

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

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The Temporal Committee of Knox Church, Ottawa,

31st December, 1876.

At the close of another year, your Committee beg to lay before you the usual Financial Statement. With reference to it the Committee can with truth apply the language of the opening paragraph of last year's Report, viz.:—"that financially we are to-day in a worse position than we were twelve months ago."

That your Committee should be compelled to repeat such a statement, they very much regret, but the interests of the Congregation require that every member should be thoroughly aware of the position in which we stand, and of the effort which is required on the part of each and all of us to restore matters to a safer and healthier condition. Your Committee believe that difficulties can only be overcome by facing them squarely and intelligently, and when fully realized—by each one asking himself the question conscientiously—"how much can I do towards overcoming this difficulty?" It is a matter betwixt our conscience and our God. It is to his service our offerings are dedicated—to Him from whom all we have is derived, and who never places upon any of his servants a burden, without at the same time giving the strength and ability to bear it.

A brief analysis of the accounts of the year may not be either uninteresting or unprofitable. We may thereby be enabled to realize more clearly in what direction and to what extent we have come short. We find on referring to the statement of the Treasurer the total expenditure to have been as follows: