

THE CRISIS.

THE late panic and the universal preparations for war, attract the attention of all men to the newspapers; but their fluctuating reports from unreliable quarters so tries their patience and stirs their imagination, that sound information, on such subjects as the present panic, the impending crisis, the future great European war, and the last and perilous times, is greatly needed, and will be received by our readers with pleasure and gratitude. The writings of the Rev. Dr. Cummings awakened much interest. The Hon. W. E. Gladstone's writings have given birth to a watchfulness and an enthusiastic longing to see into the future. The recent position of France (who, unexpectedly, to all nations, had to humble herself,) is a token or warning yet to be endured by another nation, now being represented as the top of the tree. The third seal, Rev. vi, 5, 6, is about at its opening. The ruler, riding the *Black Horse* is expected on the scene (but the power of the second beast of the second seal is not over yet); watch Russia minutely; let not England pass from before your eyes, Rev. vi, 15, 16, 17.

Notable signs and finger points:—

Which countries or kingdoms do the first and last beasts mentioned in Rev. iv, 7, represent?

Mark.—The first shall be last and the last shall be first.

Notice the distinction made in Revelations between horses and beasts: The horses mentioned are literal, the beasts are figurative.

The scarlet beast is to have a scarlet rider, who is a woman with a golden cup in her hand. She is trying to get on its back, and the beast shies a little at present; but not for long—.