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OGDEN N. ROOD.

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AFTER an illness of less than a week, Professor Rood died at his home in New York on Wednesday, November 12. At the time of his death he was the senior member of the faculties of Columbia University.

Ogden Nicholas Rood was born at Danbury, Connecticut, on February 3, 1831. His father was a Congregational minister, and his mother, Aleida Gouverneur Ogden, belonged to an old and aristocratic family of New York. When seventeen years of age he was sent to Princeton, where he was graduated in 1852. He had already exhibited marked aptitude for experimental science, and this fact decided his taking a course of post-graduate study at the newly organized Sheffield Scientific School in New Haven, where the two Sillimans, father and son, in conjunction with James D. Dana, had established a focus of American scientific activity. This course was crowned with the degree of master of arts, there being at that day little or no differentiation of scholastic degrees in this country.

In 1854 young Rood went to Europe, continuing his scientific studies at the universities of Munich and Berlin during four years, but without taking the doctor's degree. This was in nowise due to lack of fitness for it, but rather to his life-long