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### SOCIETIES.

One of the recent meetings of the senior Debating Society was devoted to impromptu speeches. M. F. Fitzpatrick occupied the chair. The first item on the programme, "Music vs. Painting," was discussed by C. C. Delaney, who, in the allotted five minutes demonstrated that the indescribable charm of sweet sounds produces a much stronger effect on the human soul than the brightest productions of painters. J. P. Collins next spoke on "Literature vs. Science" in which he so opposed science, especially Mathematical Astronomy, as to elicit an interesting reply and refutation from Rev. Bro. Murphy, our professor in that science. A comparison of the characters and works of Cardinals Newman and Manning was drawn by H. J. Canning, which showed that he was thoroughly conversant with the lives of these two eminent divines. A. Newman came next with a short address, in which he compared the nineteenth century in point of progress with the most remarkable centuries of the past. Political excitement is just now at a climax in the University, consequently the next subject, "Reciprocity," excited great interest. It was awarded to W. Cavanagh, an ardent Liberal, who treated his side of the question so well that there immediately arose a clamor for a hearing on the other side. F. French being chosen, soon demonstrated that all the arguments were not in favor of the Liberals. C. A. McCarthy next contrasted the delights of rural life with the temptations and dissipation of the city in so pleasing a manner that many present could not help wishing that they were "back on the old farm." R. Ivers next delivered a very witty little speech concern-

ing his great affection for household pets. F. L. French also gave us a detailed and interesting account of some of his own experiences when camping in the wilderness north of Ottawa. He made some very happy "hits," but remarked that in his experiences among the Indians and lumber camps "hitting" availed but little. The meeting closed with an eloquent and patriotic address on "Canada, Our Home" by M. F. Fitzpatrick. Want of patriotism and national pride is not a common failing among the students of the University.

On the following Sunday evening, the assembly opened with the largest attendance we have had this year, and the debate proved most interesting. The question was: "Resolved that indiscriminate total abstinence is not commendable." Affirmative, C. C. Delaney and John Meagher. Negative, F. S. French and M. Fitzgerald. The leaders, who are strong debaters, were well matched. The vote decided in favor of the negative.

### JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

"Resolved that Ireland has a better right to the world's sympathy than Poland" was the question debated at the first meeting of this society since our last issue. The various reasons for which Ireland deserves the sympathy of all nations were well set forth by F. Quinn and J. Tierney, whilst the wrongs of unhappy Poland were shown in a strong light by C. Higgins and S. Fitzgerald. The vote favored the affirmative.

At the next meeting the debate was: "Resolved that steam is more beneficial to man than electricity." J. Gillespie and E. McGovern lauded the benefits of steam, but as J. Lanigan and A. Plunkett fully proved that, in most cases, electricity can never be the substitute for steam, they gained their point.

### NOTES.

In our last issue, a mistake of the compositor, credited the vote on the first debate to J. C. Moriarty and J. McNally, instead of M. F. Fitzpatrick and J. French.

The sodality of the Blessed Virgin is making excellent progress in the reading of its office, and the attendance is always good. The reception of the new members will be held soon.