

After several conferences on the subject, the Session in December, 1866, divided the congregation into districts as required by the rules of procedure, one of which was assigned to each elder.

*District No. 1.*—Included the country south and west of the City, and was assigned to Mr. Donald Kennedy

*District No. 2.*—West and north of Pooley's Bridge, Mr. Wm. Taylor.

*District No. 3.*—From Pooley's Bridge to west side of Bank Street, Mr. Robert Whyte.

*District No. 4.*—From Bank Street east to Sapper's Bridge, and south to city limits, Mr. Wm. Hutchison.

*District No. 5.*—All east of the Canal, Mr. Wm. Porter.

In order to impart some degree of uniformity to the elders' visits, cards were substituted for the tokens which had been in general use in the Presbyterian Church.

At a meeting of Session held as soon as practicable after the communion, these were given to each elder who was expected to distribute them personally to the members in his district, and so to order the distribution as to make a call of some little duration upon each family under his care at least once a year. This arrangement continued in force for a number of years, but was at length discontinued in order to obviate the inconveniences which results from irregularity in the distribution of the cards.

Few of the elders were men of means; some of them were in positions in which their time was not their own. Even those who were in business on their own account found the competition too keen, and the demands on their strength so severe that they were unable to give the attention to the duties of oversight which in their own judgement the interest of the congregation required, but as a rule they did the best they could, and the church prospered.

True sessional oversight of the church though but imperfectly realized anywhere, has always been regarded by the session of Bank Street Church as the ideal to be aimed at, and when there has been failure to attain it, the failure must be traced to the lack of suitable gifts, and available opportunity, and perhaps to some extent to the temper of the people, rather than to reprehensible neglect.