

Shortly before the last annual meeting of the congregation the Session introduced what is known as the "Envelope System." as apparently the best means of paying that portion of the Church debt referred to in their last Report. The sum of \$2642.00 is required annually for this purpose; the Session, therefore, requested each member of the Congregation to contribute a certain amount weekly for this special object, the contributions to be enclosed in envelopes supplied for the purpose, and bearing the names of the donors, and to be given in with the regular Sabbath collections. For a time this system worked admirably, the contributions for the first year being \$2896.00, which gave an average of \$55.69 per Sabbath, and which exceeded the requirements above referred to by \$254.00. But since the commencement of the second year's operation of the system (dating from 15th November, 1874) there has been a very marked decrease in the contributions received up to this date, the weekly average having fallen to \$34.20 there being now on hand only \$697.96 to meet the second annual payment of \$1321.00, falling due on 1st April, prox. A statement of the contributions and arrears to the fund is appended to this Report. The Session greatly regret this decrease in the payments to the Fund, and express the hope that those who have already contributed will forward any arrears that may now be due, and will continue their contributions regularly, and that those members of the Congregation who have not yet done so, will become regular contributors to the Fund. The Session are confident that if this were done, this "Envelope System" would be found to be an easy and equitable method of wiping off the Church debt.

The Treasurer's Statement is hereto appended.

All which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL M. GORDON, *Moderator*,
WILLIAM HAMILTON, *Clerk*.

Ottawa, 1st March, 1875.

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To the Congregation

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