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AMONG many topics discussed at our late Summer School none aroused more interest than that of Public Worship. Mr. Simpson, who introduced the subject, was unanimously requested to prepare a lecture; which was read at a subsequent meeting at which there was a large attendance—indicating that this subject had occupied the thoughts of many who were glad to have this opportunity of expressing their views upon what they considered to be a pressing need of our Church. The lecturer stated very fully his belief, that the time had come for the adoption of a partial liturgy or some read prayers or, for ministers having the option of using such prayers; whether these might be framed by the church or ministry themselves. The question was considered in its most general aspect of read prayers as compared with extempore prayers. To the former some members were opposed as betraying a want of spirituality—not coming from the spirit and not calculated to move the spirit. To this objection others replied, that the whole question was—which of the two methods was the more spiritual—following a prayer prepared by the church and familiar by use or an extempore prayer not heard before and past as soon as uttered.

A considerable interest was added to the discussion by Mr. Sanford Flemming, Chancellor of Queens, who attended all the meetings and took the greatest interest in the proceedings. Mr.