

Yet, when the next year came, a new exigency presented itself, and on behalf of the schools, this faithful and unscrupulous henchman, found and embraced a further opportunity of winning applause by an exhibition of skill in the perilous art of polemic high tumbling. In opposing, on the ground of economy, Dr. Geikie's motion in favor of a fall examination, Dr. Bergin confronted the schools with the serious danger of losing that esteemed privilege. It was on this occasion that your versatile correspondent, "eating crow" in the shape of all he had advanced the year before, first put forth his present ridiculous claim that the "*Regulations provide for fall examinations.*" He was, however, on that occasion promptly, and very properly, "keel-hauled" by the Council for his purile contention. It pooh-poohed his suggestion and again decided, *by formal vote*, to hold a fall examination (in the autumn of 1893). The following year, 1894-95, when the subject again came up for discussion, Dr. Williams' zeal in the service of the schools, impelled him to once more trot out his silly suggestion, with the result that he was once more snubbed by the Council, which again decided that such an examination could only be held on the Council's authorization to that effect repeated from year to year.

Dr. Williams tells us that at least half the members of the old Council were opposed to fall examinations, and it is well understood that a majority of the newly elected members hold strong views as to the impolicy of continuing these useless and very costly sentimental whims. Hence, quite probably by Dr. Williams' advice, and with his concurrence, the question of continuing them was not mooted in the Council in its sessions of the two last years. Still both these years fall examinations were held, with an annual \$700 loss to the College finances. On whose authority were they held? Clearly not on that of the Council. It lies, therefore, between the Registrar and the Executive Committee. The former is known to be opposed to these examinations on several grounds, especially that of their cost, and it is not conceivable that he would assume the responsibility of holding them without distinct instructions to that effect from the President or the Committee. Where the onus really rests is a matter to be investigated at the approaching session. In the entire Minutes of Council Proceedings there is not to be found a by-law, or a resolution, or a regulation establishing fall examinations, and Dr. Williams was well aware of this fact while he was penning his statement to the contrary.

When, as in this case, Dr. Williams is *convicted* of deliberate untruthfulness and misrepresentation, he seems to think the school-boy's retort, "You're another," fills the whole bill of requirements, and may be taken as a receipt in full. He appears not even yet to