

JAMES R. THOMPSON, B.A., B.C.L.

In Memoriam.

Although the poet utters a truism when he says that death comes to every man soon or late, there are some who have to face their end at a time and in circumstances which give additional poignancy to sorrow. Such was the case with James R. Thompson. After a brilliant career in his Alma Mater, which led to the winning of a travelling scholarship in Law as its fitting close, he was stricken with mortal disease in a foreign land, whither he had gone to enjoy the advantages that the valuable prize he had gained, made possible.

James R. Thompson was born at Leeds, P.Q. He received his early education at Kinnear's Mills Model School and at Inverness Academy. Subsequently, he visited his uncle, the Rev. Dr. Thompson, at Sarnia, Ont., attended the Sarnia Collegiate Institute, and from it matriculated at McGill University in 1894. His course in Arts, begun in that year, terminated in 1898, when he took his degree with First Rank Honours in Philosophy. He then decided to take up the study of law, and at once began his course in the Faculty of Law. His exceptional ability showed itself in his obtaining First Rank Honours in the final examinations of each year. He graduated in the third place of the class of 1901, winning one of the Macdonald Travelling Scholarships.

Together with two of his fellow-scholars he went to Montpellier, in the south of France, to continue his legal studies, and there he would, doubtless, have added to the reputation he had already obtained, had his life been spared. We learn that the Rector of the University considered him a youth of much promise. But disease touched him fatally, and he died of an attack of typhoid fever, in the new Suburban