

concerned; and that, if they wish to study Medicine, women have still to come from Montreal to Kingston? About the same time too the President of Toronto University and the Minister of Education were indulging in similar strains. The only difference is that Dr. Cleary has a much more foaming style than any of those gentlemen, and, that not satisfied with advertising his own wares, he directly as well as indirectly depreciated those of his neighbors. The whole thing is undoubtedly bad form in the case of one and all, and we can do nothing better than advise those dignitaries to keep out of the auctioneer and advertising business as much as possible. Modesty is a desirable attribute in other persons as well as in schoolgirls. Let all learn a lesson from the editors of QUEEN'S COLLEGE JOURNAL. We believe that there is no university like Queen's, but we never make comparisons, nor insinuate that others are second. In the language of Professor Dupuis, "we wish success to every University in the land, and we cast aspersions upon none."

VERY peculiar are some of the methods adopted by our sister institution in Toronto for elevating the standard of University education in Ontario. Another instance of this has just appeared. A few days ago the senate of Toronto University decided that the degree of M.A. should be conferred upon any B.A. of two years standing upon payment of the graduation fee. Surely our friends must be approaching a state of remarkably reduced circumstances when they are compelled to make use of such ultimate means in order to increase their funds. It cannot be that any less urgent considerations could induce them to thus further debase a degree which they have too long permitted to occupy an inferior position, especially when we recall their lofty pretensions of late years. Had

it been their conviction that the degree was superfluous, or of no particular value as a mark of scholarship, they could not have failed to recognize that the only dignified action would be to abolish it. Not having done so the inference as to motive is obvious. But the necessary consequences of their action are also more or less obvious. As we have indicated, the conditions for obtaining the M.A. degree from Toronto University have always been much too trivial, as with the Queen's M.A. in former years, but by this last decision it is rendered quite superfluous and, consequently, worthless. Besides, under the new conditions, it cannot fail to fall below the B.A. degree as a mark of intellectual attainment. Those whom it might worthily distinguish will be the last to claim it now that it has lost all value, while those who have with difficulty succeeded in burdening their memories with a sufficient number of facts to get them a B.A. degree by their discharge at an examination, and who at the end of two years will probably have forgotten them all, will be the first to claim and parade the degree, until in a short time it becomes the distinguishing mark of this class only. The degree will thus be brought into general contempt with those whose judgment is worthy of consideration. Now this is unjust not only to the former graduates of Toronto University but to the graduates of sister Universities, especially of Queen's, whose M.A. degree has for some years past indicated an advance beyond the average B.A. standard as great as the advance of the latter beyond the average matriculation standard. In no selfish motive can we recognize any adequate excuse for this debasement of our common University currency, and we are compelled to protest against it, however unable we may be to undo what has been done, or to prevent a further lapse in some other direction in the future.