

should be compulsory." Affirmative, Messrs. L. Kehoe, '94, and M. Griffin, '96; negative, Messrs. McKenna, '93, and J. O'Brien, '96. After an animated discussion, in which the speakers from the house again took an active part, the negative was declared successful.

The last meeting of the Debating Society for this session was held on the evening of Dec. 10th. The question at issue was: "Resolved that, corporal punishment in schools should be abolished." The affirmative was ably upheld by Messrs. J. McDougal and Fallon, whilst Messrs. Newman and Walsh argued for the negative. For the second time in the history of the Society, the voting resulted in a tie, and the chairman gave the deciding vote in favour of the negative.

The five minute speeches from members in the audience is an admirable feature of the debates, and we sincerely hope that it will be no less conspicuous at meetings in the future.

The Juniors, determined not to be behind the Seniors in an early organization, have met and selected the following officers:—

Director: Rev. J. M. McRory, O.M.I.
President: J. McGarry.
Vice-President: E. McCabe.
Secretary, J. Foley.

Committee: J. Kenny, T. Clancy, T. Clancy, J. O'Meara, A. McDonald.

On December 4th the subject for debate was: "Resolved, that women should be admitted to franchise." Although Messrs. M. McKenna and P. Peters nobly upheld the affirmative, the Society gave a majority of votes to R. Christopher and J. O'Meara, who fought less bravely for the negative.

The last meeting before the holidays was held on Dec. 11th. Messrs. Bolger and Fitzgerald upheld that a Republican form of Government was beneficial to France, and Messrs. Fleming and Gly sustained the contrary. Messrs. Christopher Smith, McCabe, Foley and Murray spoke from the house. The vote favored the negative. The Rev. Father Rector was present, and at the close of the debate congratulated the members on the interest displayed.

The members of the French Debating Society have also deemed it advisable to begin before the first term closed. The following are the officers:

Director: Rev. A. Antoine, O.M.I.
President: L. Raymond, '93.
Vice-President: J. Vincent, '94.
Secretary: Mr. Plamondon.
Committee: Mr. Gagnon, '95; A. Leduc, '96; J. Tassé.

No debate was held on December 4th, but in its place an interesting entertainment was given by the leading members. It consisted of speeches and recitations. A speech from the President, Mr. Raymond; a well rendered selection by J. Vincent, entitled "Vive la France." Messrs. Plamondon and Jacques gave a scene from Molién. Messrs. Choquette, Leger and Robert also contributed to the success of the evening. Debates will be held regularly in the future, and with the reverend director's well-known good judgment in selecting them, and a continuance of the interest already displayed by members, they cannot fail to be most interesting.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

With this issue another link is added to that ever lengthening chain of union which binds the present occupant of the junior editorial chair to his host of young and appreciative readers. That our association has been one of mutual benefit, is, we take the liberty of saying, a fact too overwhelmingly evident to be denied. A mere glance at the immense progress made by our young friends, during the past year, will reveal ample testimony of the truth of this assertion. Firm believers in that time-honored proverb "*Mens sana in corpore sano*" on assuming the arduous duties of this responsible position, we at once directed our attention towards the removal of certain grievances under which the junior students were alleged to be then laboring. The results of our efforts in this direction were enumerated in our holiday issue of last year, and are too well known to require repetition. Having obtained for our young friends that recognition and respect to which they were justly entitled, we then employed our energies in the development