

educate him more after he has passed the third degree, he is sent from his village school to the higher school in the district town, and then to the larger town, where he is carried to the gates of the university. All is free, the expenses being met by the Government. Despite all this we should not be surprised to read one of these days a Protestant paragraph in which the Costa Ricans are reviled as obscurantists."



Of Local Interest.

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On January 29th, the subject discussed before the Senior English Debating Society was: "Resolved that there should be Sunday car service in Ottawa." Messrs. R. A. O'Meara and P. Sims argued for the affirmative, and were opposed by Messrs. J. E. Doyle and George Kelly. The debate proved most entertaining, and was very closely contested. The judges decided the question in favor of the affirmative.

At the next meeting of the Society, on February 5th, the question before the house was: "Resolved that the liquor license is beneficial to the interests of a city." Messrs. M. O'Connell and C. McCormac represented the affirmative, while the negative found able champions in Messrs. J. F. O'Malley and J. Moriarity. After considering the arguments of the speakers, the judges decided in favor of the negative.

"Resolved that the scheme of the Ottawa and Georgian Bay Co., for the construction of the proposed canal should be carried out at once," was debated on February 12th. The debaters for the affirmative were Messrs. M. E. Conway and J. Kane, while Messrs. J. E. McGlade and A. Donnelly upheld the negative. After a lengthy discussion in which many members from the house took part, the judges conferred and gave their decision in favor of the negative.

For the following debate the subject was: "Resolved that capital punishment should be abolished." Messrs. T. Morin, James Gookin and E. McGuire spoke for the affirmative, and Messrs. Joseph Warnock, M. Sullivan and T. Saunders for the negative. The debate was keenly conducted, but a little more