

opinion that all aspersions should be "cut out." This is the feeling of the best friends of the University both among the students and the friends of Queen's outside. If nothing good can be said of a man, silence is as powerful as the bitterest criticism on an occasion where useful men are commended.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Fifty-four hours of examinations in an Honor course which constitutes merely the honor classes required for an M.A. degree is carrying the exam-fever a little too far. Students constitutions are not made of iron and there is no advantage gained to the student or the country, by breaking every ambitious man down before he has fitted himself to serve it. Honor courses should be comprehensive and sufficiently difficult to demand high scholarship, but the mere examination should not be made so severe as to ruin his physical strength.

While we are speaking of exams—we would further raise a protest against long papers. Long papers have caused as many failures as hard ones. Nothing unnerves a student more effectively than the feeling, that to make seventy-five per cent., he must race from start to finish with might and main. Besides this, all questions on the paper should be of the same value or the students should know the difference. We think the better way to ask minor questions is to group them into one large question so that all the main divisions of the paper will be equal in value.

The leading article in this issue is written by a recent graduate who is

successfully climbing to eminence on the ladder of journalism. The article is well worth a careful perusal for we think it is a very fair and straightforward treatment of one of the serious questions which our young men have to face and decide to-day, namely, the value of a University course in the business of the world. It cannot be measured in the coin of the realm but must be estimated according to some higher standard than that of glittering gold.

That was a bright idea—requesting the ladies to remove their hats at Convocation. We feel pleased to note also that with the exception of a few stubborn ones of the *I'll-show-you* type, the ladies graciously acceded to the request. This is a good start and we hope that at all gatherings in Grant Hall in the future this same custom will be followed out. It is a little trouble, but a very great advantage to those who would like to see the platform. A flower show is very beautiful and enjoyable under certain circumstances but it is a horrible inconvenience when it comes between you and a pulpit or platform.

One of the needs of Queen's to-day is an up-to-date list of addresses of graduates. In this respect Queen's is perhaps behind some other universities who make no louder professions of college *esprit de corps*. There is not as close a connection between Queen's and many of her graduates of a few years ago as might seem desirable. To remedy this state of affairs the Registrar is, we understand, undertaking to establish a card index. The success of this system will require that each