

THE OFFERTORY

consisting of one or more sentences of Holy Scripture, which are read, while the Church-Wardens collect the Alms of the people.

- ¶ Remember that these gifts are no mere collection of money for the payment of expenses and the like, but are really an offering of your substance, made freely by you, according to your ability, out of love to God and to your fellow men. By your offerings you help to support your Church and its Services, and take part in many other good works. It is your duty therefore to deny yourself, in order that you may have something to give to the Treasury of God. As, therefore, you make your Offering, say secretly something of this kind—

Lord, all things come of Thee; I give this back to Thee out of that, which Thou hast given to me.

- ¶ It is a good plan, for the sake of example, to divide what you are able to give, so that you may give something at every Service at which there is an opportunity.
- ¶ Watch the Priest as he humbly presents to Almighty God the Alms and Oblations of Bread and Wine, and when he places them on the Altar, pray—