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S the examinations are over, it is perhaps unwise to criticise them unduly, but the general feeling of severe treatment felt by Institute men seems to warrant a few words regarding them. Contrary to the custom which many colleges have adopted of making the recurring series of examinations at least no harder than previous ones, in the expectation of wholly abolishing them in the future, the semiannuals at Technology produced dissatisfaction, not only because they were, in many cases, more difficult than those of any other year, but in several cases the principle adopted seemed to be that of flunking as many men as possible. These examinations were not only harder than previous ones, in that they presented more difficult questions to be solved, but also they were made so long that men working under the best conditions were not able, in a few cases which have come to our knowledge, to complete more than three quarters of the required answers, even when the time was lengthened to four hours. It is a well-known fact by those who have been through the mill, that after working steadily for three hours over an examination, but poor results can be expected during any succeeding hour. Yet during the past set of examinations we were sorry to find that some professors who are openly opposed to this rigorous system of examination were among the number who gave these hard and unfairly long tests. While this may seem unjust to many, there will be no difficulty in determining to whom it should apply. Good, faithful, honest effort of the men during the term ought to insure, it would seem, the fairest treatment in examinations, which have never been, it is safe to say, too superficial to supplement and determine the efforts put forth in the preceding weeks. It is hard to believe that the intentions were as bad as they appeared, and we hope that this was not the case; yet unless a change is made in this wholesale lashing of the students to such extreme tasks, a feeling of antagonism and distrust will grow up between student and instructor which will be injurious to the students and Technology alike.

In the death of Mr. A. C. White, which occurred on December 28th last, the electrical profession suffers a serious loss. Mr. White graduated from the Institute in 1882, in Course VIII. His thesis, on "A Study of Alcohol Thermometers at Low