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Obituary.

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NEVER have these Institutions undergone a greater bereavement than that experienced in the sudden decease of Miss R. Elinor Upham, the beloved teacher of drawing and painting in Acadia Seminary.

Miss Upham, a native of Truro, N. S., and a lady of wide experience as a teacher, entered upon her duties here in September last. She had previously studied widely under Professor Antchuson of the Royal Academy, London, and later at the Cowles Art School, Boston, as a pupil of Joseph DeCamp and Ernst L. Vesjor. Before her appointment to the staff of the Seminary she had conducted a studio in Truro and later in Moncton, N. B. She thus brought to her department here a most liberal culture coupled with an extensive experience.

During her brief connection with the Seminary, by her amiable disposition, affectionate manner and high christian qualities, Miss Upham had won the admiration of her associate teachers and the love of the entire school.

The funeral was held in Alumnae Hall at 11 o'clock on the morning of the 24th February, where a most impressive service was conducted by Prof. Trotter, assisted by Rev. D. H. Simpson of Berwick. Mr. Trotter spoke most touchingly of the mysterious but all-wise dispensations of Providence, dwelling at length upon the glories of the christian hope. The remains were taken to Great Village for interment.

The sincerest sympathy of the ATHENÆUM is extended to the friends and relatives of the deceased for whom we mourn but not as they who have no hope.

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THE best things in the world do not come to us ready-made . . . Truth must be searched for with patient toil. Beauty must be wrought out with painstaking devotion. Food and raiment must be wrested from the furrow and woven in the loom. And all our social and political institutions must be fought for on the field of battle, defended in the forum, and vindicated in the courts. Even our religious faiths must be thought out anew in the soul-conflicts of each generation, or they become mere forms of words, devoid of life and power.

WILLIAM DEWITT HYDE.

HERE is the most serious question of our times: Is Christianity able to establish right relations between man and man? The skepticism which is most dangerous to Christianity to-day is not doubt as to the age or authenticity of its sacred books, or distrust of its time-honored doctrines, but loss of faith in its vitality.

REV. JOSIAH STRONG, D. D.