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THE WEEK.

AT last, Cetewayo, the Zulu King, has been captured. Some days before his capture the king disbanded his followers and secreted himself in the bush. The British under Major Marter pursued him from Kraal to Kraal, burning the Kraals as Cetewayo and his constantly diminishing followers fled before them. The capture was finally made by surrounding him in the bush with a detachment of troops and threatening to shoot him if he refused to surrender at once. He was alone and made no resistance. The question has been raised as to what shall be done with him, and it has been suggested that as he is a clever soldier and a plucky fellow withal, he might be sent to command the forces in Afghanistan.

Sir Garnet Wolseley's policy of distributing Cetewayo's broken power among the chiefs in Zululand is severely criticized in Radical circles as involving an entirely new organization of the country, and as likely to lead to perilous complications. It is affirmed that it would have been much wiser on the part of the home Government to instruct Sir Garnet Wolseley to have granted such concessions as would have made the present dynasty a friend of the Crown instead of destroying it. England's entire South African policy, before and during the war, is characterized as both treacherous and foolish.

Further particulars respecting the massacre at Cabul have been received by an official despatch from the Viceroy of India to the Foreign Office. He telegraphs that he has received from a native Sowar, who escaped from Cabul immediately after the massacre, a statement that the unpaid Afghan regiments assembled at their barracks on the morning of the massacre, and acted upon what seemed to be a preconcerted plan of operations. Taking their arms and forming in military array, they issued from their barracks and marched towards the embassy. They shouted as they went, "Kill the British envoy" and Down with the Ameer." He says they entered the court yard in front of the residency and threw stones at the doors and windows. Major Cavagnari, upon hearing the news of the approach of the troops, had ordered the doors of the embassy to be closed, but his servants and some of the Guides fired upon the soldiers without orders. The mutinous regiments were speedily joined by a large number of the populace of the city, and the latter procuring firearms roamed through portions of the town threatening pillage. Some Afghan chiefs endeavoured in vain to stop the disturbance. The Viceroy adds in his despatch that there are no troops now on the road to Cabul, nor at Jellalabad, nor at Dakka.

It is stated that at the forthcoming visit of Bismarck to Vienna, Germany and Austria will

conclude an agreement mutually guaranteeing each other's territory.

The Rt. Rev. Samuel S. Harris, of Chicago, the new Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, *vice* McCloskey so unceremoniously and unrighteously deposed without a trial, was consecrated with great pomp on the 17th, at St. Paul's church, Detroit. The edifice was crowded. Thousands were unable to get admission.

Sir John A. Macdonald arrived at Quebec on the 21st. inst.

Sitting Bull has fought a duel and killed his challenger, the Crow. It took place after the battle between the Sioux and the United States troops.

General Conway says that next year 100,000, if not more, negroes will emigrate from the South to the North and West. He has application for labourers from all Western States, and could find homes for 20,000.

Russia has directed the attention of the Powers to the recent conflicts between Mussulmans and Christians in Eastern Roumelia. She blames the Porte for sending back the refugees to their homes in a destitute condition, and points out that if further disturbances should occur the Porte would sacrifice the right of sending Turkish troops into Eastern Roumelia. Numerous sensational reports of an attempt on the life of the Sultan are current. On Wednesday a man believed to be insane tried to force his way into the garden of the Palace, and wounded three soldiers. He was seriously wounded himself in the struggle.

On the 31st ult., the most brilliant journalist of Ireland, Mr. E. T. Lefroy, died. He had been connected with the *Irish Times*, *Freeman's Journal*, and among other things wrote the article "Dublin" in the present edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

The Vice-Regal visit to Toronto and the West is over; and now it is past we may congratulate these parts on the distinguished honor of receiving guests so illustrious, who seem to have been specially raised up for the purpose of shedding grace and lustre upon the exalted positions they occupy. The Princess, especially, has won the hearts of all who have seen her, by her extraordinary mildness, sweetness, and goodness of character; and these features of her nature have been pronounced, by multitudes, to have been shown by her in a greater degree than was ever known to exist in womanhood before.

The Governor-General and the Princess Louise visited Hamilton on the 15th, London on the 16th, and left Toronto for Ottawa on the 20th.

From the reports furnished by the different army divisions to the staff of the Russian army, it is learned for the first time how enormous were the losses sustained in Asia during the recent war. The figures far exceed the numbers hitherto assumed. The storming of Kars in particular appears to have worked dreadful havoc in the Russian ranks. The total actual loss is as follows:—Officers dead, 453, or 4.3 per cent. of the whole number; wounded, 1,663, or 15.8 per cent.; missing, 18, or 0.17 per cent.; total, 2,139.

Men, dead, 14,690, or 3.02 per cent.; wounded, 51,333, or 10.5 per cent.; missed, 4,456, or 0.9 per cent.; total, 70,478. This total is divided between regulars, irregulars, and militia. If it be borne in mind that in Asia particularly, a number were placed *hors de combat* through sickness, who are not included in the above return, it will be admitted that the losses of the Russians during the campaign referred to, are almost unparalleled.

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

PITY is excited by love; not, as a philosopher of the seventeenth century represented, because the objects of it are always undeserving of calamity, but because it is considered of how much better things they are susceptible. And therefore when Almighty God exercises pity towards mankind, it is not because He in the slightest degree extenuates their guilt, or regards them as undeserving of punishment, but partly because He recognizes the state from which they have fallen, and the high position of which they are capable, and partly because He Himself delights in the exercise of mercy and goodness towards the frail creatures of His workmanship. The pity which God exercises towards His Church and which is prayed for in the Collect, has its sublimest effect, its fullest consummation when the impressive prayer of St. Paul in the Epistle is answered; and an illustration of its manifestation is given in the Gospel.

This pity is the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ who died upon the cross for His Church. It is the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ who gave His Holy Spirit to sanctify the same Church, which He Himself and not man instituted. It is the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ in all the events of life—its troubles, and its sorrows—in the pressure of declining age, in the torrent of trial which every now and then bursts across our ways, overflows all the banks, and as it were inundates the soul. And with the deepest sense of this mercy and pity, even after he has realized the full extent of the blessings referred to in St. Paul's magnificent prayer in the Epistle, must every Christian come, up to the very gates of Heaven. The last step taken in this world must be one of joy and consolation, but of contrition and penitence for sin, otherwise there can be approach to the realms of bliss in the state required, which is that of "looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." Let those look to merits who can find any on which to rest; let those depend exclusively upon their good works who have enough to build upon; let those look to the wild excitement of their empty frames and feelings, or to Calvinistic assurance, who can exist upon such miserable diet; but, knowing their unworthiness, true Christians will invariably look for the "mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

DAILY SERVICE.

IN addition to the remarks we made recently on the subject, it must not be forgotten that, in a matter so important as this and so urgently required by the Law—not Judge-law, nor the law of neglect, but the Law of the Church—it would be very unlikely that no objections should be urged against it by those who wish to adopt a

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