

THE HAMILTON BANNER AND THE MEDICAL COLLEGES.—“With feelings of disgust,” the *Hamilton Banner*, on the 11th of December, approached the “subject” of Medical Schools in the Western Province. Whether this disgust was caused from the cadaverous odor that would naturally arise from bodies so long defunct, or the association of the subject with pills, powders, and blisters, he does not inform us. We imagine, however, that it must be from some cause other than the last reason, as his chief lament appears to be that there is but one Medical College in Canada, and that in an “embryonic” state.

“Six months ago there were three Medical Schools in the Western Province, now there is only one deserving of the name.” Two have passed through the sickening, decline, and pangs of mortality to a premature end. *Atrophia famelicorum* appears to have been the cause of their early demise, hastened, no doubt, by the remorse excited in an over sensitive conscience for their culpable conduct towards the “Medical Staff of Toronto University.”

We are told that the wreck of one still perambulates the streets of Toronto, while the other has all gone “to smash” and the “sublime” “etherial” “metaphysical” and “transcendental” remains continue in the “Herculean task” of “indoctrinating” its “pupils in the secret laws of physiology, pathology, and therapeutics, and anatomy.”

What a suggestive end of misdirected ambition. “All the medical men in Toronto, and a great many in the country,” even the “tyros” have been implored in vain to give body to these etherial and transcendental remains of “Herculean” power, but they turn a deaf ear to all entreaties, and the “etherial” and “inflexible” “John” is doomed to wander his implacable course in the most heartless and uncompassioned manner.

In the face of all this, the “country” remains tranquil, and looks on with “shameful” and “disgraceful” indifference.

To remove this “shame and disgrace to the country,” for attempting to exist without liberal government patronage to the “difficult and uncertain profession” of old school medicine, the *Banner* would recommend, not simply a leak from the treasury of the country, but a fountain that shall be ample to wash away, at one coup, the “stain” of parliament and the ignominy of an unappreciating public.

That old school medicine needs help, just as Peter did when sinking in the waves, is quite evident. That the voluntary system will no longer sustain the allopathic profession, no one will venture to deny. If the people will not yield their willing support to this “difficult and