

MELVILLE CHURCH.

At the recent meeting of the congregation the Board of Managers was instructed to prepare a careful estimate of income and expenses for the coming year to be submitted at the annual meeting in January next. In order that the statement may be as correct as possible it is necessary that not only should those who have not yet contributed by envelopes be asked to do so but that those whose names are now on the contribution book be given the opportunity to amend their subscription if they so desire.

For the information of those who have lately connected themselves with the congregation it may be stated that the mode of raising revenue, which has been in use from the first, is "Weekly Contributions" by envelopes, every member (or family) and pew-holder being expected to contribute according to ability, without reference to the number of sittings occupied. The "Weekly Contributions" are only for maintenance of ordinances and expenses of the church, which include minister's stipend, salary of caretaker, choir expenses, interest on debt, fuel, lighting, insurance, &c. Contributions for "Reduction of Debt" or other objects are kept apart from maintenance and accounted for separately. Special envelopes are used for Missionary Contributions and are handed to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

You are requested to fill up the form enclosed, or the one already sent, and return it on the collection plate, or to MR. MINTO, *Treasurer*, not later than the first Sabbath in January. Additional forms will be found in the vestibule of the church, or can be obtained from MR. MINTO, should they be required.

WESTMOUNT, 21st Dec., 1898.