

THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
—OF THE—
Temporal Committee of Knox Church,
OTTAWA.

Another year has passed, and the duty devolves upon us, to whom the financial concerns of the Congregation were a year ago committed, before retiring from office, to submit for your consideration our report, being the Forty-sixth Annual Report of the Temporal Committee of this Church.

The year just closed will doubtless long be remembered by us as a Congregation; for who can readily forget the intense shock we experienced on the 5th day of June last on learning that our Church had again been struck by lightning; but when we realize how very limited was the damage done compared with what it might have been, and with what we at first feared, our hearts go out in unbounded gratitude to our God for His protecting care and goodness to us in having controlled the lightning in its course and thus saved us from greater disaster.

We refer to this event at the outset as it necessarily cast additional responsibility and duties upon us as a Committee, and involved an additional and unexpected demand upon the resources and liberality of the Congregation, and because we think it is fitting that you should at the outset be made acquainted with the steps taken by us on your behalf to repair the damage done.

As soon after the occurrence as practicable, we had the Church inspected and an estimate made of the damage, after which negotiations were opened with the various insurance companies carrying risks upon the Church. These resulted eventually in their offering, and our accepting, \$165.00 in full compensation for the damage done; and this sum was at once paid over to us.

It then became a serious question, what was best to be done under the circumstances; and, after a great deal of earnest deliberation, and, yielding to what appeared to be a very general feeling, not only in this Committee but throughout the Congregation, that it was both undesirable and unwise to spend the money received from the insurance companies in merely patching up the main spire, and that the time had arrived for covering both spires with some material more suitable and durable than shingles, your Committee concluded to make an effort to have them covered with galvanized iron, as the best material available;