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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.

In taking this step we are fully aware of the risk we are running. But we have received so many favourable answers to our request for support in our new departure that we are confident of success. The clergy as a body, and such of the laity as we have applied to, have nearly to a man promised to do all that in them lies to increase the circulation of the **DOMINION CHURCHMAN**. A goodly number have done more—they have actually secured us new subscribers, in some instances doubling the subscription list in their immediate localities. To all who have the good of the cause at heart we would say, "Go and do likewise." Deeds speak more powerfully than words, and if, as is generally admitted, the **DOMINION CHURCHMAN** supplies a want long felt in Church circles, then the sooner the want ceases to be, the better; especially in these days when error on the one hand and immorality on the other in their divers and sundry forms—each one as deadly as the other—are little by little doing their best to sap the outworks of faith and morals. The inroads of these foes are to be withstood at any cost, and it will be for those who can do so, even though at some little personal sacrifice, to aid in the task by pushing the circulation of the **DOMINION CHURCHMAN**. In this way will be provided, at almost a nominal expense, one most effective means, not only of counteracting the dangers of the times, but also of supplying to every family a journal from whose pages may be gleaned sound Church principles, together with carefully selected reading matter for the amusement and edification of the domestic circle.

From these few words our readers will see what we will do if duly seconded by them. They will also see what we look for at their hands. We do not anticipate any failure in our undertaking; but should failure unfortunately be the result, we shall, at all events, have the consolation of knowing that, for that failure we are not responsible, but those whose duty it is to work with might and main for the upholding of a sound Church newspaper—a means in many ways superior even to the pulpit itself of influencing men's minds, and winning them, often insensibly, to the True Fold.

We made the foregoing announcement last week, and we are happy to learn that the subject has been taken hold of very heartily by both clergy and laity—several of the clergy having announced our reduction of price from the pulpit on Sunday last, and warmly urged the claims of the **DOMINION CHURCHMAN** upon their congregations.

We trust no effort will be spared by clergy and laity to introduce the paper into every family immediately.

THE WEEK.

THURSDAY, November 6th, has been appointed as a Day of General Thanksgiving for the Dominion.

The Princess Louise left Quebec for England in the *Sarmatian* on Saturday.

The recent floods in Spain have been exceedingly disastrous. In the Malaga and Alicante districts it is believed that five hundred persons have perished. In the district of Murcia more than a thousand persons are supposed to have been lost. The damage is estimated at fifteen million dollars.

Four thousand Afghans made a desperate attack on the British camp at Ali Kheyl on the 14th inst., and were driven back at the point of the bayonet. Ameer Yacoub Khan has decided to resign, and General Roberts is making arrangements to carry on the government of the country.

Fifty nine new cases of yellow fever are reported at Memphis during the past week.

It is confidently stated that England has informed Russia that British influence must predominate in the foreign relations of Afghanistan.

Among the benevolent institutions of Gonesse, a suburb of Paris, is an "asylum for aged domesticated animals." Among its inmates are a thirty-six-year-old cow, a twenty-five-year-old pig, and a goat of eighteen. The senior member of the institution is a mule aged forty.

Reports indicate that the Emperor of Russia is suffering greatly from mental fatigue. The political and social condition of Russia is certainly not conducive to a peaceful state of the Czar's mind.

Prairie fires are ranging in many sections of Minnesota and Dakota Territory. It is reported that between Lower City and Valley City, in Dakota, it is a black and desolate waste for a hundred miles.

There is every prospect, it is said, of an open winter in the arctic regions. The American arctic expedition arrived at St. Lawrence Bay, Behring Strait, on August 25th, and reported fine, mild weather, with no ice there except the old land ice of last winter clinging to the shore-line.

When Sir Garnet Wolseley was in Natal some years ago, he called together a meeting of all the great chiefs, and sent a special invitation to the Zulu monarch to be present. Instead of complying with the request, Cetwayo caused a bag of

wheat to be dispatched to Sir Garnet Wolseley, accompanied with a notification that the Zulu warriors were as numerous as the grains of wheat. Sir Garnet, equal to the occasion, caused the wheat to be ground, and in that form returned it to the king, with a message to the effect that if he (Cetwayo) did not take care, he (Sir Garnet) would have him pounded like the wheat.

The scandal developed in discussions concerning the validity of wills, might lead the possessors of wealth to learn some useful lessons, among which may be mentioned these: Gifts to charitable objects, if made by the donor while living will accomplish more good than if left to be distributed by executors and lawyers, who usually manage to get a large slice themselves; besides, in the former case, the donor can have the satisfaction of seeing the beneficial results of his charity. Wills should be made when in good health, if possible, before disease or old age impairs the powers. The time has gone by for even the most superstitious to indulge the idea that he will die any sooner for having made his will.

Sir Francis Hincks has been found guilty, as President of the Consolidated Bank, of falsifying returns. Bank managers generally think the verdict was not justified by the evidence.

Rent meetings continue to be held in Ireland, and the excitement is on the increase.

Stanley has been heard from. He had reached the rapids of the Congo.

The feeling in Europe as to the immediate future, is one of general uneasiness.

On October 17th, 1879, the Right Reverend William Rollinson Whittingham, D.D., Bishop of Maryland, passed to his rest and his reward. He died at Orange, New Jersey, in the 74th year of his age. For nearly a year he had been confined to the house. He was consecrated in 1840. Previous to his elevation to the Episcopate he had been Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the General Theological Seminary, and was the brain father of what is called by some the "Ritualistic" movement. For years he was in the fore front of the battle as a representative Churchman. He was a scholar, theologian, and above all a Christian gentleman.

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

IN the Second Exhortation to the Holy Communion the Prophetic Parable in the gospel of the marriage supper of the Only Begotten is interpreted of the offering of the Holy Eucharist to God the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The whole of the services of to-day seem to point to the festive character of Christ's Kingdom, in which the sensual pleasures of heathen ceremonies are superseded by the Psalms, and Hymns and spiritual songs of Christian worship. The two favorite images under which the Prophets both of the Old and of the New Testament set forth the blessings of the New Covenant and of all near communion with God are that of a festival in general and especially that of a marriage feast. These two ideas are united in the Gospel of to-day. There appears indeed, as St.