

District No. 9 — *Mr. Borthwick*, Gloucester, and Country Sections beyond Rideau River.

The Session greatly regret that *Mr. Duncan Graham* continues unable, through bodily infirmities, to engage in this part of their work.

The Session have, for some time, had under consideration the propriety of introducing the "Schedule System," for the purpose of securing the contributions of the Congregation for the schemes of the Church. According to this system, the members of the Congregation are requested to state in Schedules, furnished by the Session, the amounts they are willing to contribute, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually, to the various schemes of the Church, and collectors, duly authorized, call for these contributions as frequently as the donors may desire. This system has been found very successful in many congregations. Its advantages are numerous. It places the opportunity of giving to each of the schemes of the Church within the reach of every member of the Congregation. It secures, on the part of the members of the Congregation, a more careful consideration of the claims of these Church Schemes, and a more thoughtful estimate of the amounts which the members can contribute to them. It thus brings the united energies of the Congregation more fully and fairly into the general work of the Church. As the District Visiting Committee of the Ladies' Aid Society have consented to undertake the work of collecting the contributions which the members of the Congregation may subscribe, the Session unanimously and cordially recommend that this system be adopted by the Congregation to take the place of the present special collections for the schemes of the Church. The Elders will, at an early date, bring the matter personally before the members of the congregation, and hope that the system will meet with the hearty co-operation of all the members of the Church.

The Session have also had under their consideration, for some time, the best means of securing the amount of interest annually due on the church-building loan. A year ago they were hopeful that the so-called "Envelope system," which they had introduced in the congregation would fully meet the requirements of this interest fund.

Many members have contributed to this fund, irregularly, and in arrears. To prevent the accumulation of interest, a column to the right of the column devoted to the collection of the "envelope" will, it is hoped, be of use in the future.

During the summer, the Session charged the members with the collection. The Session were very satisfied with their satisfactory work of his year.

Since our last year's meeting, the Presbyterian Church has been very much benefited. The Session have, under the terms of Union, been effecting a more careful consideration, for the accomplishment of the schemes which have been effected. The Home Mission Fund, and the now called on for contributions. Regarding the Church full information in the *Presbyterian* which is supplied to the families of the results of Union may be mentioned. The Session have, within the City of Rochester, contributed a number of families with much interest in the Church in those