

### VESTRY MEETING.

A special meeting of the Vestry was held on Wednesday, 5th December, the Rector in the chair, and the Churchwardens and a few others being present.

The Churchwardens having explained that it had become necessary to make arrangements for paying off the balance of the debt of the Church still remaining, amounting upon the old debt for the furnaces and reseating of the Church to \$2,850, and for the reseating of the gallery, &c., last year to \$700, a by-law was introduced and passed authorizing the Rector and Churchwardens to create a new debt of \$3,500.

Mr. Chadwick, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Elmes Henderson, introduced a by-law for the founding of a S. George's Scholarship in Trinity College, which was read a first time, and at the request of the mover, ordered to stand over for further consideration.

The sum of \$3,500, authorized by the by-law above mentioned, has been obtained on more favourable terms than were required for the debt which it retires.

### AMATEUR ART EXHIBITION.

The school-house presented a brilliant scene on 28th, 29th, and 30th November last, when it was filled with works of Art by "Members of the Congregation and their immediate friends and relatives." The entertainment was one of an entirely novel character, differing both from the competitive exhibitions with which the public are familiar, and from the loan exhibitions which have taken place occasionally in Toronto. The number of articles exhibited greatly exceeded the expectations of the Committee, so much so indeed, that some difficulty was experienced in finding a proper place for everything, and the value of the total exhibit was so great as to be a source of some anxiety for the safety of the school-house from fire and burglars.

Many of the articles exhibited were of a high order. Some which had won prizes at the Central and other similar exhibitions seemed almost lost among the many. Indeed we have no hesitation in saying that this exhibition fully equalled, if it did not exceed, the exhibit of amateur work in the Toronto Central Exhibition in September last. The principal management was undertaken by Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Chadwick, the former of whom shewed herself to be a most energetic and indefatigable worker.

We regret to be obliged to add that this attractive entertainment was not patronised by the Congregation as it deserved. The receipts shewed that it was visited by only about four hundred people, and those not all our own, by any means, whereas there should have been that number every day while it was open. The financial result is consequently rather disappointing as the amount realized will probably not exceed \$75 over expenses.

### TEMPERANCE GUILD.

The Guild met on the 18th December for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Besides those named on the front page, the following were elected members of the Committee of Management:—

*Committee.*—Mrs. McKean, Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Gosling, Miss Gamble, Miss Street, Miss Kate Street, Miss Harvey, Miss Lough, Miss Clara Lough, Miss Lightbourn, Miss M. C. Lightbourn, Miss E. Lightbourn, Miss M. Moffatt, Miss Matilda Spratt, Miss VanKoughnet, Miss Cayley, Miss Rose Chadwick, Miss Bain, Miss Murray, Miss Morphy, Miss Ruth Morphy, Miss Moffatt, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Wm. Kirkpatrick, Mr. F. Lightbourn, Mr. T. Lough, Mr. Ingle.

It is arranged that the meeting on Tuesday, 8th January, shall be a service in the Church at 8 o'clock p.m., followed by a social gathering in the school-house.

### PARISH NOTES.

**OFFERTORY.**—December 2nd, \$51.06; 9th, \$57.49; 16th, \$47.85; 23rd, \$35.25. Total, \$191.65. Corresponding period last year, \$180.40. Christmas Offertory, \$146.25; last year, \$104.75. Amount required weekly, \$60.

**VESTRY CLERK.**—This office, which has been vacant for some years, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. William Henry Syms.

**THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** this year were more tasteful than usual. The altar was beautifully decorated by Misses Sykes and Cayley, and Mr. Sykes, and the pulpit was a work of art designed and executed by Mrs. Phillips. The transepts were decorated by Master Vaux Chadwick.

**THE number of Communicants on Christmas Day** was 232. Last year the number was 178. In 1881, 175. In 1880, 125. In 1879, 106.