

THIRTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
—OF—
The Temporal Committee of Knox Church,
OTTAWA.

WE desire first of all, in presenting the Thirty-seventh Annual Report to give utterance to our deep sense of God's great goodness to us through the varied experiences of another year, and to recal with grateful hearts the tokens of His care and love which have marked the year just closed.

The financial outlook at the beginning of 1881 was not a bright one. Your committee had not only to undertake the somewhat difficult task of meeting all the obligations which might be incurred during the year, but had also to face a deficit of over \$600. That shortage was in the form of a note to Mr. William Porter, which, along with the interest due, has been paid, amounting in all to the sum of \$717.60. All our ordinary liabilities have also been met, and there remains at the close of the year's operations, a small surplus of \$17.19. When account is taken of the effort to pay off the Warnock loan of \$6000, and of the fact that during 1881 no contribution was received from the Ladies' Association for the ordinary expenses of the congregation, (the efforts of the Ladies being directed towards the payment of the Warnock loan), whereas in 1880 that Association furnished your committee with the comparatively large sum of \$289.69, we should be ready to thank God and take courage for the measure of success which has marked the year's work.