

Practical Papers.

EASTERTIDE; OR, THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS.

BY THE EDITOR.

VI.—THE SEALING OF THE SEPULCHRE.

Now the next day that followed the day of the Preparation, the Chief Priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will arise again. Command, therefore, that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead, so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone and setting a watch.—Matt. xxvii. 62-66.

“ On the seventh day reposing, lo! the great Creator stood,
Saw the glorious work accomplished,—saw, and felt that it was good;
Heaven, earth, man, and beast have being, day and night their courses run:
First Creation,—infant manhood,—earliest Sabbath,—it is done.

“ On the seventh day reposing, Jesus filled His sainted tomb,
From His Spirit's toil retreating, while He broke man's fatal doom;
'Twas a new creation bursting, brighter than the primal one;
'Tis fulfilment, reconciliation,—'tis redemption—it is done.”—DA COSTA.



ABBATH morning in Jerusalem! Beautiful everywhere, the Sabbath light seems doubly beautiful here. The deep blue Syrian sky is cloudless, save where, in the distant horizon, morning mists are rising from the Western Sea. The glorious sun sweeps upward from behind the slopes of Olivet, for again God hath spoken, saying, “Let there be light!” and the wondrous miracle,—old as creation, yet new every morning,—is repeated: and lo! there is light. Far to the south-west its earliest beams flash back from the tideless waters of the Dead Sea, while still beyond the rugged outlines of the hills of Moab seem soft and beautiful in the rosy light. Here it decks the slopes of Olivet with