

devout observance of the Festival of St. Peter. The events of his life would serve for profitable employment of the mind for many days. Our "spiritual Pastors" will be waiting for us in our Holy House; let us not fail to be with them there, on this and other days when the Church appoints special service.

The Church appoints two special Fasts in June, by which it is intended to prepare the souls of her children for profitable exercises when devout contemplation of saintly lives is to occupy their hours. The eves of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and of St. Peter's day are thus appointed, that those who are thus desiring to "work out their own salvation with fear and trembling," may in unity of spirit effectually subdue and drive away all hindrances to communion with the Blessed Saints, who having borne good testimony and suffered, have entered into rest. *

THE MAY MEETING OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH ASSOCIATION was not without interest and useful work. The venerable President was there, giving encouragement to those who have united for Church Work in the Parish. Accounts were read and ordered to be paid, and among these was one for tuition of a promising lad whom the Association is pleased to help forward towards the Ministry. Testimonials concerning him thus far are satisfactory.

The President gives now encouraging expression concerning the long contemplated Church in the Fields, that it may soon be put forward as a work for the Association. Its importance becomes more and more apparent as days and years increase, and

habitations multiply in the neighbourhood where it is contemplated to make the erection. We trust that ere long, the Association will show an increase of usefulness through the members finding more opportunity for such work as they can give help and attention to under the direction of the clergy. Meanwhile it is necessary to obtain increase of members, that work may not be checked for want of suitable men and sufficiency of money to bring good projects to successful issues. *

RITUAL.

The craving for expression is natural to those who feel on any subject; and speech is not found all sufficient for this purpose. We have heard of people termed New Lights, whose doings when excited, might well be considered ludicrous. The sect known as Shakers have what appear to us as strange usages of worship; and those termed Methodists have at times been very demonstrative, and have been prone to define the public services of our Church as cold, formal, and wholly ineffective for producing earnest piety. These and others have had their own rapturous or sad modes of expression; which in each age and country are found to vary; and in different grades of society are different usages to be found in the same country. Among a rude people loud utterance in prayer is effective for excitement; the more cultivated dislike this. What is termed the Blacksmith Preacher suits in some conditions of society.

The manner of performing public worship can never suit everybody, whatever the form may be. Well bred people who have learned pro-