

CHOIR NOTES.

Our staff of men in the choir is constantly changing, and at the present time the number is very small. There is room for five voices, and the organist will be glad to hear of a couple of basses and two or three tenors. Half a dozen boys' voices are also wanted. Several of our boys are leaving the choir, as their voices have begun to break and they can no longer sing.

We are requested to announce that the evening for choir practice has been changed to Saturday at eight p.m. The boys will assemble for their special practice twenty minutes before eight, sharp.

We venture to remind the congregation that Saturday is the choir practice night, in order that no obstacles may be thrown in the way of a full attendance. It has happened again and again that music which it was intended to sing on Sunday had to be changed at the last moment because there were not enough of the choir present to prepare it. It seems to us that if Church music has to do with the Praise and Glory of God, nothing ought to be allowed to interfere with its careful preparation.

We would gently call the Rector's attention to the fact that some of the boys during service do not appear to know that they are in Church, and that the choir generally do not seem to realize that one very important duty is to lead the congregation in *responding*, as well as in singing.

We are glad to learn that in future the Psalms will be sung on the second Sunday evening in the month, as well as at the Choral Service on the last Sunday. The Psalms *ought* always to be sung. We doubt whether one in a thousand now-a-days ever obeys the apostolic precept, "Is any merry? let him sing Psalms," "Singing to yourselves in Psalms." And why? Simply because the Church of the 19th century has forgotten how to sing David's Psalms. If it were the Church's rule to sing the Psalms in Divine Service it would do very much towards helping individual Christians to carry out these inspired directions in private.

ALGOMA.

The Bishop of Algoma wants a steam yacht. He cannot do without a steam yacht. A moment's reflection will convince any one that if the work of our Missionary Diocese is to be efficiently done the Bishop must have every facility for coasting about from parish to parish, from settlement to settlement, without being obliged to govern his movements by those of the steamboats on their ordinary routes. With a steam yacht he will be independent. The Bishop estimates the cost at \$2,000, a sum which ought to be raised without any difficulty. Other Parishes have begun to help. St. George's must not be behind-hand. It is proposed to put out 100 Missionary Boxes in the Parish, and to give the proceeds to the Bishop for this purpose. Each box ought to average at least \$2 during the winter. If 25 other Parishes will do the same, we shall be able to present the Bishop with a well-equipped steam yacht when the navigation opens next spring, and speed him with a light heart on his apostolic trips.

WHO WILL TAKE A BOX?

Send names to the Rector.