

played. The admission of about twenty-five new members has placed the membership of the society on a very solid basis. The officers are as follows: Director, Rev. M. F. Fallon, O.M.I.; Prefect, J. Leveque; 1st Asst., J. Garland; 2nd Asst., J. Foley; Secretary, T. Clancy; Treasurer, G. Prudhomme; Councillors, E. Fleming, J. Quilty, W. Walsh, M. McKenna; Sacristans, F. Reynolds, F. Joyce.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

It has been remarked for the last few years that the juniors have preceded their senior friends in organizing their debating society. They seem to realize the importance of at least selecting their committee before Christmas, in order that no delay may be caused in beginning the debates immediately after the holidays. At a meeting of the society, held Dec. 9th, the following committee was chosen: President, T. Ryan; Vice-President, F. Joyce; Secretary, D. McGale; Councillors, P. Lawn, C. O'Neill, A. McIntee, J. Harvey. Rev. W. Howe, O.M.I., has been asked to resume the directorship of the society. The advisability of holding fortnightly, instead of weekly meetings, was discussed, but it was found impossible to give each member an opportunity of displaying his oratorical abilities if debates were not held weekly.

THE ALTAR BOYS' SOCIETY.

In the last number of the OWL we mentioned the formation of the Altar Boys' Society, but it did not occur to us then that the utility of such an organization would so soon become apparent. Especially during ceremonies, such as those which occur at the time of the forty hours' devotion, is the usefulness of this society recognized. The students in general are greatly indebted to Rev. J. M. Coulée, the director, as well as to the other officers of the society for the time bestowed in the society's interest, and feel that a long-felt want in the University has been relieved by the formation of the Altar Boys' Society.

SCIENTIFIC SEANCE.

Under the direction of Rev. W. Murphy, the members of the sixth and seventh forms gave a very interesting and instruc-

tive entertainment on the evening of Dec. 13th. The subjects treated were of a physical and astronomical nature. Though best understood by the members of the above mentioned classes, the experiments were so well performed and the illustrations so well explained that even those not acquainted with either physics or astronomy could not but have derived much benefit from them. The audience was very attentive and appreciative, which was no doubt due to the masterly manner in which the several speakers dealt with their subjects. Mr. W. Walsh opened the entertainment with a description of the simple pulley and its several combinations, the laws which govern their use and the mechanical advantage afforded by each. Mr. C. Mea, with the aid of several experiments, explained, in a very pleasing and lucid manner, the different properties of matter. The seance was closed by a number of lime-light views, illustrating the rotundity of the earth and its motions, the refraction of light, the various kinds of time and many other interesting phenomena. These were thoroughly explained by Mr. J. R. O'Brien. Mr. J. Walsh acted as chairman.

ENTERTAINMENT.

The first public entertainment of the season, given by the students of the University, took place on Dec. 10th. Though the audience was not as large as many which have greeted the students on former occasions, the entertainment was a good one, and was highly appreciated. Among the best features of the programme were the several selections rendered by the Cecilian Society. By assiduous practice the members of the band have made their organization one of the most flourishing of our College societies. In fact, we are not backward in saying that it has reached a state of excellence little below that which it years ago held, when it took its place with the best bands in Canada. The rendition of the other items on the programme was highly creditable, especially the cornet solos by Messrs. C. Dontigny and C. O. Sénécal, the singing by J. Clarke, the club swinging by E. Gleeson, and the declamation by M. McKenna. The football tableaux were also very enthusiastically received.