

# Dominion Churchman.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1879.

## WHAT WE WILL DO!

To all our subscribers who are not in arrears, on the expiration of their paid up subscription, we will supply the **DOMINION CHURCHMAN**, for one dollar per year, provided the one dollar be paid strictly in advance.

To all our subscribers who are in arrears, —provided the arrears at the heretofore rate be paid up in full, to the 31st December, 1879—we will supply the **DOMINION CHURCHMAN** for the year 1880, for one dollar.

To all new subscribers from this date, we will supply the **DOMINION CHURCHMAN**, at one dollar per year, if paid strictly in advance.

If not paid strictly in advance, the price will be two dollars a year; and, in no instance, will this rule be departed from.

The accounts of those subscribers who are in arrears, made out to Dec. 31, 1879, are now being sent out. If these are paid, and one dollar more at once, they will receive the **DOMINION CHURCHMAN** to the end of the year 1880 at that reduced price, as announced above.

Address, FRANK WOOTEN, Proprietor, 11, York Chambers, Toronto Street, Toronto. P. O. Box 2530.

IN England, the average product of *wheat*, per acre, for each year, in money, to producers, for 24 years previous to 1872, was £9. 7s. stg. For the last few years it has only been at the rate of £7 4s. 6d. stg per acre.

The number of bills of sale registered in England during the month of October, 1879, was 7,000; and in one instance it is known that eighty-five per cent. per annum had to be allowed for the accommodation!

The death of Mr. John Arthur Roebuck is announced.

General Jeff. C. Davis died of pneumonia at Chicago last Sunday aged 58.

The Queen is suffering from a severe bilious attack which the physicians say is not of much importance, although some think differently.

The new Queen of Spain has been favored with a grand bull-fight. Over 20,000 spectators were present.

Baker Pasha has started for his work as representative of the Sultan to inaugurate the reforms promised in Asia Minor.

London is expected soon to follow most of the other Dioceses in having a Diocesan Conference.

Canon Ryle has just restored the chancel of his church at Stradbroke, at an expense of £700 stg., as a memorial to his father.

Bishop Tozer, of Zanzibar, arrived at Kingston, Jamaica, on the 30th of October.

The University of Cambridge sustained a severe loss on Nov. 5 in the death of Professor Maxwell at the age of 48, from cancer. He stood in the forefront of living scientific men.

In support of the requirement of the Church for early Confirmations, it is urged that, "no folly can equal the folly of letting children escape from the influence of the Church in the hope of winning them back again some years further on."

The death is announced at Damascus, of Abd-el-kader who gave the French so much trouble many years ago in Algiers. He received an annual pension from France of a hundred thousand francs.

Sir Henry Havelock, M. P., son of the distinguished military commander, has been left a fortune of half a million sterling, on condition that he assumes the name and arms of ALLAN.

At a meeting of the Consultation Committee held at Lambeth Palace, it was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation from Leicester for the *Church Congress* for 1880.

The income of the Czar of Russia is \$25,000 a day; the Sultan of Turkey, \$18,000; the Emperor of Austria \$10,000; the Emperor of Germany \$8200; the King of Italy, \$64,00; the King of the Belgians, \$1648; the President of the United States, \$186.98.

The two missionaries who on Sunday, Oct. 26th, were commended to their work at Delhi by the Bishop of Ely, in St. Giles's Church, Cambridge, sailed from Southampton Nov. 6th, "being recommended by their brethren unto the grace of God."

In the *Church Missionary Atlas* there is a table prepared by Mr. Keith Johnston, which estimates the total number of Christians in the world at 890,541,600, and of non-Christians at 1,098,505,000. Mahomedans are put down at 169,129,000, Hindoos at 176,678,000, Buddhists at 169,129,000, and Pagans at 168,658,000. The Jews are said not to exceed 7,527,000.

Liberal Nonconformity travels on apace. The minister of a Unitarian chapel at Islington has suggested that in their model trust deed for Unitarian Chapels the Committee of the Unitarian Association, "the word *Almighty* before the word *God* should be left out." A more powerful comment than this on St. John v. 23 can scarcely be given.

The sum raised by the Church in England for foreign missionary work for 1878 was £478,110 stg. The Roman Catholics, Nonconformists and others (including joint societies of Churchmen and Nonconformists) raise the total amount to £1,071,994 stg. This does not include interest, investments, balances, or foreign contributions.

Some disappointment is expressed that the pledge has not been kept that was given when the Queen became "Empress of India," namely, that the title of Empress should be kept for use solely in Asia. On two recent occasions her Majesty has stood sponsor; and the presents she made to her godchildren bore inscriptions in which her title appeared as "R. and L."

There is said to be now no doubt as to the complicity of the Ameer in the massacre of General Cavagnari and his band. The Ameer has been sent to Peshawur.

A heavy snow storm was raging over the United Kingdom at the beginning of the week. Railway trains were considerably delayed. The storm was predicted by the *Herald Weather Bureau* in a cable sent on the 27th. The Clyde is frozen over.

The excitement in Ireland is subsiding. There is an increased disposition among tenants to pay their rents. Reports of agrarian outrages are said to have been greatly exaggerated, although Cardinal Manning states in his appeal "that in the west of Ireland such hunger, poverty, and want have not been known since thirty-two years ago."

President Hayes' message delivered last week contains little that interests those outside the United States. He makes a demand of \$108,305 damages for the losses of their fishermen, Jan. 6, 1878, because they were not allowed to fish on the coast of Newfoundland on a Sunday. After having paid the preposterous "Alabama claims" it is difficult to say what the British Government are not prepared to pay.

On Sunday Nov. 9th at the afternoon service at St. Patrick's, was sung as the anthem a portion of a sacred cantata, entitled "God is Love," which was composed some years since by Mrs. Robinson, whose husband has long been connected with the Dublin choirs. The recent death of this lady, under sad circumstances, has occasioned much sorrow, as there were few persons more widely known and esteemed in Dublin.

"The leading chartist and socialist in Leeds said to a friend of Dr. Hook, in 1852, that when the dissenters declaimed against the Church that it possessed an income of seven millions, his reply always was: 'If the Church does possess seven millions, there are no millions that get back so quickly into the pockets of the people; and if there is to be property, it is the best property, for any working man's son may obtain a share in it.'"

The annual report of the *Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge* for the past year states that the subscriptions amounted to £18,981 stg.; benefactions, £5,276; legacies, £7,051. The work done includes building churches and schools in 70 colonial and missionary dioceses, endowment of missionary sees, assisting native theological students, executing and printing translations of the Bible and Prayer Book, besides parts of service books, tracts, and other works, &c., &c.

At the recent York Diocesan Conference, presided over by the Archbishop, a discussion took place on the best means of promoting a due observance of the Lord's Day. As the best means for this purpose the Conference passed the resolution, by a majority of 68 to 35, that—"In the opinion of this Conference it is desirable that there should be a celebration of Holy Communion every Sunday in every parish church."