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Woodstock College is such an important factor in our University work and denominational life, that everything affecting its welfare is of interest. It is therefore eminently fitting that the MONTHLY should take the earliest opportunity of introducing to its readers the one whom the Senate and Board of Governors have called to the responsibilities of the Principalship.

The name is one that needs no introduction to Canadian Baptists. It has long been familiar to us. The memory of John Bates, godly pastor and helpful author, will long remain fresh among large numbers of our people: the aged mother, still blessing us with her presence, is beloved and revered wherever known; and the children—Mrs. Booker, Mrs. McLaurin, Rev. S. S. Bates, and the subject of this sketch, whose appointment to the Principalship of Woodstock is a fitting recognition of long and faithful service, have given to Canadian Baptist history one of its most honorable chapters. This makes any extended notice here unnecessary, and yet, inasmuch as Principal Bates's duties heretofore have confined him closely to the College, a brief sketch of the man and his career ought to accompany the engraving on the opposite page.

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