

1859 he went to Cleveland, Ohio, to attend school; caught the war-fever two years later, enlisted the very day the first battle of Bull's Run was fought, served two years, and then returned to Canada to spend a year at the front with the Canadian Volunteers, watching for the Fenians. The next few years were spent in business, farming and carpentry at Wolverton.

His conversion took place shortly after his return from the army. He first united with the old River Church, but afterwards became one of the thirty-two constituent members of the church at Wolverton. During these years Rev. T. Booker helped him much, and was largely influential in leading him to decide upon studying for the ministry.

In accordance with this decision he entered Woodstock College in January, 1870, and after a course of four years, won the mathematical scholarship at senior matriculation in Toronto University. Graduation followed in regular course with honors in metaphysics and ethics and oriental languages.

During these student days, summer vacations were spent with the churches in Petrelia, Dorchester, Sarnia and Onondaga. In the first he broke ground and organized the church; to the permanent pastorate of the last he was called the summer before graduating, supplied there during that winter, and the following summer was by them ordained.

Mr. Wolverton's connection with our educational work was certainly not of his own choosing. He was looking forward to years of happy usefulness in his Onondaga pastorate, when an urgent invitation came to him from Dr. Fyfe to go to Woodstock to teach mathematics. When he declined, the request became almost a command, and, in deference to the wish of his revered preceptor, he yielded. The following year the great leader lay dying, and, pressed by him, Mr. Wolverton promised that he would stand by that school as long as he believed it needed him. That promise he always held sacred and carried out to the letter.

His history since that time is so well-known to most of us that I need not detail it here. It is enough to say that the quality of his work during the first four years warranted the Board of Trustees in calling him to the Principalship in 1881; that his five years' Principalship was, in many respects, a distinguished success; that his services during the following four