

bating Societies. The following officers were appointed to take charge of the English Society:—

Director—Rev. W. J. Murphy. O. M. I.

President—J. T. Hanley.

Secretary—R. O'Meara.

Councillors—S. Albin, M. Conway and F. Sims.

On the evening of January 23rd the first meeting was held, when Messrs. J. A. Meehan and J. Carroll upheld the negative, while Messrs. M. O'Connell and J. F. Breen pleaded for the affirmative of the question—"Resolved, that the discovery of the Klondike gold fields has proved baneful rather than beneficial." After an interesting discussion the result was declared in favor of the negative.

In the meantime our fellow-students of French extraction have not been idle. On January 10th they elected the following officers for their society:—

Director—Rev. A. Henault, O. M. I.

President—L. E. Payment.

Vice-President—J. R. Lafond.

Secretary—A. Pinard.

Councillors—A. Lavergne, O. Lemay and R. Bonin.

At the first meeting of the society the question—"Resolved that orators are more influential than editors"—was discussed by J. R. Lafond and R. Bonin for the affirmative, against L. Payment and U. Valiquette for the negative. The debate was closely contested and resulted in favor of the affirmative.

Our Dramatic Society has for some time been making preparations for the staging of Lytton's famous play "Cardinal Richelieu". We feel that we can say without boasting that we have this year in our midst some valuable histrionic talent—most of last years "stars" having returned,

together with several new men of undoubted ability. Judging from this fact and also from the long and careful training the characters have been undergoing we feel safe in predicting an enjoyable and profitable entertainment for those who assemble in our Academic Hall on the evening of February 10th.



AMONG THE MAGAZINES.

With the January number of the *Rosary Magazine*, its talented editor, Father O'Neil is obliged, on account of ill health, to sever his connection with that publication. We sincerely hope that the day is not far distant when he will return, recuperated in health, to resume his work. This number is filled with excellent reading matter. The first seventeen pages are taken up with the fourth paper of Louis B. James on Father Ryan. The following is part of a criticism which appeared after he lectured in Ottawa on Ireland and the Celtic Race:—

"His style of delivery is not of that order which is ever surprising by glowing climaxes, but on the contrary is of that calm, dispassionate, conversational order, which wins by its simplicity and convinces by its earnestness.... In tracing the history and dwelling upon the characteristics of the Celtic race, the highest tributes were paid to that branch of the family of nations. Their wit, poetry, romance, oratory, and unswerving faith in matters of religion were all eloquently spoken of by the reverend lecturer. No succinct account of the lecturer's remarks can convey anything like an adequate idea of the beauty of the speaker's words—so apt, so well chosen, so natural, so convincing, so earnest