

in no similar Institutions can you secure advantages superior to those which are now offered at Sackville.

In addition to the Academic Schools which have been for many years in successful operation, and the Theological Institution, for the training of ministerial candidates, which we desire to make as efficient as possible, we have made arrangements for the establishment, by Provincial Charter, of a College proper, in which young men can be conducted through an entire Collegiate course, and graduate in the usual way.

To all thoughtful Methodists of these Eastern Provinces, and to all those who desire to secure Collegiate Education accompanied by those religious safeguards, which by Christian parents are deemed indispensable to the safety of young men, at a time when their minds are most susceptible to, and their character stamped for life by, the moral influences by which they are surrounded; we commend this new enterprise of our Church.

Starting, as it does, under favorable auspices, and with an efficient staff of Professors, we trust that it will yet win for itself a high place, and an honorable name among the Colleges of North America; and that it will become the loved and revered Alma-mater of hundreds of young men, who shall creditably fill, and honorably distinguish themselves in the various Professions and vocations of life.

Our ministerial ranks have been thinned during the year. Some of our beloved Fathers and Brethren are compelled, through advancing years and wasted strength, to retire from the active duties of the Itinerancy. Some of our most talented young men have ceased from their labors and have entered into their rest during the year. The names of Samuel Avery, pure and transparent in mind and purpose, of William McKinnon, honorably distinguished by his fervent piety and scholarly attainments, of Henry Holland, eminent for fidelity in labor and for success in winning souls, and of Wm. S. Shenstone, whose career, full of promise for a brilliant future, so soon closed, are monitory to us all. Being dead they yet speak. They bid us gird ourselves anew for earnest toil; seeing the night cometh when no man can work.