

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

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The Temporal Committee of Knox Church,

OTTAWA,

Year Ended 31st December, 1878.

In presenting their Thirty-fourth Annual Report, together with the Financial Statement of your Treasurer, your Committee desires to express its gratitude for the measure of success which has attended its labours during the year just closed. When we consider the peculiar circumstances in which our country is placed at present ; the depth and protraction of the commercial distress so generally prevalent ; the prostration of our industrial interests, and the consequent severity of the burdens and trials thereby imposed upon our whole community ; it would be matter of but little surprise if our church was found to be suffering and weighed down from the operation of these causes. Our Congregation forms a part of, and is a link in our social system, in its aggregate composed of individual units, and when its members suffer, the whole body suffers with them.

Such being the case, it would therefore, as we have said, have been small matter for surprise if we had found our expectations of last year, as expressed in the Committee's Report, frustrated, and the Congregation sunk still more deeply under its heavy burden of debt. That such has not been the case, but that on the contrary,