

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TEMPORAL COMMITTEE OF KNOX CHURCH, OTTAWA,
PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION,
HELD JANUARY 12TH, 1893.

In submitting the Forty-eighth Annual Report for the year 1892, to be considered by the Congregation, the Temporal Committee desire humbly and reverently to acknowledge the goodness, mercy and loving kindness of the God of all Grace, from whom cometh down every good gift and every perfect gift, for manifold blessings freely bestowed upon us as a congregation.

In presenting the Financial Statement, including revenue and expenditure, during the year, your committee report the revenue from the two fixed sources, viz.: Sustentation Fund, amounting to \$3,583.32 for 1892 as compared with \$3,651.30 for 1891, and the Ordinary Collections, amounting this year to \$586.92 as compared with \$615.60 for 1891, showing a decrease from these two sources from which our revenue is derived of \$96.66. If this had not been anticipated by your committee at the beginning of the year, by requesting those who could, to increase their contributions, and had not the invitation been responded to by a number, the shortage would have been very much larger. That there should be a falling off at all is to be regretted, seeing that the attention of the congregation was last year called to the downward trend observable from these sources for some years past. For this reason your committee had earnestly hoped to be able this year to report a marked improvement in these two contributions. In this connection your committee observe that the number of contributors for 1892 are only 191 as compared with 216 for 1891, shewing a falling off of 25, or about 12%, and that whilst the contributions in some cases shew an increase, in others they shew a decrease. The average contribution per contributor for 1892 is about \$21.84 as against \$19.75 in 1891; and although not equal to the average of the three previous years, is an encouraging feature in the right direction.

Referring to the matter of expenditure, your committee have found it necessary to exercise the most rigid economy, even to the exclusion of several matters of great importance, in order to avoid, if possible, exceeding the amount placed at their disposal.

Owing to the special effort made by the congregation last year (1891) to wipe out the floating liabilities, the Thank Offering amounted to \$1,602.63, whilst in 1892 it dropped to \$376.60, being about the average contribution of the three previous years. This discrepancy your committee are extremely happy to report has been partially made up by the noble and heroic efforts of the Ladies' Aid Association, who very generously placed at their disposal the handsome donation of \$320.25, which amount we are informed, could and would have been largely supplemented had the ladies of the congregation generally given their