

and latterly, as the editor of the *Canadian Baptist*, the name of Mr. Wells is so familiar, and the chief events of his life so well known to the Baptist denomination in every province of the Dominion, that anything but the briefest reference to them at this time is wholly unnecessary.

James Edward Wells, M.A., still known to his old Woodstock colleagues and friends as Professor Wells, is a native of the Province of New Brunswick. He was born at Harvey, Albert Co., on the 3rd of May, 1836. After finishing his preparatory studies at Horton Academy, N.S., he entered Acadia University, from which he graduated in 1860, and took the degree of M.A. three years later.

We have failed to obtain particulars of his college life. Mr. Wells is personally too modest to dilate upon such themes, and, we have reason to believe, would not furnish materials for a brilliant narrative, if interviewed respecting them. That he was regarded as a strong man in his classes, an earnest and thorough student, we have heard more than once from one who knew him well in those days. There is evidence too that he could give a good account of himself elsewhere than in the lecture room. Those who will read between the lines of an editorial on University matters in *The Week* of January 18th, may safely infer that there were now and then exciting occurrences even at staid old Baptist Acadia, and that at such times, when the students rose to the occasion, James Wells, if among them, was sure to be foremost, with willing hands or rousing speech, doing his full share to meet the demands of the hour.

Shortly after graduation he went to Woodstock, Ont., to enter upon the duties of classical master in the C. L. Institute. Those were the days of comparatively small things in our educational work, but Dr. Fyfe, with a loyal staff of teachers at his side, full of confidence in the wisdom and ultimate success of their undertaking, was prayerfully and arduously laying the solid foundation upon which the grand superstructure of the present time has gradually risen. Professor Wells brought to his work at Woodstock superior natural endowments, which had received healthy development and training in his course of study at Acadia, and thus equipped, he laid hold of his work with a conscientiousness and earnestness of purpose which promised