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PREFACE.

HIS Collection being primarily intended for use in the worship of the Church of Scotland, a short statement regarding the place of the Anthem in the Scottish National service has been thought desirable.

That the use of this class of composition has been exceptional hitherto, has been due very much to a prejudice against it, as necessarily inconsistent with the congregational character of our Psalmody, and as affording merely an

opportunity to choirs for a musical display.

While the prejudice is intelligible from the unsuitableness for worship of some of the pieces which have found favour at times with ohoirs, or their inappropriate introduction, the objection to the proper use of good Anthems is not admitted. Metrical Psalms and Hymns are unquestionably best suited for congregational singing, and these, it is hoped, will continue to have the chief place in our praise; but a judiciously-chosen Anthem gives a useful variety to the service, and may be joined in by any who can sing and are willing to take a little trouble.

The sethetic element in worship demands more consideration than it has received hitherto in the Church of Scotland, or in any of the other Presbyterian Churches of this country; and it is felt that the Anthem, and the other sacred compositions which for convanience we speak of under that general name, may in this respect be introduced with advantage. We cannot, however, too plainly state, and too strongly urge congregations to bear in mind, that their purpose is not to furnish sesthetic gratification, but to stimulate praise, and add to the number and variety of spiritual songe by which we may "speak to ourselves" or "teach and admonish one another."

With reference to the objection that Anthems can never be sung by congregations, but must be left entirely to choirs, even were the fact as stated, the objection would by many not be considered fatal. Much has been said in favour of leaving the singing in this part of the service to the choir alone; the congregation joining silently in praise, as they join silently in prayer, or being receptive of the teaching of the subject so interpreted for them, as they are receptive of the Scripture lessons and the sermon. It cannot be deuied that the music ought to be more expressively sung by a select choir than by a mixed congregation. This, however, is obviously so liable to abuse that it is thought better to encourage the efficient aid of the congregation.

The great majority of the pieces in this Collection, accordingly, are of a comparatively simple character, intelligible in their devotional expression to all, and capable of being joined in by the majority in any congregation of average musical culture. Nothing is more to be deprecated than any change which should tend to make our praise less hearty or general; and therefore simplicity, as well as variety and excellence, have been kept

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The part of the service at which the Anthem may be introduced is left to the discretion of the minister, and ought to be determined by the kind of composition, and by its subject. It may with propriety be sung after one or other of the Scripture lessons, or after the sermon, or before the benediction. It has been too much the practice to introduce it only at the point last named. A Doxology or Dismission may be sung then; though even for the Doxology a more suitable part of the service may be found. A Psaim or Hymn to a familiar tune in which the whole congregation may join heartily, seems as a rule best suited for the closing act of praise. We should therefore recommend that in general the Anthem should be sung immediately after the reading of Scripture or after the sermon. In any case, it will be the duty of the minister to see that the Anthem chosen is in tone or subject appropriate to the rest of the service: the singing of one in the selection of which this has not been considered may mar the unity and devotional effect of the whole, even more than an unsuitable Hymn or an ill-adapted Tune.

To facilitate the selection of suitable Anthems, and afford ready means of reference, the Textual Anthems, placed first in each section of the book, have been arranged in the order of the books of the Bible; and of the miscellaneous pieces which follow, a Classified Index is appended. No apology is thought necessary for the introduction of the very few Hymns which will be found in the Metrical part.

The numbers of the Anthems follow consecutively from those of the Chants; and the paging at the bottom is in continuation of that in the pointed Paulter and Scripture passages.

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