

unable to answer all the urgent calls that come to us for help, but the reception of the unusually large number of eighteen young men, of approved qualifications, as candidates for our ministry, encouraged the hope that the Lord of the harvest will provide for the necessities of His work.

The religious education of the young which, by the lessons of Scripture, by the traditions of our Church, and by the obligations which grow out of the consecration of their infant being to God, we are led to conceive of as indescribably important, is steadily advancing among us. In our 330 Sabbath Schools, 17,863 children, under the instruction of a routine which is becoming more thorough and practical, are learning elements of knowledge and principles of conduct, which in their maturity, by the blessing of God, must give a most powerful and influential character to the next generation.

Our Educational Institutions at Sackville still maintain their efficiency. It is a source of encouragement to the Professors, and of satisfaction to our Church, that recognizes its obligation to give to those institutions a place in its sympathy and prayers, that the attendance during the last year has been thirty per cent in advance of the previous year. We gratefully acknowledge your kindness and courtesy in consenting that the Institution should, for another year, have the benefit of the valuable services of the Rev. John Burwash, M.A., whose Christian bearing and self-denying devotion to duty have elicited our warmest praise.

In our Theological Institution, under the judicious teaching of the Rev. Dr. Stewart, six stu-