THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

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The Temporal Committee of Knox Church, Ottawa.

31st December, 1875.

At the expiration of their term of office, your Committee beg to submit their Financial Statement for the past year. An examination of it will disclose several unwelcome features—most prominent amongst which is the fact, that financially we are to-day in a worse position than we were this time twelve-months.

The Statement presented on the 31st day of December, 1874, shewed a floating debt against the congregation amounting to \$3,845 86—the corresponding statement for the past year shows that debt to have increased to the sum of \$5,083 56, being an increase during twelve months of not less than \$1237 70. These are the figures shewn in your Treasurer's account which however are an under-statement. The deficiency is in reality \$5,397 86, or \$314 30 more than shewn by him. This arises from the fact that the last mentioned sum was contributed for a special object, and has been applied to meet the current expenditure of the year. Whence it came and for what object, will hereafter appear.

An analysis of the accounts will shew more clearly how the above shortage arises, and enable you better to understand the facts.

The Revenue of the Church naturally divides itself into three branches, which may be described as, *1st Ordinary*, *2nd Extraordinary*, and *3rd Special*.

With the latter—the *Special*—we have little or nothing to