

the Head rose, so shall the members be raised. Let these points never be forgotten. When we think of them we may understand why the apostles, in their preaching and Epistles, dwell so much upon the Resurrection. Well would it be if modern Christians thought more about it. Myriads seem unable to look at anything in the gospel except the sacrifice and death of Christ, and altogether pass over His Resurrection.—*Canon Ryle.*

WILL the readers of CHURCH WORK always remember, when they attend a funeral service, to take their Prayer Books with them, and respond. One would suppose from the silence at many funerals that the service was for the dead instead of for the living. So at the grave, join in the Lord's Prayer, and say distinctly the Amen. Prayers must be made our own by the open assent—Amen, so be it.

EASTER JOY.

To us the joy of Easter is the assurance that our Redeemer liveth. The broken seal of the Jewish priests has set a seal which cannot be broken to the reality of our Atonement. Yes, more than this; we know Jesus at the empty tomb—not a dead Christ, but a living one; not merely our Atonement, but our Eternal Priest; not merely pouring out blood for pardon, but communicating a deathless life;—and so we will not give place even to Mary Magdalene in sacrifice of love to-day—the joy of those who “were dead and are alive again, were lost and are found.” Thus we, too, may feel with David, “Joy cometh in the

morning!” “This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” No shadow must come in between our souls and the gladness of the love of God upon this day of the Resurrection. Sometimes we must weep for sin, but not to-day when we see that meeting of the risen Lord with Mary Magdalene. We cannot always shake off a fear of death, but we face the King of Terrors to-day with the rapturous song, “Jesus lives! No longer now can thy terrors, Death, appall us!” Sometimes our hearts will sigh for the precious ones gone on before us, but at Easter, as we stand beside their very graves, peace flows into the wounded spirit, and we rejoice with a joy like that of harvest—an anticipation of the joy which shall throb throughout creation at the harvest of the Resurrection.—*Selected.*

At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Virginia, March 4th, Preston G. Nash, formerly an ordained Methodist minister, was recommended for deacons' orders.

Two Nonconformist minister at Howton, Yorkshire, have resigned their chapels with a view to seeking ordination in the Church of England. One of these, Mr Gamble, has been a Congregationalist; the other, Mr Couching, a Baptist.

BISHOP CROWTHER reports that the average Sunday congregations at the stations on the Niger now amount together to 3,472 souls, of whom he reckons 1,599 as Native Christians and 451 as communicants.