

and set many Americans thinking. It suggests the erection of a national Mausoleum such as that by which England honors her noble dead. The necessity of such an institution, to keep alive the memory of past heroes is plainly demonstrated. The idea is plausible indeed, and will find much encouragement.

In the *New Science Review* we hail the advent of a magazine which we predict will straight-way take its place among the very foremost of the continent. The October number, the latest at hand, is but the second. While its title proclaims it a science review, it is scientific in a truer sense of the word than is commonly interpreted by that much abused word. In our judgment its best paper is "Mental Training, A Remedy for Education." There could not be a stronger argument for mental training than the clear vigorous style in which this admirably trained mind treats the subject. He advocates more mental training, the simultaneous development of reason, memory, and senses, and the methodical appropriation of facts by analysis, law and analogy. The present system is inefficient, inasmuch as it stuffs the memory with facts without enabling the mind to assimilate them. The mind should be trained to classify, at once, whatever is presented to it, so that in any emergency the mind has appropriate thought ready prepared. It is the best article of the month, and every student should read it carefully, with a view of putting into practice the methods suggested.

SCHOLASTICATE NOTES.

At the ordination held in the Cathedral on Sunday, Dec. 2, one brother received minor orders and ten received tonsure. Another ordination will be held on Saturday, Dec. 22, when two will receive sub-deaconship, and five minor orders.

This year's theology class is one of the largest that ever passed through the house, numbering forty.

The feast of St. Catherine is always celebrated in a becoming manner by the

philosophers of St. Joseph's Scholasticate, but with perhaps more than ordinary éclat this year since (for us, at least,) the feasts of St. Catherine and St. Cecilia coincided. In the afternoon, according to time-honored custom, the "young friends of wisdom" invited the other members of the community to partake of a modest banquet prepared in our large recreation hall, which was tastily decorated for the occasion. In the evening a delightful entertainment was enjoyed by an appreciative audience, amidst which were seated Rev. Father Provincial, the Rev'd Rector of the University, and Rev. Fathers Mangin, Boisramé, Coutlée and Gauvreau. Before the curtain rose, Rev. Bro. Najotte came forward to pay a brief but elegant tribute to the virtues of the Patroness of Christian Philosophy. The play (*La Philosophie in praesenti rerum statu*) discovered to the admiring spectators much hitherto latent histrionic talent. Brother Phillipot, in the character of a rascally old Jew, and Bro. Jager as the rather credulous and loquacious servant of a much-travelled master personated by Bro. Najotte, were frequently applauded. The singing of the Rev. Bros. Stuve and Vezina, in turn elicited a well merited encore, while Bro. Flynn with graceful gesture, changing look and impassioned word, portrayed the emotions that overwhelmed the soul of the fiery "Spanish Champion." The entertainment closed with a beautiful *Cantique* in honor of St. Cecilia.

The "White House," which until now has been situated in the middle of the campus that is used for games is being moved back, in order to give us a larger field.

SOCIETIES.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

Among the students the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin has always been one of the most important of their societies. At a meeting of the members, called for the purpose of selecting the officers for this year, a large number of students were present, and an unusual interest was dis-