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WE would like to know how many of the students are aware that there is an "order for service for Convocation Hall." From careful observation made at the time of the invocation and the offering of the Lord's Prayer last Sunday, we have concluded that none have ever seen it. The "order of service" is very beautiful and should be followed, but others can scarcely be expected to follow it if the students do not set them an example. We would suggest that students glance at the first page of the hymn books to be found in the Hall before the opening of the service next Sunday.

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The students remember with pleasure the course of semi-popular lectures on Astronomy given by Prof. Dupuis. They were anticipated during the whole session and now that they are past, those of us who had the privilege of attending look back upon them with satisfaction and profit. Last session Prof. Watson also gave a lecture upon Holbein, his *Work and Times*, and we could wish that this lecture had been followed by a few more of a similar nature for a students' course. When we heard his lecture, and realized how little students knew of Holbein and his *Work* until enlightened by Prof. Watson's magnificent exposition, we were greatly impressed with the

need there was in Queen's for more instruction along that and kindred lines. Considering the great success that attended the course by Prof. Dupuis, would it not be possible for the Senate to arrange each year for a special course of five or six lectures upon some important subject which does not usually appear upon the ordinary college curriculum? In the realm of painting, sculpture, architecture, archæology, etc., there is abundant scope for such an annual course, which could be open for all students alike. The ordinary college student is usually badly enough informed upon many of these important subjects which are never so well treated as when taken up by a professor whose inclinations lead him into such special paths as a recreation or pastime. We doubt not but that there are at least half a dozen of our professors who could and would gladly give us the benefit of their private investigation in some such branch of universal interest. The good that would be derived by the students from such an annual course could hardly be overestimated. It would certainly constitute one of the most attractive features of our winter's work, as well as awaken a public sentiment in our favour that would aid very materially in keeping Queen's in the high position she now occupies as a broad and progressive institution.

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The Debate with Toronto, which we had hoped would have been over long ago, seems to have practically fallen through. We do not wish to lay the blame of it either upon Toronto's shoulders or our own. But since Toronto's old excuse of "too late in the session" would not work this year, as we appointed our debaters before Xmas, we thought that the matter could have been satisfactorily arranged. We may, however, congratulate ourselves upon having had several good debates amongst ourselves during the past few years, and though we have not been able to try a bout with Toronto, our work in debating has not been without its good results to our own men. The