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MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

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THE ANTIPHONE

In many of our churches the antiphone is not used at all. In some of them it is used a very little, in many of them, it is not known while in a few of them it has a definite place in the musical program of the church. Before I say more about the place of the antiphone in the worship service, I wish to explain what is meant by the word antiphone. (Gr. anti—in response to, and phone, voice.)

The answer of one choir or one portion of a congregation to another when an anthem or psalm is sung alternately. In other words the antiphone consists of passages of scripture read by the minister—or congregation and responses sung by the choir, all related to one central thought.

Passages from the old and new testaments are combined; the prophecies are joined with the records of their fulfillment in Christ; the needs of the soul are voiced together with the promises of their satisfaction. Settings of sacred poems as well as of Biblical text, short scenes from histories, and spiritual folk songs, are found among the responses.

The Antiphone may effectively follow directly upon the reading of the Gospel so that the minister's sentence, "He that bath ears to hear, let him hear," for instance, would serve to introduce it. The organists should begin playing softly the music of the first response of the choir, may sing the response. The organist continues to accompany the reading of the minister and also the choir in the response. It is very important to learn what volume of tone and variations of time-color to use in accompanying the reading.

It is beautiful and effective to sing some of the responses without accompaniment.

Besides beautifying and enriching our worship the Anti-

phone may be used to bring about unity in our service. It brings the minister, congregation and choir into closer touch as they cooperate in this act of worship. These Antiphonal responses of the choral arrangement joined together will make beautiful hymns.

The Antiphones are classified as far as possible according to their appropriateness to special occasions, or such seasons of the church year as Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and Easter, but nearly all can be used and are suitable for any time. They can be used to a great advantage for many of them are written in eight part harmony. They help to create a great deal of interest among young choirs because of their wide variety of selections and arrangements. Their worth in giving sacredness and great spiritual fervor to a service is remarkable.

We have for our use such great selections as 1. O Lord How Great (God in Nature). 2. Praise Jehovah (God's Majesty). 3. Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalms for Thanksgiving). 4. Behold Stand at the Door and Knock (Waiting Christ). Behold I Bring You Glad Tidings (Birth of Christ). 5. Rejoice All Ye People (The Advent of Christ). 6. Isagel, Fear Not (The Lord Our Redeemer). 7. Just As I Am (The Sinner's conversion to God). 8. The Strife is O'er (Christ's Victory over Death). 9. Our Feet Shall Stand Within Thy Gates (The City of God). 10. Lord Have Mercy Upon Us (Gods' Commandments).

There are many other selections of great spiritual value included in the Antiphones. May we become more appreciative of them and their worth in the service and use them to the Glory of God.

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BY LENA J. HINES
The Whitaker Social Club held its annual pre-Thanksgiving social Wednesday November 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Whitaker.

The home was very beautifully decorated for the occasion bringing out all the holiday spirit. Orlando Whitaker and Herman Lawrence were in charge of serving the very elaborate supper.

Members and guests present were the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Levy Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Roman Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Whitaker, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Barr, Mrs. Emma Harrington, and Mrs. Mozeula Worley. Herman Lawrence is present.

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HONORED: Above is shown Mount's new Lincoln Park Housing Development, named after William Ellison, one of the main thoroughfares in Rocky

ELKS MILITARY DEPT. HOLDS CONFERENCE PARADE IN ROCKY MT.

The first annual conference of IBPOE of W. State of North Carolina State Antlered Guard, Military Department, IBPOE of W. was held in Rocky Mount, November 20-21.

On Sunday, November 21, a big Street Parade gave added interest to the conference meeting. The parade was very colorful, unique and dignified which is typical of the Elk performances. A great gathering of people were here from many points of the country to witness these performances. The parade was lead by the Duran and Eagle corps and a fine band from Virginia.

Brig. Gen. Joseph C. Connally, for the State of North Carolina who was greatly responsible for the success of this fine effort. Other outstanding personalities who contributed to the success of the meet were Col. James H. Rawlings, Chief of Staff, State of North Carolina; Col. Fletcher Winstroy, Quartermaster, State of North Carolina; Major, Nora E. Bailey, Women's Auxiliary, State of North Carolina; Antlered Guard, IBPOE of W., and the Rev. K. D. Battle, president

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Church in the afternoon. Both sermons by the young ministers were rich, well developed and very inspiring. The sick members are: Frank, Elbert, Sallie Thorpe, Annie Bennett, Anna Cefield, Stephen Lawrence, Eason and Brad Battle.

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NEW STREET NAMED FOR LOCAL CITIZEN

For some time the developers have been seeking an appropriate name for the circular drive that runs through their outstanding Negro residential development, Lincoln Park.

During the recent formal opening of one of the homes, a street naming contest was sponsored in which all Negro visitors participated. The selection of a name from the hundreds of excellent ones submitted, has been quite a problem, but the one chosen will, the sponsors believe, appeal to everyone.

The prize-winning name — Ellison Drive — was first submitted by Charles Jones, 610 Raleigh Street, Rocky Mount. He is the winner of a \$25.00 U. S. Savings Bond offered by the sponsors.

Ellison Drive honors an outstanding local Negro, William Ellison, who is loved and respected by all who know him, both colored and white. The name, it is believed, will remind coming generations of the qualities which are dominant in this beloved citizen and of the example he has set for the entire citizenry of Rocky Mount to become the greater men and women.

It is fitting to note that William Ellison is along in years, being now 74 years old, and he has served his own race and others well. He exemplifies a model father, a true Christian, an honest, loyal and efficient employee, and he is held in the highest esteem by those whom he works.

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