

THE ANNUAL EASTER MEETINGS.

Were held on Monday, 14th April, the Rector in the chair, Rev. Professor Clark, Rev. Mr. Kingston and twenty-four lay members being present.

The meeting to elect delegates to the synod was first held when Messrs. Chadwick, Henderson, and Murray were elected.

The vestry meeting was then proceeded with.

Upon the churchwardens' report being called for, it appeared that it was not sufficiently complete for presentation in consequence of the illness and consequent absence of Mr. Chadwick, and its presentation was, on motion of Mr. Harman, seconded by Mr. Murray, dispensed with, and it was ordered that it should be printed and distributed in time for consideration at the adjourned meeting. The report, with the usual accounts was subsequently published in an extra number of this journal, and sent to all members of the vestry.

The Rector re-appointed Mr. Chadwick churchwarden, and the vestry, on motion of Mr. W. J. Baines, seconded by Mr. Close, re-appointed Mr. Harman.

Mr. Cumberland moved, seconded by Mr. Gosling, the appointment of sidesmen, being the same as last year, excepting Dr. Lett removed from Toronto, with the addition of Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Martland.

Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Close, moved the re-appointment of Dr. Snelling and Mr. McCarthy as members of the parochial tribunal for settling the voters' list.

It was ordered, on motion by Mr. Cumberland seconded by Mr. Browne, that the voters' list should be posted conspicuously inside the church as well as in the vestibule.

On motion by Mr. Murray a resolution was passed in reference to the duties of sidesmen in assisting the churchwardens in seating people in the Church.

A vote of thanks to the churchwardens for their services, was proposed by Rev. Professor Clark seconded by Mr. Spratt.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE ADJOURNED MEETING was held on 28th April, the Rector in the chair, and Rev. G. M. Kingston and nineteen lay members being present.

Mr. Chadwick presented the churchwardens' report, and moved its adoption seconded by Mr. Harman.

Mr. Cumberland considered that the last clause of the report was a reflection upon members of the vestry, and ought not to be adopted, and moved an amendment to that effect which was seconded by Mr. Spratt.

Mr. Close thought that Mr. Cumberland's objection might be met by a modification of the language of the clause in question, and moved an amendment to the amendment accordingly, seconded by Dr. Lough.

Mr. Chadwick expressed himself as willing to accept Mr. Close's amendment if the vestry concurred in it.

The report as presented was supported by Mr. Murray, Mr. Macnab and others, the whole question raised by the clause in question being discussed very fully and at considerable length.

On a vote being taken on Mr. Close's amendment it was lost—7 yeas, 10 nays. Mr. Cumberland's motion was then put and lost—3 yeas, 16 nays. And the report was adopted.

Mr. Spratt moved, seconded by Mr. W. B. Close, that the thanks of the vestry be cordially given to the choir for their services during the past year.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Churchwardens' Report to the Easter Vestry should have contained a special reference to the parochial debt, the greater portion of which passed during the year into the hands of new holders, who wished to have their claim paid off. In order to comply with this demand, and at the same time to consolidate and pay off the whole debt, amounting to \$3550, the Churchwardens obtained a new loan of \$3,500, which sum now constitutes the parochial debt. When the loan previously existing was raised, some years ago, the then Churchwardens were obliged to pay commission and legal expenses amounting to \$100, but the present loan was obtained without any expense, and was also effected on more favourable terms than the former one.

OUR NEIGHBOURS.

The Churchwardens appointed in the parishes immediately adjoining ours are as follows: St. Stephen's—T. R. Fuller, E. B. Brown; St. Phillip's—George M. Evans, J. H. Telfer; St. John's—Dr. E. W. Spragge, R. Quinn, Holy Trinity—Wm. Kersteman, H. P. Blachford; Grace Church—Thomas Houston, Dr. Morton.

At the Vestry Meeting of St. John's the subject of building a new church was introduced, and referred to a committee for consideration.

THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT IN THE CHURCH.

The Rector and Churchwardens would be glad to hear from all who are disposed to contribute to the fund for the improvement of the Church. Until it is known to what extent the assistance of the congregation may be counted upon, no decision can be taken as to the extent of the work that shall be done. We understand that several pewholders have indicated their intention of contributing, who have not yet sent in their names to the Rector or the Churchwardens. It is most desirable that they should do this without delay, and that they should state the amount which they are prepared to contribute. We desire to repeat that the subscription, when preferred, may be paid in three annual instalments, and that the promises made shall be conditional upon the improvements being carried out, or so much of them as the subscriptions are sufficient to provide for. It is competent for any subscriber to direct that his subscription shall be applied only to some part of the work in which he feels especial interest, or towards paying off the debt if he prefers it to be used for that object only.