

gious rules, having for its foundation the threefold promise of obedience, poverty, and celibacy. One of the young men who is about to enter has, it is said, given what he can to fit up an oratory, and will, when in residence, give up all he has for the support of the society. A gentleman who styles himself "Bro. Ignatius" is inviting communications from young men on the subject.—*Ibid.*

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## Obituary.

REV. F. B. TISDELL, A.M., M.D.

[The subjoined lately appeared in a Scotch Newspaper. We are sure it will command the sympathy of our readers.]

It is with sincere sorrow that we announce the death of this excellent person, which took place at Guelph, Canada West, on the 7th of September. Dr. Tisdell entered the Divinity Hall of the United Presbyterian Church at Toronto in 1852, a very young man, and with a rather slender education. He went regularly and respectably through the four years' course, however, and at the close, was licensed as a probationer. Having prosecuted his literary and philosophical studies during his theological curriculum, he obtained the degree of A.M. from the University of Toronto, in which also he held a scholarship. As he was of an ardent temperament and remarkably pious, and possessed withal of a very lively imagination, he was exceedingly popular as a preacher, and soon received several calls, among others, one from the congregation in the city of Detroit, in the State of Michigan. He found, however, that preaching was always followed by a day or two of illness, from which he concluded that his physical constitution unfitted him for public speaking. He, therefore, declined all his calls, and betook himself to the study of medicine, in which he obtained the degree of Doctor from the University of Toronto, and received at the same time a medal. But having no great relish for practice, and his heart still yearning after the ministry, if he should find himself able for its duties, he engaged in grammar-school teaching, and obtained the Head Mastership of the school at Guelph, where he had a very comfortable situation. His death has terminated a career in which many felt a deep and affectionate interest. He has left a devoted young widow and two infants to mourn, with a multitude of others, his unexpected removal.

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