

It is with no little gratification that your Committee have to report that the work of building a new Church, in which as a Congregation, we have been engaged for the past two years, has now approached an end. Through many trials and discouragements the work has been steadily prosecuted. Difficulties undreamt of in its inception had to be met and overcome. These arose chiefly from trouble with the original Contractor for the masonwork, and involved us in delays—difficulties with the Trades-Union—and a largely increased expenditure. These were all finally overcome, and the Congregation is now in possession of a building at once an ornament to the City, and in every respect adapted to the object for which it was built. Before the close of the present month your Committee expect that all necessary arrangements will have been completed, and the Building in use for public worship.

For full details of this portion of our work, your Committee would refer you to the Report of the Building Committee produced herewith.

During the last Session of the Provincial Legislature, an Act of Incorporation of the Temporal Committee was obtained, and the provisions of that Act are now in operation. In accordance with these the Congregation will be asked to decide the question—in which of the two churches it will in future elect to worship? This question will be before you to-night, and your Committee trusts that a final and satisfactory decision may be arrived at; and that whatever action may be taken, will be by the Congregation as a whole, and that in the future as in the past, we will continue to worship together in unbroken unity, and Christian fellowship.

Your Committee submit herewith a statement by the Finance Committee shewing the outlay connected with the new Church for the past year, the present state of the Building Fund, and the liabilities of the Congregation arising therefrom. These, it will be seen are large, and will require the most strenuous and persevering exertions for many years to wipe off. Although the burden may be heavy for the first few years, your Committee feels confident that the growth of the Congregation in