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In reviewing the labours of another year, while we have been deeply chastened by the fact that the tabulated number of our membership is far below what we had hoped for, our hearts have been cheered by the intelligence, coming from various parts of our widely extended field of effort, that God has been with his servants, giving testimony to the word of His grace, in the conversion of souls and the edification of His Church. Considering the commercial depression in some of the Districts of the Conference, we have reason to be thankful that the general interests of our Connexion have been liberally sustained. We would record our devout gratitude to God that our ministerial ranks have not been broken by death. With deep sympathy, and great reluctance, the Conference has consented that one of its most honoured and esteemed members, the Rev. E. Botterell, shall become a Supernumerary ; compelled, as he is, to seek such retirement from the more active work by reason of ill health and severe family affliction. Five young men, of whose Divine designation to the office and work of the ministry we have every confidence, have been solemnly ordained ; and four candidates have been added to the list of our probationers.

More deeply impressed than ever with the important relation which our Educational interests sustain towards the general prosperity of the work of God in these Colonies, we rejoice to inform you that our influential Institutions at Sackville continue to hold that status in public estimation to which, in previous years, they had attained. The new Academic Building has been completed, and arrangements are being made for its dedication at the commencement of the next term, under, as we trust, the most favourable auspices. Through the seasonable and practical sympathy of our