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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.*

## OUR PAPER.

FROM the valuable testimony we are constantly receiving, we are glad to find that our little paper is doing good, and meeting an acknowledged want. It is not intended to compete with a Church newspaper, but in a humble way to supply instruction, and create interest in the work of the Church. It finds its way into the hands of people who never see a Church paper, and some of our good friends tell us that it is doing, and doing *well* the work of a curate in their parishes, in reference to instructing, and stirring up the zeal of the parishioners, and making them acquainted with *facts* of the doctrine, work, life and history of the Church, which most of them have no means of obtaining elsewhere.

Cheered by many words of encouragement, we hope to see CHURCH WORK still more widely circulated. It has exerted a marked influence for good in a large numbers of parishes. We wish to extend that influence. And while we do not propose to increase the price, a wider circulation would justify us in increasing the

number of pages, and devoting more attention to the Children's Department. Will our friends try and increase our number of subscribers, that we may accomplish this desirable object?

## LENT.

ONCE more this solemn season of the christian year is upon us. It is a time for earnest repentance. Seek out some special sin, and direct all your efforts to gain the mastery over it. It is a time of preparation for death and the judgment day. It is a time to avail yourselves of more frequent services. It is a time to meditate on the life and death of Christ. It is a time to abstain from those things lawful in themselves, which may be a snare to you. It is a time of effort after growth in holiness. Try to make the season produce a permanent effect on your spiritual life. Study your character, and see where your weak points are. Exercise self-denial in anything you find has a *tendency* to lead you to excess. But remember that all the observances you make use of are