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Prof. Luther E. Wortman, M. A.

The subject of this month's sketch was born in Westmoreland County, N. B., in 1847. His great grand-father with his family and ten other German families were the earliest settlers along the Peticodiac River.

Professor Wortman finished his preparatory studies at the Baptist Seminary, Fredericton, N. B., where he won the French prize and tied for the prize in Mathematics. He was subsequently English tutor in that institution for the period of one year.

In 1871 he graduated from the University of New Brunswick after a course of thorough study. He had taken honors throughout his course in French, Natural Science and Metaphysics, in each of the former two branches receiving prizes for efficiency. These consisted of a book and a valuable achromatic microscope. Prof. Wortman was also the winner of the Douglas gold medal, the highest honor in the power of the University to bestow. This medal was awarded that year for the best series of English essays.

After graduating Prof. Wortman engaged in the work of teaching under the old school system then in vogue in the Province of New Brunswick. He became Principal of the Superior school at Bathurst, and after one year there he removed to Burlington, Iowa, having been appointed to the principalship of the Collegiate Institute of that city.

After seven years spent in this position he was compelled to seek a change on account of the climate which had told so severely on his health. Coming back to New Brunswick, he was soon after appointed second master of the Seminary, which, having been closed at Fredericton, was re-opened in St. John. In this position he labored for a year and one-half when he was called to the principalship.

In 1887 after four years spent in the Baptist Seminary in St. John he was elected to the chair of the French and German languages in Acadia College. The year '87 and '88 was spent in Germany and France in special preparation for his work here. He pursued courses at the Baptist Theologi-