

though with great reluctance. The City Hall is not well adapted for the purpose, and can never have the associations that naturally cluster around a hall with a historic academic interest. Even, therefore, if there were no other reason, it would be advisable that the University should have a hall of its own, in which its most important public functions may fitly take place.

(2) The present Hall is altogether too small for examination purposes, and with the steady growth in the number of students will become every year less adapted for that purpose. This applies to medical examinations, as well as to examinations in arts and science. The importance of conducting examinations without confusion, and with absolute safety, cannot well be over-rated. At present this is hardly possible, and would be quite impossible were it not for the high sense of honour which as a rule characterises the students of Queen's, and it must be remembered that these examinations are necessarily spread over a considerable space of time—about a month in all—if we include medical examinations with the examinations in arts, science and theology.

(3) A new Convocation Hall is required to provide adequate accommodation for the social life of the students and their friends, including the annual *conversazione*, the freshmen's reception, and various gatherings in which the students meet with one another and with the citizens of Kingston who are interested in the life of the University.

(4) The new Hall is also needed for the various lectures, scientific, literary and aesthetic, which form no unimportant part of the life of a pros-

perous University. Among these may be classed a course of lectures on music, successfully inaugurated during the present session, which may very properly expand into regular musical recitals, illustrating the development of music by the performance of the masterpieces of the great composers. As this side of University life expands, it may fairly be hoped that the University will be, as it ought to be, a centre for the improvement of the musical taste of the public. The Hall is also needed for dramatic entertainments, exhibiting the masterpieces of Shakespeare and introducing the spectators to the dramatic products of France and Germany. These entertainments have already proved a valuable aid in stimulating interest in dramatic literature, and raising the taste of the students to a higher level.

(5) The new Convocation Hall is required in order that the present hall should be reserved as a chapel for the Sunday afternoon services, and as an appropriate hall for the weekly meetings of the Young Men's Christian Association, both of which help to promote the religious life of the University. It is not advisable that the same hall should be devoted to secular as well as to sacred uses. If the present hall can be reserved entirely for religious purposes, it will be possible to provide it with a good organ, so that the services may be conducted in a becoming manner.

(6) It may also be pointed out that the plan of the new Arts building has been designed with the idea that as soon as possible it should receive its architectural complement in a new Convocation Hall. To leave the plan in its present incomplete shape is