

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

Presented March 10, 1869.

TO THE CONGREGATION OF KNOX CHURCH.

The Trustees, in submitting their Report for last year, beg to congratulate the members on the continued prosperity with which, under Divine Providence, the temporal affairs of the Church have been blessed.

It will be observed from the Treasurer's Financial Statement, that the receipts for the year have been \$5,674 52, which, added to the balance on hand at commencement of the year, \$403 26, makes a total of \$6,077 78; the expenditure, per Statement, has been \$5,692 11, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$385 67.

A falling off in the ordinary collections was anticipated, in consequence of the increased amount paid by the Congregation for the special schemes of the Church; but the Trustees are happy to state that no such result has followed, the average being \$36 63 each Sabbath.

Although there has been a steady increase from year to year in the revenue of the Church, there has also been, from various causes, an increasing expenditure, so that when it becomes necessary to make any improvements or repairs involving a considerable outlay, it must be perfectly evident that they can only be effected by special subscription. The Trustees have to call your attention to the almost absolute necessity that has been becoming yearly more obvious for repainting and cleaning the Church, and at the same time it would be very desirable that the seats should be lined in a uniform manner. Samples of the material required have been obtained from English manufacturers; the cost and putting on of that approved by the Trustees would be from \$500 to \$600. They have also obtained an estimate of the approximate cost of cleaning and painting, amounting to about \$1,000. This would include repainting the roof and walls, varnishing all the wood work, and a thorough general cleaning of the Church, including the basement.