

VESTRY MEETING.

THE adjourned Vestry Meeting was held in the School House on Monday evening, 2nd May, the Rector in the chair. There were about twenty-five persons present.

Mr. Crickmore reported that the Auditors had gone over the Churchwardens' accounts, and found the same correct.

On motion of Dr. Lett, seconded by Mr. W. D. Murray, the Rector and Churchwardens, and Messrs. Henderson and W. J. Baines, were appointed a committee to take steps to extend the envelope system, with power to add to their number.

It was moved by Mr. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. Henderson, and resolved: That in view of the large amount raised in this Parish for missionary purposes, and the insufficiency of the ordinary revenue to meet the requirements of the Parish, more especially with respect to obtaining the services of an Assistant Minister, it is desirable that we should revive the former practice of raising moneys for ordinary purposes simultaneously with the moneys obtained for missions through the Parochial Missionary Society.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE SURPLICES.

AFTER the adjourned Vestry Meeting on the 2nd ult., an informal conversation on the Surplice question took place, those who were adverse to the proposed change taking this opportunity of responding to the Rector's request for an expression of opinion. Very little was said against the change on its merits, the question being rather treated as one of expediency in the present instance. It was stated that there were some who feared that the adoption of surplices might "lead to something else," meaning, of course, ritualistic practices, in reply to which reference was made to the use of surpliced choirs in churches where there had never been any approach to ritualism. It was suggested that it might bring about a division in the congregation, but the tone of the discussion was of itself sufficient to shew that such a fear was groundless. At the conclusion the Rector stated that it was not intended that the surplices should come into use on Ascension Day, as had been at first proposed.

The proposal to adopt surplices has awakened an interest in the question outside our Parish, and has been referred to and commented upon in both religious and secular newspapers. The *Globe* has given the matter especial attention, having published the Bishop's letter at length, followed in a later issue by an expression of opinion by several Toronto clergy, obtained by an "interviewing" process—all more or less favourable to the use of surplices. The approval of Rev. S. J. Boddy and Rev. J. P. Lewis, prominent clergy of the "Low" School, with the Bishop's letter, should be abundantly sufficient to satisfy any who fear that the question may be regarded as a party one.