

## The Junior Locals,

Owing to the large amount of space devoted to matter pertaining to the recent Jubilee, and to other special features in the Christmas number, our department was necessarily omitted. As it is now rather unseasonable for Christmas greetings, we shall simply pass on to the New Year, trusting that each and every student has passed an enjoyable vacation, and that this year will be for all replete with God's choicest blessings.

It is creditable to the Juniors to note that, despite the terrific snowstorm which swept this vicinity January 7th, all reported in good season.

A marked improvement since the boys' departure, is the spacious and well equipped recreation hall in the new Arts building.

A new, long-expected and much-needed organization sprang into existence in the early part of December—the Junior Debating Society. Meetings are held every Sunday evening, and a most instructive and enjoyable treat is assured to those who attend. The Juniors wish to take this occasion to thank Prof. H. J. McDonald, the organizer of the society, for the kindly interest he has manifested in their welfare.

The first debate was held before a very large and enthusiastic gathering, Dec. 1st. The meeting opened with a few words of timely advice by Rev. Fr. Lajeunesse, who, it may be remarked, has lent every encouragement to the society since its inception. The subject of the debate, "Resolved, that boarding schools offer more advantages to a student than do day schools," was discussed by Messrs. J. Moran and W. McHugh for the affirmative, and Messrs. A. McHugh and P. Shaw for the negative. The decision was rendered in favor of the affirmative.

The respective merits of rural and city life were debated on Dec. 7th. Messrs. C. Kehoe and J. Byrnes, who defended country life, secured the decision over the city champions, Messrs. Béroard and Vallillee.