foreign policy of Russia is believed to be partly due to internal disturbances in connection with the Universities. These disturbances are assuming a formidable character. The Nihilists are also increasing, and disturbances from them are much feared.

His Excellency the Governor General has received the following telegraphic despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated London, 17th December, 1878:—

"The Court will go into mourning for her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt, from December 18th, 1878, to January 10th, 1879. General mourning will extend for three weeks from the 15th inst."

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mrs. Tait, who had gone with the Primate to Scotland, for change of scene and relaxation. After spending a short time near Stirling, at Blairlogie, the country residence of the Archbishop's youngest and only surviving brother, Mr. James Tait, they were staying with Mrs. Tait's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Pitman, in Great Stuart St., Edinburgh. It was at their house that she was seized with her short illness, which terminated

fatally on Sunday night. Mrs. Tait was youngest daughter of the Ven. W. Spooner, Archdeacon of Coventry, and the first cousin of the late Bishop Wilberforce. She was married to the Archbishop in 1843, soon after he succeeded Dr. Arnold as Head Master of Rugby. The funeral was at Addington, Croydon. The Primate will spend the remainder of the winter at Stone House, near Margate.

Braden, who refused a commission as midshipman in the British navy because it was coupled with the requirement that he renounce allegiance to the United States, will, it is expected, by a special law, be appointed ensign or midshipman in the American navy.

Mr. Street writes, with reference to the screen at Christ Church, Dublin, that it was erected from his designs with the full consent and approval of Mr. Roe, at whose cost the whole work in the cathedral has been executed. Mr. Roe has, he says, never offered to pay the expenses of both sides in any litigation on the subject, but has, on the contrary, stated "his determination to defend at his own cost any action that might be brought by Canon Marrable and his party for the removal of the screen and east window of the Cathedral."

The death is announced of the Very Rev. Llewellyn Lewellin, Dean of St. David's, Principal of St. David's College, Lampeter, and vicar of that parish, Dean Lewellin, who was born in 1798, was educated at Jesus College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1822, in the First Class *Lit Hum*. He was ordained in 1822. He was Master of the Schools at Oxford in 1825-26, and in 1827 was appointed Principal and Professor of Greek at St. David's Theological College, Lampeter. In 1833, he was presented to the vicarage of Lampeter, appointed Dean of St. David's in 1839, and to the sinecure rectory of Llangelen in 1843. He was also chaplain to the late and the present Bishop of St. David's.

The recent famine in China is supposed to have carried off ten millions of people.

The remains of the late George Cruikshank, the artist, have been removed from Kensal Green Cemetery to St. Paul's Cathedral.

The average income of Irish school teachers is \$390, but 96 of the total number—10,489—have \$680; 362, \$460; 1,513, \$355; and the rest, \$275. These are men. Female teachers have from \$525 down to \$225.

The distress in Great Britain is becoming alarming. In the iron trade in the north of England employers claim a five per cent. reduction in consequence of the depression of business. On the other hand the men state that the price of labor is already lower than it has been for twenty years. Great suffering is reported in Sheffield. The clergy have been asked by the Archbishop of York to make parochial collections for the relief fund. In Berkdale and Southport the Relief Committee is distributing soup and bread. At Chard, in Somertshire, the lace workers are striking against the masters' demand that they shall abandon the Trades' Union. Large numbers are idle, and there is great suffering. At Barnley the pauperism is sixty per cent. in excess of last year. In the Forest of Dean the clergy are distributing