

Religion in Education(Continued).

Trinity College

Trinity, the American Tobacco Company's University (where Howard Jones will coach next year) devoted an entire issue of its Alumnus recently to a discussion of the religious work done at the school and by the students and graduates.

New York University.

The New York University Alumnus for January, 1924, carries an article by Dr. S. Adolphus Knopf, on "The Causes of Suicide Among the American Medical and Legal Professions." He gives the following classification of suicides for 1921:

Physicians.....	69
Judges.....	57
Bank presidents.....	37
Clergymen.....	22
Editors.....	10
Statesmen.....	7

For ten years previous to and including 1921, the number of physicians who committed suicide was: 36, 43, 27, 44, 39, 31, 33, 32, 69.

After discussing various causes for depression among medical men, Dr. Knopf makes the following significant statement:

"Perhaps one reason why the medical profession has the sad distinction of furnishing the greatest number of suicides among professional men is the lack of a spiritual conception of life, a tendency to disbelief in all things spiritual, and an acceptance of the erroneous idea that to do away the physical existence ends all..... Those of us who have witnessed many death-bed scenes will long since have abandoned the medical student's conception of death....."

"The great physician-poet, Oliver Wendell Holmes, was once approached by one of his students during a lecture in the dissecting room with the following query: Dr. Holmes, if there is such a thing as a soul, please show me its location.' The great anatomist's reply was, 'Only a fool will look for the soul with a knife....."

"I agree with my esteemed friend and fellow-alumnus, Dr. George D. Stewart,....in deploring the lack of a spiritual conception, particularly among the younger members of our profession. In discussing the subject he quotes the old adage, 'Where there are three medical students there are two atheists.' (And he adds:) 'The gross materialism of the world was perhaps never greater; its fine leaven of spiritual conception and beliefs perhaps never less. Unless there arise many Johns crying in the wilderness of greed, I fear indeed for our very civilization.'"