

whose devotion to the cause of education calls forth our confidence and praise. We are glad to state that in some of these schools a classical and mathematical training is imparted to the pupils. Our Training School in St. John's, conducted on the model plan, is efficiently managed. Our Academy, long known to our influential people as our principal Institution in this country, continues to keep up its prestige and power. The various branches of learning there taught are sufficient to qualify our youth for any office they may be called to occupy in this life, whether in connection with science, commerce, politics, or any other important position. We hope the day is not far distant, when in Newfoundland we shall have in addition to the Institution herein mentioned, a department for the special training of our ministerial candidates in the character of a Theological Hall.

With much pleasure we are able to remark favorably on the state of our Sabbath Schools. Our superintendents and teachers are generally selected from the ranks of our most intelligent and pious people. The children under their care and tuition enjoy many privileges unknown to former times. We would remark here, that while our Day Schools are for the special secular training of the young, and are indirectly assisting in the work of the Sabbath Schools: so the great benefit of the Sabbath School is seen in improving the minds both of the educated and of those of little mental culture with the principles of Biblical truth and an earnest and practical faith. It exerts an influence for good in many ways,—by acting as a barrier against evil, a safeguard against error, and a guarantee for future usefulness in the church and the world.

At our Conference five young men, who, having travelled the usual time of probation in our ministry, have by the imposition of hands, and prayers been set apart for the full and important duties of their high and holy vocation. In doing this we have not forgotten the words of the Apostle: "Lay hands suddenly on no man." According to the discipline of our Church they have been duly proposed and recommended by a Quarterly Meeting and passed through the searching examinations to which all our candidates are submitted before ordination. We rejoice to bear witness to their piety and zeal, and believe that they are called of God to the great work to which the voice of the Church has appointed them.

We are glad to state that our ministerial ranks have not been broken by death during the past year. Some of the Brethren have been laid aside from the work at intervals by afflictions and extreme physical weakness, owing in a great measure to their abundant labors. One of our Beloved Brethren becomes a supernumerary this year, whose precarious state of