

# REPORT

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## ✻ The Session of Knox Church, ✻

**OTTAWA,**

*Presented at the Annual Meeting of the  
Congregation, held Jan. 8th, 1885.*

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[T is with hearts full of gratitude to God, the Giver of all good, that, at the close of another year, the Session present their Annual Statement to you. For amid all the changes and disappointments, the sorrows and bereavements, that have tried our faith and shadowed our hearts and our homes, the loving kindness of God has encompassed us, and goodness and mercy have followed us. Peace and harmony; the uninterrupted enjoyment of the means of grace in our homes, and in the Sanctuary; a large measure of health, and some progress we trust in spiritual attainment, are among the priceless blessings which God has, with unwearied and bounteous hand, bestowed upon us.

During the year, the Session asked for an addition of three to the staff of elders, and in accordance with the usual mode of procedure, Messrs. W. Porter, S. Savage and M. McKinnon, were duly elected, and these brethren having been led to accept of this call, were, in due form, ordained and inducted into the office of the eldership on the 31st day of May last.

Two years ago it was our happiness to announce that the condition of the Congregation had been greatly improved, and its prospects for the future brightened, by a large reduction made from the amount of our indebtedness. It is again our happiness to announce that, during the year that has just closed, a very much larger reduction has been made, so that through the large-hearted liberality with which God has blessed you, considerably more than one-half of our whole indebtedness