

Young People's Department.



A FUNERAL IN PALESTINE.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

HERE is a picture of Christ looking at a funeral. The Lord of life is face to face with death. Three times He raised people that were dead to life again; once a little girl (the daughter of Jairus), once a young man (the son of the widow of Nain), and once a man who was His own true friend—Lazarus, of Bethany. What a wonderful thing it was to bring these dead people back to life again! And how happy it made those that loved them! The little girl—once more she could run about the house, and her father and all the rest were, oh! so glad and happy! The young man—"the only son of his mother, and she was a widow"

—how great the joy at home! Perhaps there were only himself and his mother in the house. How lonely it was when he was carried out dead! How great the joy when the Saviour called him back to life and sent him home again! Lazarus—how sad his sisters were when he died!—how grieved was the Lord Himself, for it was then that "Jesus wept"!—and how glad they all were when Lazarus, who had been four days dead, and was buried beneath a great stone that lay over his grave, was restored to his home!

This is what Jesus did, then, sometimes, with the dead. He brought them back to life again. And the time came when He Himself was face to face with death. He had to die. He had to die because there was sin in the