

"Resolved that manual labor is the chief factor in the production of wealth" is the subject that occupied the attention of the society on the evening of the 2nd inst. Messrs. M. J. McKenna and F. Joyce argued for the affirmative while Messrs. D'arcy McGee and M. A. Foley, championed the negative. The arguments of those who favored the affirmative seemed to have the greater weight for a majority of the votes were marked in favor of the question as announced.

The evening of the 9th inst., saw the merits of two great orators discussed, for the question was "Resolved that Chatham was a greater orator than Burke." Messrs. J. Quilty and A. Mackie supported Chatham, while Messrs. W. Lee and F. Millane upheld the honor of Burke. Both the eminent orators found several warm supporters, amongst the society's extemporaneous debaters, but the result showed that Chatham commanded the majority of votes.

The Société Française des Débats, like its sister association, is giving signs of very active life under the directorship of Rev. Father Duhaut. Besides the regular debate on a fixed subject, another means has been taken to promote correct, intelligent, and fluent public speaking. It consists in the proposal to a member of a subject chosen by the committee, and the request made to him to express his views on it. The result has proved eminently satisfactory. The first debate was held on the 2nd inst. "Resolved, that Pasteur has gained more glory for France than Napoleon," was supported in the affirmative by Messrs. L. Garneau and R. Angers, and in the negative by Messrs. R. Dumontier and L. Binet. Several members spoke from the house, and the vituperative instincts of our French friends turned the scales of victory in favor of Napoleon. Mr. L. Garneau favored the audience with an excellent declamation. A spirited debate took place on the evening of 9th inst. between Messrs. H. Bissailon and L. Garneau, on the one side, and Messrs. L. Payment and E. Farinault on the other. The subject under discussion was the relative value of the modern

languages and the classics as a means of mental development. The decision was in favor of the moderns.

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Mr. D. Murphy, '92, is at present a member of the law firm of Schultz & Murphy, Victoria, B.C. It is with pleasure that the Owl learns of the success of Mr. Murphy in his profession, and hopes that it may go on increasing. During Mr. Murphy's years in college, the Owl had no warmer friend or more persevering worker on its staff of editors.

Rev. F. L. French, '91, was recently a welcome visitor to his Alma Mater. The reverend gentleman is still engaged in parish work in the northern part of the vicariate of Pontiac.

Rev. Father Crane, who as a student here was medalist of his class in the matriculating year, and who took part in the famous production of William Tell in '82, is now pastor of St. Michael's Church, Elberon, N.Y.

Mr. Joseph McDonald, a member of the corridor in its halcyon days, is no longer plain Joe, but rejoices in the possession of half the title McPhee & McDonald, Barristers, Solicitors, etc., North Sidney, Cape Breton.

Rev. Fathers Gascon and Motard, old students, recently paid us a short visit. The former is exercising the duties of the ministry in Grenville, while the latter still works in the parish of Cantley.

J. K. Foran, Lit. D., '93, has been nominated the Conservative candidate for Montreal Centre. We trust he may make as great a success of his canvass as he has of the Montreal *True Witness*.

Mr. William F. Tighe, C.E., '83, paid a short visit to the University, and expressed himself much surprised at the change for