

Report of the Session of Knox Church, Ottawa,

*Submitted at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, held
January 13th, 1876.*

The Session, in accordance with a desire expressed at the last annual meeting of the Congregation, have much pleasure in submitting the following report, and as this is the first submitted by the Session, it may prove of interest, if, without confining it to the year just closed, some of the leading events in the history of the Congregation be given from its first formation.

On the 7th of November, 1844, a meeting of those interested in the movement following the disruption in the Church of Scotland, and the consequent disruption in the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, was held in the Methodist Church, Upper Town, (lately known as St. Andrew's Church, Roman Catholic), for the purpose, among other things, of making arrangements for holding religious services on the Lord's Day. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Henry Gordon, of Gananoque.

On the Sabbath following the Congregation met in the forenoon in the British Wesleyan Chapel, Rideau Street, in the afternoon in the Methodist Church, and again in the evening in the British Wesleyan Chapel, Mr. Gordon officiating.

Thereafter the Congregation continued to meet in the British Wesleyan Chapel, which they rented till such time as they should be enabled to erect a place of worship for themselves. The religious exercises on these occasions were conducted by Mr. Thomas Wardrope, then master of the Bytown Grammar School, who was commissioned to act as Catechist by the Presbytery of Kingston, as also by the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and commended to the brethren at Bytown in terms following: