

light mentioned above has a two-fold purpose: it warns us that perhaps to some of the writers "going to Church" is almost the same as "entering heaven" (e.g. Heb. 12 (22-24) applied to people processing into Church after coffee), and that there may be a consensus on what is "right" emerging, or trying to emerge, against which other ways are "wrong". To me the very title "Getting the Liturgy Right" fairly oozes with alien concepts, and I freely confess that this coloured my reading. Despite that, I acknowledge a useful gathering together of information, and ministers who have neither the time to read longer works nor to attend conferences, could here learn something of what is being thought and done in today's Church. A useful study-guide is the WCC Report of a Workshop on the Worship of the Congregation, printed as an appendix.

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A DIP IN THE ARCHIVES

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"Tracts might be written upon various points that really required to be brought before both the clergy and the people. One subject he would suggest was the proper mode of conducting a burial service. Both as a clergyman and a clergyman's son, he had often had reason to deplore the neglect of such a service in the case of families who naturally desired it in their time of bereavement; and the consequence was that many persons were weaned away from the Church of Scotland to the Scotch Episcopal Church. He thought it was a great pity that their clergy could baptise their children, but could not bury them properly. He knew that many of them felt a little want of courage in the matter, which the dissemination of information among their congregations by means of tracts would enable them to get over. It was perhaps, however, not generally known that several clergymen of the Church were in the habit of conducting a service at the grave. He himself had done so for ten years, and he could only say from his own experience that it commended itself to the feelings of the people by its great propriety, and he was confident that the practice would yet be adopted throughout Scotland".