A remark about Hermite’s teaching. It was made by A. DuNoiset, a journalist for a weekly called Le Passant, in 1882.

“You come to learn how to integrate and M. Hermite presumes that you have been integrating all your life. His course is not a course, it is a dazzling conversation, broken up into bits, with interminable digressions and meanderings all across Europe (a reference to the frequent inclusion of discussions of recent foreign research). He is detested by the students.”