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NEWTON WOLVERTON.

To hundreds of young men and women who thronged the halls of Woodstock College during the seventies and eighties, as well as to many of the oldest and best friends of our educational work, the likeness which we present this month will be both familiar and heartily welcome. Canadian Baptists have had a goodly succession of able and devoted leaders in their educational work, and in that list the subject of this sketch should always have an honored place. The death of the imperial Fyfe, and the removal shortly afterward of the Theological Department from Woodstock introduced a grave crisis in the history of the Literary Department. For that crisis, with its peculiar difficulties and pressing financial problems, God gave us in the person of Newton Wolverton a man possessed in a very eminent degree of the qualifications that were then most needed. His was the privilege and the honor of tiding us over that crisis and saving the foundations for the building of the brighter day that was yet to dawn.

Mr. Wolverton has just reached his jubilee year, having been born Feb. 5th, 1846, in the County of Oxford. When he was three years old, the family moved to the village of Wolverton. Seven years later his mother died, and soon after that the lad went into the lumber-woods of Walsingham. In the fall of