

## Report of the Session of Knox Church, Ottawa,

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Another year has passed since the Session formerly addressed you in this manner. In many respects it has been to you and to us, a year marked by manifest tokens of God's goodness and Fatherly care. While some of you have been called to pass through deep waters of affliction and to mourn the loss of loved ones, yet over a singular number of our homes God has so cast the shield of his protection as to ward off not only the arrows of death but also sickness and disease. Since we last addressed you, four of our number have been called away from the midst of us, and while we tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved friends, we pray that they and we may through these afflictions be led to fix our thoughts and our affections more upon the things which are unseen and eternal, and be stirred up to greater diligence in doing the work of Him who has sent us, while it is day, for the night cometh in which no man can work.

The extreme commercial depression which has prevailed during the year has, doubtless, in no small degree hindered our growth in numbers. For, as a result of this depression, several of our families have been constrained to remove to other parts, and the number of those who have cast in their lot with us has been comparatively small. But notwithstanding this the Great Head of the Church has been graciously pleased to bless with some measure of success the ministrations of His word and ordinances among us. During the year, 36 have been added to the communion roll of the Church: 15 by certificate from other Churches, and 21 on the profession of their faith in Christ. The number removed by death has been four, namely:—Mr. John Drysdale, Mrs. John Dunlop, Mr. George Heron, and Mr. Samuel Johnston, and by certificate to other Churches, 16.