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"The Communion of the Church of England, as it stands distinguished from all Papal and Puritan innovations, and as it adheres to the doctrine of the Cross."—*From the will of Bishop Ken, A. D. 1710.*

BUSINESS NOTICE.

*Will those of our Subscribers who
once for Church Work please remit.*

*This number is the first of a New
Year. Our terms are in advance.*

A GREAT HINDRANCE TO THE CHURCH'S ADVANCEMENT.

We think there is no one evil which has operated to such an extent, directly and indirectly, to hinder the Church's growth in the past in these Provinces, as the unfortunate selfishness which has so generally existed throughout the entire Canadian Church, with respect to Home and Foreign Missions.

There has been too much congregationalism displaying itself in most of our parishes. Too much forgetfulness of the general welfare of the whole Church.

The Apostle's words, "If one member suffer, all the members suffer with it," have been shorn of their meaning, because we have not felt, as a real thing, our Catholic herit-

age of membership in the Body of Christ.

Isolated Parish work, like isolated Missionary effort, is largely a waste of material and energy, if it result merely in providing a place on Sundays, for religious service, where men and women may conform to the conventional proprieties of the age. Just so far as a parish shows an interest in and contributes towards the support and maintenance of work outside its own borders, may we expect to find internal evidences of Christian advancement, and religious zeal and activity.

Do we seek a cause for the comparatively weak condition of the Church—say in Nova Scotia, the eldest of the Colonial dioceses, where it unfortunately only occupies a fourth place in point of numbers among the religious Bodies, while in wealth it stands pre-eminently the first. We find a simple explanation in the fact that it was too long supported by its dear old, but too kind-hearted mother, who fostered and pampered it until enervation and selfishness became its chief characteristics.

The Catholic spirit, aye, the