

### VESTRY MEETING.

A special meeting of the Vestry was held on Monday evening, 3rd of July, pursuant to the usual notice, for the appointment of a lay representative from this Parish to act upon the Committee appointed by the Synod at its last session to deal with the surplus of the Toronto Endowment.

Present: Mr. Chadwick and Dr. Lett, Churchwardens, and Messrs. Foster and Murray and Dr. Snelling.

The Rector being absent, Dr. Lett, on motion to that effect, took the chair.

On motion of Dr. Snelling, seconded by Mr. Murray, Mr. Chadwick was appointed to represent the Parish.

The meeting then adjourned.

### HOW TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN.

WE do not always realize how difficult it is for a child to take in instruction on abstract truths, unless it be accompanied by illustrations appealing to the imagination. For instance, a child is asked the question, "What is the inward and spiritual grace in Baptism?" and may have given the answer every Sunday for years, "A death unto sin and a new birth unto righteousness," without in the least degree understanding what he says, or realizing what blessings are conveyed in the Sacrament. But let his mother or teacher explain that the soul of his baby-sister, to be baptized that afternoon, is now dark with the shadow of original sin, and without the Grace of God, (Eph. ii. 3); but that it will go away from the font more bright and beautiful than the sun, or the flowers, or anything on earth, so that God will smile to look upon it, and the angels in heaven will watch and rejoice with a deeper joy, and that all this will be done by the power of the precious blood of Jesus—and the truth will be impressed upon the child's mind in a way that he will never forget. In such ways as this must doctrine be brought home, clothed, as it were, in flesh and blood, that the child may behold it living before him, instead of the dry bones of an abstract statement, whose skeleton form perhaps only serves to terrify him as a spectre from the world of hard lessons.

### NEGLECTED PARISHIONERS.

As a rule, they who complain most of neglect in a Parish are they who do the least to help and encourage it. There are a few rules which if observed, would effectually prevent all this feeling of neglect.

1. When you go into a new Parish, take a letter from your former Rector and present it the first opportunity, and make the acquaintance of the Rector and tell him your place of residence.

2. Select a pew: see that your name is on the diagram, and pay according to your ability. Engage in some Church work. The Sunday School is a good place. Intimate to the Rector a willingness to help in some way the work of the Church.

3. Be present and punctual at Church whenever it is open. Join heartily in the service, and do all you can to make it hearty and attractive.

4. Do not go visiting from one place of worship to another. Stand by your own. If you have no preferences or convictions you are not of much account, and cannot expect much notice. If you have any preferences and convictions, then act upon them, and you may be sure you will not lack appreciative recognition and sympathy.—*Living Church.*