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Editorial Topics.

THE DEATH OF MRS. JOHN STRACHAN, of Deneside, the sister of the Reverend Professor Jones, died suddenly on Monday afternoon, the 29th January last. So long and intimate has been the association of Mrs. Strachan and her family with Trinity, so long has Deneside played a large part in Trinity life, that this great bereavement is felt keenly by the many who have shared and who are sharing now our life here. Deneside has ever been to the Trinity man the very embodiment of all that is hospitable, all that is gracious, all that is kindly and bright and cheery. How much this has been owing to her whose loss is now so deplored, we, who had the privilege of knowing her well, can readily understand and appreciate. Her bright cheeriness and ready and wide sympathy endeared Mrs. Strachan to everyone. Her interest in Trinity was never-failing and extended to all connected with the place. To Professor Jones, who is himself so warmly regarded by us all, and to the other members of the Deneside family, we in the name of all Trinity extend our deepest sympathy in their sorrow and affliction. To this imperfect tribute of love and sympathy we add the beautiful reference to Mrs. Strachan which Professor Clark made when preaching in the College Chapel on the Feast of the Purification. After speaking of the revelation of Christ to the aged Simeon, and of His words of departure, the preacher remarked:—"And how can our thoughts be directed to these words, 'Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace,' without our thinking of

one so lately a frequent worshipper within these walls, who has now departed in peace, that she may see with her eyes that which she has long embraced with faith—the salvation of God. Without fear or doubt we could commit her body to the dust in sure and certain hope of a blessed resurrection. And even although our sorrow at such a parting must be deep it could not be bitter, seeing that it was blended with hope and joy and thankfulness—thankfulness for the pure and loving and beautiful life which she lived here on earth, thankfulness for the good hope which she had obtained through grace. It is a memory which it is a blessing and a privilege for us to dwell upon. She who has left us has many claims upon our affectionate remembrance and respect. Belonging to a family of distinction for patriotism and ability, she became connected by marriage with the first Bishop of this city and Province, who was also the founder of this University. But it was her own personal endowments which chiefly endeared her to all who were about her; and it is difficult to say whether they were most helped by her sound judgment or strengthened and cheered by her ever ready sympathy and kindness. Numberless instances of her genuine, ready, ungrudging beneficence are well known to those who live around us, and many such instances are known to God alone. Nor was she, even in this life, without her reward—a reward which came without her seeking it or thinking of it—the reward of unfeigned love and gratitude and admiration. Few indeed of the children of God pass through this world of sin and sorrow, who carry with them such wealth of love and friendship. Well may we thank God on her behalf. Well may such thankfulness swallow up every thought of grief and regret. Lovely and pleasant in her life, she had come to the maturity of her age in peace and honour, and now she has entered into her unbroken rest. Lord, Thou hast let her depart in peace according to Thy word, and her eyes have seen Thy salvation. Mercifully grant that we who knew and loved her may follow her as she followed Christ.

THE Reverend the Provost of this University has been selected to deliver the Paddock Lectures in New York for this year. The series consists of five lectures, the first three of which will be delivered during the week ending March 18th; the dates of the remaining two are not yet fixed. The subject of the lecture will be the Book Genesis. A subject of greater importance, and one surrounded with greater difficulties would be hard to find. It is no small honour that Trinity's Provost should be selected for this great task. There is probably no one in America better qualified for the work than Dr. Body, and the discernment shown in choosing him speaks well for the wisdom of those whose lot it is to make the selection. We wish that these lectures could be delivered at Trinity.

DR. BOURINOT'S
LECTURE.

It is refreshing in these days to listen to one known as the highest authority on any given subject lecture on that subject. A large number of people had this great pleasure recently in the Convocation Hall. On Feb. 13th Dr. J. G.