

REPORT

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The Session of Knox Church,

OTTAWA,

*Presented at the Annual Meeting of the
Congregation, held Jan. 14th, 1886.*

THE Members of the Session, in the absence of our respected Moderator (who they fondly hope, in answer to prayer, may soon, restored to health, be with us again), would, in presenting their Report for the past year, with grateful hearts, acknowledge the continued goodness and loving kindness of the great Head of the Church to us as a Congregation.

Like other years, the one that is gone brings memories of joys and sorrows. If trials and misfortunes have been our lot—if those dear to us have been removed by death; nevertheless, let us look to the future in faith and hope, believing that God will in due time wipe away all tears from our eyes.

In view of the sore affliction with which it has pleased our Heavenly Father, in His all-wise providence to visit the home of our beloved Pastor, the Session has placed on record a resolution, expressing its heartfelt sympathy with the bereaved parents.

During the past year, *nine* members have been received—*six* by profession of faith, and *three* by certificate. *Three* have been removed by death, namely, Miss Lizzie Shearer, Mrs. Mackie, and Mr. Thomas Clark, *twelve* dismissed by certificate to other churches, and *one* by order of the Session, leaving two hundred and fifty-four on the Communion Roll.

Fourteen baptisms have been entered on record.