

Much useful work has been done in our St. Thomas Academy during the past season, under the directorship of Rev. F. McArdle, Ph. D. Be it said to the credit of the members of the committee, throughout the whole term they have not allowed a single week to pass without having a thesis read and thoroughly discussed before the assembled members. Special credit is due to Mr. Cullen for the lucid manner in which he dealt with a very difficult thesis. Mr. Newman, Mr. F. McDougall and Mr. J. P. Smith proved themselves thorough masters of the respective questions allotted to them for discussion. During the next term the members of the 6th Form will be called upon to take an active part in the Society's weekly meetings.

The first meeting of the Scientific Society was held on Wednesday, Nov. 30th, and its success must have been gratifying to the well-wishers of the Society. The spacious Science Hall was crowded, and several members of the faculty were present. The séance was conducted by the Seniors, and proved most interesting and instructive to all who attended.

The first paper, an elegantly written essay on the history of Astronomy, was read by Mr. A. J. McKenna, who traced the advancement of the science from its birth to the present day. Mr. F. McDougall, by means of charts and practical experiments, explained the various systems of levers and pulleys. The clear and forcible manner in which he handled his subject proved that he had thoroughly mastered it. Mr. J. A. French, by a number of well-chosen experiments, demonstrated the various laws that govern the pressure of liquids. His lucid explanations evinced a deep study of his subject. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by a series of lime light views of astronomical phenomena, which were explained by W. E. Cavanagh. At the close of the séance, the Rector and Father Constantineau addressed a few words of encouragement to the students, and urged them to continue their good work.

The second meeting of the Scientific Society was held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 14th, and was conducted by the Juniors, who gave their audience a veri-

table scientific treat. Mr. Anthony Burke gave a clear and comprehensive explanation of the different methods of reckoning time. He was followed by Mr. Jos. McDougall, who demonstrated the laws that govern falling bodies, by means of a number of well-arranged experiments with Atwood's machine. Mr. M. Abbott, by a series of practical experiments, demonstrated the laws of floating bodies. Mr. Jas. Murphy brought the evening's entertainment to a close by the thorough and interesting explanation of a number of lime-light views, on comets and other astronomical phenomena.

The success of the Senior Debating Society for 1892-'93 is assured, if the enthusiasm so far displayed continues. The debaters themselves have prepared their subjects carefully, and moreover the attendance has been good. Last year the Society did not organize till after the Christmas holidays, but as several of the members had not an opportunity of being on a debate, it was thought better this year to begin immediately after the football season. The number of members is even larger than last year, and those from the Sixth and Seventh Forms are especially requested to attend regularly. Let the senior members file in as often as possible and assuredly the others will imitate them.

Rev. Father Murphy, O.M.I., the director, will be assisted by the following committee :—

A. Newman, '93, President; L. Kehoe, '94; C. Mea, '95; J. O'Brien, '96, Secretary.

The first debate took place on Nov. 27th, when W. Cavanagh, '93, and M. Johnson, '95, upheld that "Free-trade is preferable to Protection for the American continent," against Jas. Murphy, '94, and M. Sullivan, '95. The debaters did full justice to their subject, although the time given them for preparation was rather short. Messrs. Cullen, F. McDougall, Kane and Meagher, spoke from the audience, and adduced some interesting arguments, both for and against free-trade. The vote favored the negative by a small majority.

At the next meeting an important question was discussed: "Resolved that Voting