

## Twelve New Year's Resolutions for Organists

1. That I will regard my Vicar in the light of a spiritual pastor as well as a temporal employer.
  2. That I will not forget, if I take to myself the credit when the singing of the choir is good, to hold myself equally responsible when the reverse is the case.
  3. That I will bear in mind that it is not easy for a ten-year-old choir-boy to display the vocal tone of a Patti if he has had no breakfast.
  4. That, as even an organist has a soul to be saved, I will occasionally listen to the sermon.
  5. That I will practice my voluntaries at least one hour a month.
  6. That I will show no annoyance if the congregation occasionally evinces a desire to join in the hymns.
  7. That I will sometimes look upon the organ as an accessory to worship as well as the outward symbol of my means of livelihood.
  8. That I will likewise recognise the fact that the main reasons for the building and dedication of the church were not for the exploitation of my virtuosity as an organ-recitalist.
  9. That in accompanying the Service, I will give the choir a chance sometimes.
  10. That I will conduct my secular business and hold my receptions of friends at other times and in other places than in the organ-loft after the Service.
  11. That I will try and do all I impress upon my pupils to try and do.
  12. That I will give the organists of neighbouring churches the credit of possessing some sort of knowledge of training a choir.
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