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DOCTOR ALLISON, Superintendent of Education for the Province of Nova Scotia, and still better known to many readers of the CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE through his long and honourable connection with our educational institutions at Sackville, was born at Newport, N. S., on the 3rd of July, 1836. His family has been somewhat prominently identified with the Methodism of the Maritime Provinces for about a century, his paternal grandfather having been one of the earliest converts of the Rev. Freeborn Garretson, during that celebrated missionary's sojourn in Nova Scotia. His warm attachment to the Church of his fathers is due, however, we are well assured, to independent convictions, rather than to the accidents of birth and association. His earliest education was, of course, at the village school. He subsequently enjoyed the advantage of a year's course at the Provincial Academy at Halifax—since reorganized as Dalhousie College—and of a four years' course at the Mount Allison Academy, Sackville. This was preliminary to a successful and brilliant career at the Wesleyan University, Middletown, where he was graduated Bachelor of Arts in June, 1859. These years were not spent in vain. The foundations of a thorough and comprehensive education were laid. All proper knowledge was intermeddled with, but the studies of language, history, and philosophy exerted a peculiar attraction, as we believe they still do. On graduation at Middletown, he was bracketed at the head of the class with George L. Roberts, now a leading member of the Massachusetts bar. The class, embracing thirty-six members, was, as a whole, quite a notable one, including, among