

scription of truths which he has not experienced and in recording which his pen was guided by some external force. We therefore welcome the introduction into the programme of the conference of series of lectures on scientific subjects which throw light upon the composition of Hebrew literature itself, or upon the revelation of God apart from that literature.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

In our last number the postponement of the debate between '06 and '07 gave us an opportunity for grumbling. We did not dream that the debate would ultimately come off in time to be in the same issue. We must congratulate the champions of '07, and especially Mr. Kennedy who made the best speech of the evening. He was quiet and deliberate. Mr. Fokes spoke more forcefully, and might probably be the better public speaker of the two if he would considerably restrain his confidence and his gesticulating.

If '04 and '07 meet for inter-year honours this will be the first time since 1901 that the full series of debates will have been held. Success to—the right ones.

The fates seems to be more propitious to Queen's. May we do nothing to incur their hostility again, at least not till the hockey season is over. We are anxiously awaiting the match between Queen's and McGill on the 29th of January. By the time this is printed we shall have either won or one.

It is feared by some that to level the floor of Grant Hall will only add an impulse to the existing craze for dancing. Surely no one who has felt the spirit of Queen's will entertain this argument. If there is too much dancing let us limit it not by limiting the accom-

modation for dancing, but by discouraging the craze. The only objection to the proposal is that it will retard building operations considerably. Yet, while we regret this, all will feel that it is better to do the work slowly and do it well. We hope Grant Hall will do for a long time.

The Alumni Conference will meet from Feb. 8-12th this year. We hope to be able to furnish our readers with interesting reports of this assembly of Queen's Alumni.

### DECLINE OF THE QUEEN'S SPIRIT.

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*To the Editor of the Journal:*

ONE of the noblest heritages which Queen's possesses is the now famous "Queen's spirit",—that spirit of loyalty, of devotion, of unity—which (during her struggle for existence) has been nursed in the cradle of adversity and passed down to the present student body. That we should cherish this heritage, and pass it on down undefiled to succeeding generations of students will be so universally admitted that no expatiation is here necessary.

However loath we are to do so, yet we must admit that the old spirit is beginning to show signs of decay. At the science dinner, Prof. Cappon hinted at this decline in his own humorous manner, when he expressed his hope that in the future he would not have to witness Profs. Dupuis and Watson leading opposing bodies of students to combat in the halls of our venerable institution. The penetrating insight of the editor for divinity did not fail to "discern the signs of the times" as is seen in his ominous query in a recent num-