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THE WEEK.

PRINCE Bismarck has proposed to the Federal Council a plan which includes a return to a protectionist policy.

The result of the first payment on account of the first call of £500 per share, by the liquidators of the City of Glasgow Bank, was announced on Monday evening, to amount to about £650,000, and there is more to come. The indictment was served on Tuesday evening upon the Directors and manager—Mr. Leresche, the secretary, having been accepted as Queen's evidence. About 150 witnesses will be summoned to the trial, which will begin in Edinburgh on the 20th inst.

Admiral Hornby has informed Sir A. Layard that finding difficulty in obtaining provisions and letters at Artaki, he has determined to move the fleet in the Sea of Marmora, to a new anchorage at Ismid.

A new Bank is to be started at Bristol for the west of England, in which some of the instructive lessons suggested by recent banking history, are to be carried out into practice. There is to be limited liability, and an effective audit, and no director is to be allowed to overdraw his account.

Mrs. Grote, the widow of the historian of Greece, died on Sunday morning, the 27th ult., at the Ridgeway, her country house, near Guildford in Surrey, at the age of 86.

Another Zulu difficulty is anticipated. Cetewayo, the King, refuses all British demands, and has assembled a large army. The British troops will immediately advance. General Chelmsford was preparing to cross the frontier at the Tugala River.

Severe weather is reported in Europe generally. News from the East have been delayed on account of snow and frost interfering with telegraphic communications. Street traffic is almost suspended in Paris on account of the snow. In Great Britain applications for relief have very much increased.

We are sorry to learn that the former Bishop of Ruperts Land, Dr. Anderson, is so ill that fears are entertained of a fatal result.

The Governor General and the Princess Louise, after their visit to the falls of Niagara last week, returned to Ottawa, which they reached on Saturday morning.

The Pope is said to have received threatening letters from Socialists, arising from his recent Encyclical. It is also stated that he intends to call the attention of European powers to the subject.

Russian and German medical journals state that the east of Europe is in great alarm at the progress of what they allege to be the plague. After the disease obtained progress a strict quarantine was enforced, but the inhabitants of Astrachan had begun to fly, scattering the disease as far as Nijni Novgorod, which is but a few hours distant from Moscow. One journal reports that telegrams from the Governors of the infected Provinces to the Minister of the Interior, report the present state of affairs most hopeful, but the *Wiener Medicinische Wochenschrift* draws a most terrible picture of affairs, and says it is almost too late now to attempt to stop the disease. The symptoms are headache, fever, and swelling of the glands.

A singular circumstance is reported to have taken place upon the high seas. On the 10th inst., Capt. Adams of the ship *Ralston*, says he saw a vessel on fire about five miles west of the Fastnet. He hastened to assist and found a steamer alongside, but could see no one on the wreck. He inquired, "Can I be of any use?" And was roughly answered, "Keep on your course or you will have to." Capt. Adams sailed on, but was afterwards overtaken by the steamer and ordered not to mention what he had seen, or he would have to look out for himself on his next voyage. He thinks the steamer had 150 men on board, apparently English.

It is said the British Government, in order to avoid any mishap in Afghanistan during the February snows, has directed that the advance from Candahar and Jellalabad had better be stopped.

The Zulu King is the most formidable opponent the British have ever contended with in South Africa. He has forty thousand warriors under his control, and is believed to be far more sagacious and clever in the field than the famous Chaka of some forty or fifty years ago. Lord Chelmsford has at his command about fifteen thousand men of whom twelve thousand are native troops. The king refused to consent to the ultimatum sent him by Lord Chelmsford, and war is now inevitable.

It will be a source of much gratification to every Churchman among us to hear that the House of Bishops met in Montreal, on Monday morning, and elected the Bishop of Fredericton as Metropolitan of this Ecclesiastical Province.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

THE Manifestation of Christ as the Great Physician, having power to heal diseases of soul and body, is now carried on to the Manifestation of His power over the elements of nature, and over the principalities and powers of the invisible world. In the miracle of stilling the winds and the waves, Christ was revealing to His disciples the true source of their safety—His own Sacred Presence, which makes the Ark of the Church. He was asleep; they had but little faith and the storm was violent. They felt they could scarcely be in a more hopeless or a more helpless condition than when at sea in an open boat at the mercy of the tempest. From a human point of view their danger was extreme. But Christ reveals to the Twelve that the human point of view takes in but a very small part of the whole scene;

and He does this by manifesting His authority over the winds and the waves, and showing them that His Presence could preserve them, because it is the Presence of God. And so, in like manner, the Lord of the Church is continually declaring to us that though she may be tempest-tossed on the waves of the world, He can ensure her safety; and that though evil spirits oppose her with all their machinations and wiles, yet the gates of hell shall not prevail against her. Each member of the Church—every Christian man is engaged in a stern and terrible contest with implacable enemies. The forces arrayed against him are such as to oblige him to spare no exertion, to neglect no precautions whatever, if he is to escape defeat. Every department of moral life is watched over by beings of greater power, greater intelligence, greater intensity of purpose than man, in the world of spirits. These spiritual beings, good and evil, act upon humanity as clearly, as certainly, and as constantly as man acts upon the lower creatures around him; and thus it is that we "wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Every man, more or less must have had some experience of this fact. Who is there that has not known what it is to be carried away by a sudden impulse—driven, he knows not why hither and thither in constant humiliation and shame before some strong, overpowering gust of feeling? Have we never seen another law in our members, warring against the law of our minds, bringing us into captivity to the law of sin that is in our members? And what is this but to feel ourselves in the strong embrace of another power, which for the moment at least has over-mastered us and borne us down? We may be unable to discern his form; we cannot, perhaps, define the exact nature or limits of his power; we may despair to decide how much it is that we supply towards the dread result, out of our own resources of perverted passion, and what it is that our enemy adds from the breathings of an intenser furnace. But it is within ourselves that we meet now, as the first Christians met, the onslaught of the principalities and powers. It is in resisting them at any cost, in driving them from us in the name of Christ, that we contribute our little share in the issue of the great battle which rages still as it raged then, and as it will rage on between good and evil until the end comes. And the miracle in the Gospel teaches us that we may calculate upon the Presence and the assistance of the Saviour of men in the efforts we make in our resistance to the powers of darkness.

THE TORONTO MISSION FUND.

IN our last issue we expressed a hope that we should be able this week to report a considerable amount of work done by the committee appointed at the meeting held in St. George's School House, for the purpose of discussing means for relieving the financial difficulties of the Mission Board. There are plenty of facts, some of which are alluded to in our Correspondence column, which go to show that the cause of our financial complications is not to be found so much in "our unhappy divisions" as in the absence of work faithfully done in connection with a more thorough and complete organization. The committee, we have already observed should have been a larger one;

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