

not only inadvisable from the point of view of utility but is also offensive to refined taste.

For all these reasons it can hardly be doubted that the proposed new hall is imperatively required, and it is to be hoped that the University Council may see its way to recommend some practicable scheme by which it may be secured."

It goes without saying that the proposed building of a new Convocation Hall meets the wishes of the older students and friends of the University as well as of those within the walls; and it is quite certain that many recent graduates will desire to co-operate with the students in providing the needed money. The following is a letter from Mr. Frederick Hamilton, of Toronto, to the Secretary of the Council, which expresses a feeling never absent in those who have been students of Queen's:

"In answering the questions propounded, I naturally labour under a disadvantage in being remote from the centre of our University life. With the diffidence natural to one so placed, I would say:

1. It appears to me inconsistent with the dignity of our University to be driven to such shifts to find a meeting-place. It was my good fortune to be laureated in our existing Convocation Hall, and to me henceforth that hall is my University home—the centre of the University which I love. I must confess to a certain pity for the men whom I have seen receive their degrees in the City Hall; it is a matter of sentiment, perhaps, but surely the consummation of a man's University career should take place within the precincts of that University. This may be sentiment,

but our sentiment has been a precious asset of our University. And as for dignity, is not that a most necessary and vital characteristic for a University in the present atmosphere of our country? The more utilitarian considerations of space for examination purposes, etc., must be considered by the authorities on the spot. I may observe, however, that it is a pleasure to me to reflect that I wrote on my papers in a hall which conveyed a sense of the continuity of University life.

2. Others on the spot must decide as to the relative values of present schemes of extension. The only observations which I can submit are that the University has just made a vast stride forward in material matters, which would appear to need some emphasis of the ideal element to balance things; and that the Convocation Hall is absolutely necessary for the architectural unity, and therefore beauty, of our new quadrangle.

3. As for the means, it appears to me that the best way to get the money is to go and get it—in the time honoured Queen's style of individual effort. We have of late been favoured with corporate favours to an unwonted extent—Kingston's noble gift, the Government's grant, etc. Would it not emphasize our peculiar glory as a University if we were to show our old quality in these days of comparatively smooth sailing?"

Another letter which has a double interest at the present time is that of the Honourable Mr. Harty, which we are allowed to publish. The letter speaks for itself, and it is almost unnecessary to say that the proposed name for the new Convocation Hall is one which every friend of the Univer-