

REPORT

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SESSION OF KNOX CHURCH, OTTAWA,

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, held January 10th, 1884.

As a Congregation we have reached another landmark in our history, and have left another year of labour and pilgrimage behind us. The record of the year that is gone, with its varied trials and toils, its sorrows and disappointments, its fears and hopes, is now on high; and though we have not accomplished all, as a Congregation, that we might have done, or hoped to do, yet we are grateful for what the Lord has enabled us to accomplish, and for the goodness and abounding mercy with which He has visited us; thankfully we acknowledge, to the glory of His name, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." It is impossible, however, to tabulate all the results of spiritual work. This has to do with life, and the development of life is silent, and its process eludes the scrutiny of the most vigilant. This is true, with respect to life, in any of the multitudinous forms with which we are familiar, and much more true respecting the spiritual life of a congregation, whose subject is the spiritual nature of man, and whose source is the invisible God. The fact, therefore, that the Session should have nothing of a special character to report respecting our spiritual life as a congregation, during the year that has just closed, should neither be disappointing or surprising to any one. The sudden and startling things in the development of life are abnormal; they indicate, generally, that there is something wrong. While, therefore, there is an absence of that which is strange in our history during the past year, we have not been left without tokens of God's presence and favor, and evidences of the Spirit's working in us and among us. Sinners have been converted unto God, and led to confess