

years, as Financial Manager, Teacher and Founder of the Manual Training Department, were simply invaluable; and that his Presidency during the past five years of Bishop's College, Texas, with its four hundred students, has been marked by such progress and efficiency as to have won the warmest approval of the Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, under whom he labors.

In 1879 Mr. Wolverton was married to Miss I. Cowie, of Caledonia. Her beautiful life closed in 1890, her memory is a benediction still. The present Mrs. Wolverton is a worthy daughter of our honored brother Mr. Geo. Matthews, of Lindsay.

I cannot close this brief sketch without a few words of a more personal nature. My own acquaintance with Mr. Wolverton goes back into University days. That acquaintance was but casual, and my impressions were not particularly favorable. When, however, four years later, I became associated with him intimately in Woodstock, I found a vastly stronger and better man than I had known in college days. Either my first impressions had done him great injustice, or he had wonderfully improved in the meantime. Indeed, both were true. The influence of a noble woman and the serious responsibilities of a great work had mellowed and toned down a somewhat rugged and, at times, frivolous exterior, and called into fuller play and truer poise the wealth of real strength and goodness that lay within. I have often wished that others of his earlier associates had been conditioned to make the same discovery. His heart was true to Jesus Christ, his conception of Christian education sound; he longed for spiritual blessings on the school and none was more rejoiced than he when they came, as come they often did in gladdening richness.

In the varied duties that devolved upon him he evinced a conscientious devotion, large teaching power, great business capacity with a remarkable mastery of details, and fine administrative ability. His early exuberance of spirits stood him in good stead, and, joined to a strong will, enabled him to be cheerful and hopeful under heavy burdens and in the face of the gravest difficulties. No Principal ever worked more harmoniously with his Faculty, or more fully succeeded in enlisting their sympathy and making the most of their varied gifts.