

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NOTES.

COLLEGE SOCIETIES.

Connell Higgins, a student of the commercial course, who was lately so ill is now quite out of danger.

The Owl's representative in the House of Commons Press Gallery is Brunet '98.

There is already much talk concerning the annual maple sugar feast. A meeting has been held and a committee of management appointed. It has been decided that the feast will take place at the College farm on the 10th of April. Immediate steps shall be taken to make every necessary preparation, so that the affair may be a grand success. Those who are appointed to act as a committee are; president, A. Sabourin; secretary, A. Bedard; treasurer, P. McGuire; D. St. Pierre, P. Paradis, D. O'Connor, A. Charlebois and G. Constantineau.

Many of our juniors are daily practising various calisthenic exercises preparatory to their Easter Monday performances.

It is somewhat surprising to see the eagerness with which our small boys take picks and shovels to assist in making drains through the yard. As a consequence the melting snow and ice is rapidly disappearing. They are ahead of their seniors in this work; no doubt they foresee the enjoyable games forthcoming as soon as the yard is cleared.

The officers of the Junior Athletic Association have all necessities in readiness for the summer games, as suits, balls, clubs, lacrosse-sticks, etc. It is a pleasing sight to see our young athletes in their prettily made suits, sauntering to the playground with the air of real professionals.

The members of the National Baseball nine are in good condition and anxiously look forward to the first game of the season which will be played against a city team. The Nationals are quite as strong as last year and of the following, the first three are of the old nine: A. Sabourin (captain), A. Gervais, F. Burns, E. Paradis, H. Pinard, L. Rattey, A. Ryan, W. Foster, G. Constantineau.

The other baseball teams of the small yard "Maple Leafs" "Zouaves" and "Emeralds" shall be prepared for effective playing when the season opens.

Our Prefect of discipline has made frequent visits to the city of late, perhaps some of our juniors can tell the reason of this. Some one has remarked that it being the time of the year for foxes, he may be on the watch for them.

The small boys came in for no small share of the honors on the gala day. Among those who particularly distinguished themselves were, O. Paradis, W. Bourgeau, E. Saucier, A. Brunet and H. Leveque.

The students of the grade classes for the month of March rank according to the order of their names. 1st. grade, A. Larocque, A. Beaulieu, E. Larocque; 2nd. grade, A. McDonald, W. Wier, D. McGee; 3rd. grade, (1st. division) L. Nevins, J. O'Donnell, A. McDonald; 3rd. grade, (2nd division) L. Burpee, H. Doyle, E. Perusse.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.—The hour of meeting has been changed to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays.

SODALITY OF THE HOLY ANGELS.—On February 20th, was held the reception of new members, when eighty-five postulants including the officers were admitted into the sodality by Rev. Father Fayard.

ST. THOMAS' ACADEMY.—The latter portion of the notes on the proceedings of this society in the March number was written hurriedly in order to appease an insatiate craving on the part of the printer for "more copy." Inadvertently omission was made, in the report of the meeting on St. Thomas' Day, of W. F. Kehoe's elegantly written essay on "The Labors of St. Thomas," which we print this month, and also of an excellent paper on "Free Governments," by A. Ouimet.

DEBATING SOCIETY.—On March 11th, "Resolved that a prohibitory liquor law would benefit society," was the subject on the table. At 7:30 the debate was opened for the affirmative by J. P. Donovan who held that because of the abuse of liquor its use in moderation should not be forbidden, and said that a prohibitory law would interfere with man's free will. He was followed by W. F. Kehoe who eloquently described the wretchedness caused by the liquor traffic, which he believed the State should suppress in self-defence. W. F. McCauly brought an array of facts to the support of Mr. Donovan's cause, but J. W. Wheeler's caustic and witty remarks won more favor for the society. The vote being taken, a large majority for the negative was announced.

FRENCH DEBATING SOCIETY.—This society was recently established by the French-Canadian students who desire to perfect themselves in speaking their mother tongue. Rev. A. Langevin, O.M.I., is director, and the members of the committee are Messrs. Ouimet, Masson, Brunette, Landry, with E. Leonard as secretary. Several debates have already taken place, in which the following gentlemen took part: Messrs. Chabot, Ouimet, Masson, Groulx, Leonard, R. Paradis, J. Paradis, Brunette, Devlin, Brousseau and Lajeunesse.

MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY.—On February 29th, after Professor Macoun's lecture, the society had the pleasure of seeing Achilles and Hector, or to be more explicit, Coriolanus and Lucretius wrestling over a mineralogical analysis.

At the meeting on March 9th, A. J. E. Leonard read a most interesting and instructive paper on "Plants as geological agents." He was followed by A. McDougall with an essay on "Carbonic acid gas."

On March 14th, Rev. G. Gauvrau, O.M.I., lectured on "Life in Archæan times," his object being to prove that both vegetable and animal life existed at that geological period. Mr. Laberge's essay on "Oxygen and carbon compounds," was one of the most valuable papers given to the society during the present session.