

Of Local Interest.

May 1st was moving day, not only for the citizens of Ottawa, but also for the professors of the University. Several of the Fathers, tired of the nomadic life they have been leading for the past two years, have at last settled down in their own home. Those who have resided at 74 Daly avenue are the first inmates of the Arts Building. The rooms are not quite finished, although they are very comfortable indeed.

The central portion of the new Arts Building is all but finished. Its interior and exterior appearance surpasses what the most sanguine amongst us expected; the appointments, moreover, are most modern. With all its beauty and grandeur the quality that stands out most prominently is its substantial and solid appearance.

The Scientific Society, this year, has been dormant. Just why this was the case, we do not know. Its officers are competent, but they seem to lack enthusiasm. When the executive was chosen, last fall, we predicted and looked forward to an interesting season. But our hopes were blasted. During the past season there has not been one private or public lecture held, an unknown happening since the Society was regenerated some years ago. Are we to expect the annual outing?

The Fifth Annual Prize Debate took place on Friday evening, April 28th, in St. Patrick's Hall, and Mr. J. J. Freeland was the successful competitor for the Superior's medal. The subject of debate was:—"That the future of Canada would be better as a member of the British Imperial Federation than as an Independent Nation." The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Freeland and Cavanagh, and the negative by Messrs. A. McDonald and O'Toole. The judges were Rev. Dr. Sherry, Hon. Frank Latchford and Pres. Kearns of St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Association. Mr. Freeland's speech was a forcible one and was characterized by its terseness and richness of expression. It was just in these points that he defeated Mr. McDonald who obtained second place. The latter gentleman was satisfied by merely stating the arguments, with less attention