

attendance during a third session will be optional, and not obligatory. This College, like most American medical colleges, is self-sustaining; and the special provisions for instruction, which have been and will continue to be maintained, call for a large expenditure of money, as well as of time and labor. With an undiminished desire to continue the requirement of three sessions, and with not less willingness than heretofore to make whatever personal sacrifices may be necessary, the Faculty feel obliged, by a proper regard for the prosperity and usefulness of the college, to return to the requirements for graduation which were in force prior to the session of 1880-81."

We have observed that there has been less "push" in Bellevue in the last few years; less advertising, diminished announcements, etc.; and this, no doubt, in part explains the failure. It is lamentable, for all that.—*Phil. Med. & Surg. Reporter*.

ABATTOIRS.—The Abattoir Company is about to begin operations in Montreal. The citizens are to be congratulated upon the consequent removal of an immense number of reeking foci of disease in the shape of private slaughter-houses.

SCIENTIFIC AFFECTION.—A French chemist is said to have condensed the body of his deceased wife into the space of an ordinary seal, and had her highly polished and set in a ring. He made a nice income by betting with lapidaries and others that they could not tell the material of the seal in three guesses, and, after pocketing the money, would burst into tears and say, "It is my dear, dear wife."

THE SIAMESE TWINS OUTDONE.—An Italian couple, Tocci by name, are at present exhibiting at Vienna a most remarkable specimen of their progeny, a pair of twins named Jacob and Baptiste. These boys are grown together from the sixth rib downward, have but one abdomen, and two feet. The upper part of the body is completely developed in each; their intellectual faculties are of a normal character. Each child thinks, speaks, sleeps, eats and drinks independently of the other. This independence goes so far as to admit of an indisposition of the one without in the least affecting the other. They are over three years old, in perfect health, and seemingly in excellent spirits.