

as to its propriety, is rapidly passing into the hands of females; and that they, if the signs of the times are to be accepted as indicating the future, are destined to be, to a large extent, the educators of the people.

From the number of successful candidates, it will be inferred that there can be no reasonable fear of a scarcity of teachers, nor would there be, if those who obtain license engaged in the work which they at first proposed to follow; but, to a very great extent, this is not the case. The diminution in number is rapid; some never teach; a large number of female teachers continue but a very short time; some fail in an aptness for the work, and finding this out, soon abandon the employment. Male teachers are almost constantly on the watch for something more remunerative, and drop off from their chosen occupation when a better salary is obtainable elsewhere. Thus the number of teachers diminishes, and a large examination each year is necessary to continue the supply. But as remarked elsewhere, the supply is ample where the inducement is liberal.

Many of our grade A. teachers are graduates from Colleges, and hold a degree of B. A. Our present School Law requires all such to submit to the same examination as that by which the scholarship of those who have never been at college at all is tested. Graduates often therefore complain, as they fail to see why a successful Bachelor of Arts, just from college, should again be examined, and assume, not unreasonably, that the Faculty of a College has subjected them to a much more rigid test of scholarship than is our examination for grade A. For professional work, they must assuredly be examined; but as regards classics and mathematics, it is no very great stretch of leniency to assume that students who hold the college degree of B. A., are better able to teach any of our County Academies than those who never enjoyed the advantages and training of a college course.

HALIFAX CITY SCHOOLS.

The City Commissioners continue their efforts to provide a good English education for the children of all classes. In his recent Report, the Chairman gives 5173 as the number on the school roll; but this number, it must be observed, is for the Summer term. The number attending during the Winter term, was 4726; but from the official returns, I learn that there was a total of 6802 attending in the City Schools some part of the year.

In the County of Halifax, outside of the City, the attendance during the year was 6240, making a total, for City and County, of 13042. Assuming the population of the City and County, as