

SUPPLEMENT
TO
THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TEMPORAL COMMITTEE
KNOX CHURCH, OTTAWA.

At a Congregational Meeting held on the evening of Thursday, the 26th ult., it was considered advisable to lay before the Congregation a full statement of its present financial circumstances. In order to carry out this, the Temporal Committee was instructed to prepare such a statement, and have it printed and circulated with as little delay as possible. To do so as completely as possible, your Committee approach the subject by considering:

1st. The Total Cost of Building Knox Church, Elgin Street.

Into the early history of the movement, which so recently culminated in the completion and opening of our present Church, it is not required to enter here. All are sufficiently aware of the many trials and disappointments, which from the beginning to the end, beset us at every stage of the work. The failure of the original Contractor for the mason work, was the source from which all the subsequent troubles sprang. Next came the oppressive action of the Trades Union—interposing delays and obstacles in the way of re-letting the work. Then followed, (in consequence of these delays and the increased price of labour and material of every description) demands on the part of the Contractors on the other parts of the work for better terms. The result of all has been, to increase the cost of the building over the original tenders, by upwards of 50 per cent.

The cost of the whole work as contracted for originally, amounted to the sum of \$28,501.00, exclusive however, of the