ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Beneficiaries of the Temporalities Board.

Since the date of last report the Temporalities Board have sustained a very serious loss by the failure of the Consolidated Bank of Canada. The number of shares held by the Board is *two hundred and ninety-six*, in addition to which fifteen per cent. was paid on account of eighty-eight shares of new stock of said bank in 1874, amounting to $1320; the whole amount thus invested being $30,920. Whether any part of this will be recovered is at present so uncertain that, in the meantime, the managers have not taken it into account in the statement of their investments hereto appended.

The Assets of the Board, with the above-mentioned exception, amount at this date to $336,181.51. In the month of November last, overdue Bonds of the Corporation of the City of Montreal, bearing 6 per cent. interest, and amounting in the aggregate to $146,000, were paid and passed to the credit of the Temporalities Board account. As it was found impossible immediately to re-invest the whole of this sum advantageously, the greater part of it ($120,000) was temporarily deposited in the Merchants' Bank at 5 per cent. interest. $10,000 was invested in a first-class mortgage bearing 7 per cent. interest. It is hoped that ere long suitable investments will be found for the remainder.

The ordinary Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1879, was $42,531.40: namely—paid to ministers, as per detailed statement, $37,956; to Queen's College, $2000; for law expenses, $2000; and for expenses of management, $575.40. The interest derived from investments during the same period was $22,088.45.