

THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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Temporal Committee of Knox Church.

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation held January 14th, 1892.

Another year in our history as a congregation has passed, and we, your Temporal Committee, before retiring from office, beg to submit for your consideration our report for the year (being the Forty-Seventh Annual Report of the Temporal Committee of this Church) together with such comments upon our financial position and the trend of our affairs from a financial standpoint, as seem to us called for.

As you are no doubt aware, our esteemed brother, Mr. Robt. Blackburn, was re-elected Chairman of your Committee for this year, but in consequence of severe illness, in which he has had, we feel assured, the heartfelt sympathy, not only of this Committee, but of the whole congregation, he was early in the year forced to resign the position, and has not since been able to attend our meetings; but, whilst we were thus deprived of his genial presence and valuable counsel, we have had the most convincing evidence that his affectionate interest in our work and in the financial affairs of this congregation had not in any degree abated; and it is with feelings of unbounded gratitude that we place on record our acknowledgment of his princely gift of \$1,000 in reduction of the floating debt of this congregation, in addition to his ordinary generous contributions; and, whilst not presuming to pronounce upon the liberality of the rest of the congregation in this connection, we cannot help expressing our regret that of an additional sum of \$1,000 which we asked for from them for the same object, only \$602.63 was contributed, so that, notwithstanding his munificence and our best efforts, a portion of this questionable luxury which we had hoped this year to relegate to the past, still remains to embarrass our successors in office.