

THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TEMPORAL COMMITTEE OF KNOX CHURCH, OTTAWA,

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION,

HELD JANUARY 11TH, 1894.

In presenting the 49th Annual Report of Knox Church for the year 1893, your committee are reminded that next year will be our Jubilee, an enjoyable pleasure and gratification to those who are spared to celebrate it. While expressing hearty Thanksgiving to the God of all Grace for unnumbered mercies and blessings so fully and freely bestowed upon us we cannot but feel in reviewing the events which have transpired during the year that they have been of far greater import and deeper significance than usual, deeply affecting the finances of the Congregation. The resignation of our beloved pastor, the Rev. F. W. Farries, and the severance of the tie existing between pastor and people, cemented together in the bonds of Christian fellowship for nearly 18 years until the ever memorable farewell meeting which proved unmistakably how abiding, deep-rooted and tender the feelings and relationship between congregation and pastor had grown as the years rolled on, and also the high esteem and affection in which he was held by the entire community at large. In appreciation of Mr. Farries' valued services and his great zeal and devotion to the cause for which he labored so long in our midst, a testimonial was presented to him equal to a half year's salary. During the vacancy the pulpit has been supplied by a number of very good scholarly men, some of whom were regarded as candidates for the pastorate.

Two meetings have been held by the congregation to moderate in a call to a minister, which resulted in a call being given to the Rev. Robert Johnston, B.A., of Lindsay, which call was duly prosecuted on December 19th, before the Presbytery at Lindsay, by two commissioners representing the "Ottawa Presbytery" and three representing our congregation. Mr. Johnston declined the call leaving our pulpit still vacant.