

could devote himself to them exclusively during his second and third years, without being obliged, as is now the case, to take either mathematics or mental philosophy in addition during his second year. The difficulty of both these subjects would effectually prevent much time and attention being given to modern languages as their importance deserves. The chair of Science is to be founded very shortly. We hope that the very next professorship will be one of modern languages, so that, as far as Trinity is concerned, the stigma which certainly attaches to *English speaking people of never knowing*, as a rule, any language but their own, may be obviated as much as possible.

OBITUARY.

On the 24th of November last, there died in this city a graduate of this University, whose career, all too short, had been a continual exhibition of the highest Christian motives and character. The Rev. John Wood, who, at the time of his death, was on a visit to this country for the benefit of his health, was Vicar of S. Matthew's, Luton, a flourishing parish, founded and built up mainly by his own individual exertions. After graduating from Trinity in 1859, he worked for some time in the Ottawa District, and then went to England and undertook the Curacy of Ripley, removing from there in 1862 to take up missionary work in the poor and thickly peopled district of Luton, known as High Town. Here his work was so successful that it soon became necessary to build a church. A temporary one was first erected, and this was succeeded in 1875 by a permanent one; the first stone of St. Matthew's being laid in that year by the Duchess of Bedford, the Duke of Bedford himself subscribing £100, besides giving the site. Even at that time Mr. Wood's health was not quite what it should be, but he had an able assistant. Finding even this assistance was insufficient to relieve him in any way he left the church in charge of two Curates, and tried a visit to Colorado, but with few or no beneficial results. A second visit proved equally ineffectual, and while on his way to his father's home he died in Toronto. The news of his death caused profound grief in his parish, and on December 2nd the Vicar of Luton preached an eloquent sermon to his memory, in which his early labours in Ontario, in the Ottawa District, and in Ottawa itself, which doubtless laid the foundation of his bad health, and his subsequent work in England were alluded to with much touching appreciation. His distinguishing characteristics were sterling worth, and a pre-eminent spirit of self-sacrifice which led him to sacrifice health and comfort (for he had ample private means) in the great work of the Gospel; during the worst form of contagious disease, a small-pox epidemic, in Ripley, in the discharge of what many men would have considered beyond their duty. He lived a life of the greatest self-denial, and even in his last illness employed every means at his disposal for the further-

ance of his cherished work. And his love for his work and for the Church was displayed not only in his own parish but elsewhere, for it was through him that the Church Defence Association in Derbyshire was formed, which has been most useful in affording information and dissipating prejudice respecting the Church.

Such is a brief record of the life work of one who, though his name was never trumpeted abroad, though his work was confined within the borders of a country parish, and was never rewarded with promotion, yet was of such a character as to make his *Alma Mater* as proud of such a son as of one who has gained the highest applause and honours the world can bestow.

TRINITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.

On Sunday, the 3rd inst., Prof. Clark preached an able and interesting sermon to the Medical Schools of the city at All Saint's Church.

Our reading room is well supplied with the latest journals, and contains much valuable reading matter, as is evident by the number of the men continually perusing its contents.

Dr. Sheard, President of the Literary and Scientific Society, has spared no pains towards making the entertainments successful, and the men feel very kindly his evident desire to further its prosperity.

Our Athletic Club is in full swing, especially the clubs, and many of our students are making rapid strides in John L. Sullivan's direction with the gloves, and many chances of testing the coagulability of blood are open to enterprising sports.

The session of '84 once more finds the men all back, evidently having enjoyed the holidays to the utmost. We are pleased to see in addition of some ten new faces amongst the class, and very happy in the fact of having the largest school from any part of the Dominion. The question of coming examinations has been heard on all sides already, and many a student may be seen poring quietly over Gray and Kirke in a secluded chamber.

On Saturday, the 30th, the first meeting of the Literary and Scientific Society, since the re-opening of College, was held.

Mr. Bingham read an excellent paper on typhoid fever, which was freely discussed by Messrs. Lake, Williams and Logan. All three gentlemen showed a very clear appreciation of the disease, and Mr. Logan advanced some theories highly startling to his third-year colleagues.

Our Glee Club sung with good effect the songs of Trinity. Messrs. Lockhart, Brown and Gillespie were highly applauded for their songs. Readings by Mr. Schaver, and songs by Mr. Farrar made up a very entertaining programme. Drs. Geikie and Teskey both gave their valued experience regarding typhoid. Dr. Teskey spoke, relating to the effluvia theory, and advanced many interesting points in connection.