

We would suggest too that Medical Alumni be added to the Calendar List of Alumni of two years standing.

**D**R. GRANT says "well even if you are 'plucked' you can come up for a *post mortem* you know;" and Inspector McLennan declares that "a man is not made till he has been 'plucked' once or twice;" still notwithstanding these crumbs of comfort the experience is not a pleasant one. In this article, however, we do not mean to whine over the slaughter of the innocents that has lately taken place. In the great majority of cases it was simply the reaping of what has been sown during the term. Taken in the proper spirit these defeats really mean victory. If a man once learns that, though he is a heaven-born genius, he should not despise a little of the earthly quality application, he has gained a great victory and the true spirit would constrain him to forget his regrets in the knowledge that the high standard of his college is being kept up.

Again the JOURNAL would like to urge that the standard of matriculation be raised. Students are generally in a hurry to get to college and their haste is increased if the work for matriculation is not difficult. First year men soon learn that their ideas, formed from matriculation, of what would be required of them during the session do not at all fit the case. The experience is sometimes costly. Is it fair to many of these young men? It is all very well to count matriculants by fifties or by the hundred but our advice to intending candidates if not fairly well up is "hasten slowly."

**S**TILL another honored graduate has gone. The Rev. Alexander F. Kemp, LL.D., died on the 3rd inst., at Hamilton

He was born at Grennock, Scotland, in 1832 and received his Academic and Theological Education at the University of Edinburgh and the Presbyterian College, London England. He was also a graduate of McGill University, Montreal, and from Queen's he received the degree of Doctor of Laws in 1871. The revered gentleman had a distinguished career; his ability and scholarship commanded the attention of all with whom he came in contact. Besides his ministry in St. Gabriel St. Church, Montreal, where he was inducted in 1855, and twelve years later at Windsor, he was made Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy and Logic in Olivet College, Michigan, and subsequently in Knox College, Galesburg. In 1874 he returned to Canada to accept the Principalship of the Brantford Young Ladies' College, which he held until his acceptance of a similar position in the Ottawa Ladies' College four years afterwards. Last year broken down in health he found it necessary to resign the principalship. Not only as a pastor and teacher did Dr. Kemp render important services, but also in literature his labours were abundant. "Dr. Kemp was widely known as a gentleman of extensive acquirements and culture. He occupied a distinguished place among Canadian naturalists and contributed a number of papers on various scientific subjects. In the courts of the church he took a very active interest and was distinguished by the remarkable clearness of expression and logical acumen of his debating power. He possessed rare versatile gifts. It is a mistake to suppose that keen diletticians are necessarily acrimonious and morose. Dr. Kemp was one of the most genial and lovable of men. The memory of his virtues will be cherished by all who knew him."—*Canada Presbyterian*.