

A rapid noting of the bare facts—space forbids more—of that future will show how earnest and laborious it has been. On graduation he taught a year or two in New Brunswick, and married in August, 1862, Miss Rebecca M. Chase of Wolfville, Nova Scotia, a graduate of Mount Holyoke Seminary,—a gifted and elect spirit, who fought her doubts and laid them. In response to the application of Dr. Fyfe of Woodstock College, Ontario, President Cramp selected Mr. Wells in 1863, as the teacher of classics for that institution. While there he taught, at one time and another, almost everything. In 1864, his wife became head of the Ladies' Department, a position which she retained some three years, she and her husband having joint charge and oversight also of the Boarding Department for the entire institution. During Mr. Wells' subsequent years at Woodstock he filled successively the position of Assistant Principal and, after the death of Dr. Fyfe, of Principal of the Literary Department. There is abundant testimony to his power as a stimulating teacher and inspirer of life and character. His interest in subjects of study was only second to his interest in the young lives with whom he dealt and their possibilities. For nearly the whole period of seventeen years of work at Woodstock he was the intimate friend and confidant of Dr. Fyfe, with whom he worked in relations of the most perfect accord. All this time, notwithstanding his arduous work, having often six or seven classes daily, he found time to write an occasional article for the *Bibliotheca Sacra*, the *Baptist Quarterly*, as well as for one or two Canadian magazines which were in existence at different periods.

The gradual but steady loss of hearing had for several years caused him to feel himself badly handicapped for his position. Early in the year 1877 the health of Mrs. Wells began to fail. A slow paralysis—seemly kindred with that from which her mother, at Wolfville, was released by death only two months ago—crept over her whole body, member after member, terminating fatally in February, 1897.

At Christmas, 1880, having married Miss Frances B. Moule, an accomplished lady of London, Ontario, he accepted a position on the staff of the *Toronto Globe*. During the excitement incident on the opening up of Manitoba, he spent a year at Rapid City and another at Moose Jaw, N. W. T. Returning to Toronto in the fall of 1884, he became editor of the *School Journal*, a position he retained under the changes of name and form as *Educational Journal*. For about seven years, ending two years ago, he was the chief, virtually the sole editorial writer on *The Week*, the paper originally started by Goldwin Smith.

All this time, commencing some years before he left Woodstock, he had been a regular contributor to the columns of the *Canadian Baptist*, and in 1889 was appointed responsible editor, a position which he yet holds. For several years he was thus connected with three important papers, two weeklies and one fortnightly, of two of which he was editor. During this period he also contributed for a time