

REPORT

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The Session of Knox Church, Ottawa,

*Presented at Annual Meeting of the Congregation,
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IN reviewing the year that is past, we cannot fail to see our obligations to render unto God thanksgiving and praise for the numberless mercies and blessings with which He has cheered our hearts and brightened our lot. Truly the good hand of our God has been upon us as individuals, as families, and as a congregation.

Sorrows indeed have shadowed some of our homes, but God's goodness reached through the sorrows and brought comfort and strength to our hearts. Bereavements have broken some of our family circles, but God's grace quickened the faith and brightened the hope of the dying, and so sustained the bereaved that they "sorrow not even as those which have no hope."

As a Session and Congregation we have to mourn the removal from us by the hand of death of an esteemed and beloved Elder and brother, Mr. Peter Fairbairn, who having served his generation, by the will of God fell on sleep on the 27th of April last. Ordained to office on the 25th November, 1866, and having sought faithfully and earnestly to discharge his duties to the Congregation, he has left behind him a memory fragrant of piety and goodness; so that "being dead he yet speaketh."