

Whiteley, but it may well be considered whether music of so elaborate a character as has been and always would be looked for from one so high in his profession, is altogether the most suitable for a Parish Church of modest pretensions and a choir wholly voluntary such as ours. Our tendency has been towards the adoption of a style of music to be listened to, but not joined in, by the congregation. Perhaps if we make some change in this respect we may gain materially in sincerity and heartiness of worship.

COLLECTION v. OFFERTORY.

The Bishop of Niagara delivered to his Annual Synod, one of his valuable practical charges, from which we clip some excellent and timely remarks about the Offertory. He says that the term "Collection" which was in common use some forty years ago, to denominate the money given in Church, carries one's thoughts to the commoner uses of money and prevents people from realizing that it is an offering made to God. "But when what you give to God is called by its proper name, when you call it an "Offertory," you convey an entirely different idea; you lift it up from its low earthly level and place it on a higher and heavenly basis." The Bishop then gives part of a conversation which he had some years ago with an eminent Presbyterian Divine from the Southern States. He said to the Bishop, "I value your Prayer Book very much, and there is no part that I value more than your Offertory. Our people," he said, "have utterly lost sight of the offering to God as a religious duty. They will give liberally to any worthy object, if the appeal is well and forcibly put to them; but as to giving their money as a religious act, as an act of worship, they never dream of doing so. But those sentences of your service, which are read whilst the Offertory is being made, plainly point out what the act is—that it is an offering to Almighty God's service." The Bishop concludes with these words: "And I, therefore, would recommend the members of the several congregations of this Diocese to rise up, and remain standing, when the "alms for the poor and other devotions of the people," having been received by the Minister shall by him be reverently presented to God and placed upon the Holy Table, as the rubric in the Prayer Book expressly requires to be done. If this custom were generally introduced and clearly explained to the people before its introduction, it could not fail to have a most salutary effect. And surely no Minister of God can fail to see that such an offering to God, is one well worthy of being presented in a more solemn manner. When the people are called to rise up and take their part with the Minister on his presenting their poor offerings to the Almighty, surely it must prove a rebuke to those who either have given nothing, or less than they ought.

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BAPTISMS.

- April 2nd. Lewis-Taylor, son of John and Eliza Owens.
 May 30th. Millicent-Louisa, daughter of Elmes and Frederica-Jane Henderson.

MARRIAGES.

- May 22nd. Montague E. Scarl to Caroline-Lucy Lambly.

DIED.

On Saturday, 13th May, after a lingering illness, Mary-Ethel, eldest daughter of Huson W. M. Murray, aged 19.