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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.*

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L E N T.

FROM the joyous scenes and pleasant memories of the hallowed Christmas and Epiphany Tides, we have passed to the sad and sombre time of Lent. And yet, let us hope, we have entered upon the present solemn season with deep and expectant feelings of coming blessedness and peace.

There can be, surely, no thoughtful Church men or women, who, having in former years carefully regarded the calls of, and duties enjoined by their Holy Mother, during the Lenten Fast, now refuse to accept as necessary, aye, more, do not long for the approach of this solemn season, when they can pub-

licly and in private separate themselves from the world, and put aside, for a while, vain and carnal thoughts, to meditate upon Christ's love, and upon their soul's imperfections and needs, and to seek for more grace and the Heavenly virtues, that they may lead the higher Christian life, and walk more closely near to God, and in the way of His commandments.

Alas! if we but look back through the year at our lives, we must at once confess, with pain and shame, that we have too often forgotten God, too frequently denied Him, too easily fallen into sin.

The world has been allowed to obscure, and often to shut out altogether the Saviour from our gaze. The desires of earth have been permitted to dispel the sweeter, purer longings after Heaven. The rank weeds of sin have too frequently choked the good seed's growth, and prevented the sunlight of God's presence from pouring His rays in upon our hearts.

Oh! how we have dragged our robes and soiled them, as we have passed through the streets of earth, on our way to the Heavenly Jeru-