

VESTRY MEETING.

The adjourned vestry meeting was held in the school-house on Monday, 25th April, the Rector in the chair.

Mr. Chadwick reported that the late Churchwardens had delivered the Church property and accounts, duly sworn, to the new Churchwardens, as required by law.

On motion of Mr. Beverley Jones, seconded by Mr. Cartwright, the Churchwardens' accounts were adopted, and ordered to be printed in the PARISH JOURNAL.

Mr. Chadwick moved the resolution, notice of which was given at the last meeting, for the acceptance of a deed of the Church Home property from the Rev. Mr. Cayley, assuming the unpaid liabilities incurred for its purchase. This motion was seconded by Dr. Burnham in the absence of Mr. Baines, and was carried.

The by-law for regulating the pew rents for the new pews and sittings was then introduced by Mr. Bruce Harman, second by Mr. Chadwick, and passed through its various stages. It was explained that this by-law would not make any changes, but its object was to place the new pews and sittings on the same footing in all respects as those previously existing. Mr. Beverley Jones objected to the passing of the by-law on the general ground that the pew system was objectionable, and spoke very strongly in favour of doing away with the pews altogether. Mr. Chadwick stated that he fully concurred in Mr. Jones's views as to the pew system, but that as St. George's was at present a pewed Church, we were obliged to deal with it as such. It was also stated that the policy of the Church authorities in this parish, for some years past, had been that of putting the free seats in the Church, as far as possible, on a footing of equality in appearance and comfort, with the rented sittings, and the seats which some years ago were of of an entirely different description from rented ones have been removed and the whole reconstructed and made exactly alike, and the free seats have been fitted up and furnished in all respects exactly similar to the others. The Rector stated that he had heard that the policy of the Church authorities in this respect had attracted the attention of strangers, and that the Working Men's Society in particular had commented very favorably upon it. Mr. Jones said, that notwithstanding all that had been done, the free seats were still at the lower end of the Church, while the rented sittings were in front of them, and that in his opinion the free seats should be in the front; to which the Rector replied, that if this

change were made the free seats would be little used, as the majority of the people who used them would not do so if they were placed in front. It was also, in the discussion, pointed out that there were now three services every Sunday at which the pews were entirely free and unappropriated.

It was moved by Mr. Spratt, seconded by Mr. Chadwick, that the Churchwardens, Mr. Chadwick, Dr. Burnham, Messrs. Browne, Frank Cayley, and Beverley Jones, should be a committee to consider the propriety and possibility of making St. George's free, and to report to a special vestry meeting, to be held on the second Monday in October next.

On motion of Mr. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. Spratt, Mr. C. R. W. Biggar and Dr. G. H. Burnham were appointed sidesmen.

BOY'S GUILD.

Perhaps some of our readers are not aware of the fact that a Boy's Guild has been in operation in St. George's Parish for the last three months.

The objects of the Guild, which is under Mr. Webster's direction, are to promote among its members the virtues of temperance, purity, reverence and earnestness—four great principles which are most needful in establishing the characters of our Canadian youth.

Before discontinuing the meetings for the summer, it was thought well to have a little social enjoyment, and accordingly on Thursday, the 21st April, the Guild met and sat down to an excellent tea.

Mrs. J. R. Cartwright, assisted by a staff of ladies, dispensed the good things to the boys. Before and after tea, games were entered into most heartily.

A Shadow Pantomime, in which Messrs. Hayes, Payne, and Baldwin, officers of the Guild, took part, afforded intense amusement.

We are convinced that the banding together of boys with well defined principles in view, will be productive of much good.

It is our hope next fall to form a Junior and Senior branch of the Guild.

We wish to get the boys interested in things which will be of use to them in the battle of life—to give them a taste and desire for, and to make them think of whatsoever things are honest, just, pure, lovely—good report.

Dr. Daniel Clark will deliver an address bearing upon the White Cross movement, the end of the present month.