

debates on November the 13th, and judging from the first meeting the debating season of 1911-1912 promises to be a very flourishing one.

The subject of the first debate was: *Resolved*, that nationalism will have a great influence under the new government. The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. W. LeBel and A. Harris, while Messrs. J. F. Simard and R. Bélisle supported the negative.

At this meeting the Rev. Director made some very fitting remarks, pointing out the importance of a society which offers the advantage of learning to speak in public. Mr. R. Glaude, president of the society, in his opening speech upheld his reputation as one of our best orators.

Messrs. C. and E. Boucher, orators from the Junior Department, favored us with recitations, and we hope to hear from them again.

On November 20th: *Resolved*, that Montcalm was Levis' superior. For the affirmative Mr. Rattetz, and for the negative Mr. Plouffe. Mr. Phillippe Cornellier was chairman of the meeting, and the judges were Messrs. A. Harris, R. Bélisle, J. Maynard and J. F. Simard.

At the same meeting a very interesting discussion was carried on by two of our friends from the commercial course. The subject was: *Resolved*, that Winnipeg has more of a future than Montreal. Mr. A. Gauthier for the affirmative vanquished his opponent, Mr. A. Gagnon.

On November 27th: *Resolved*, that a colony should contribute to the defense of the empire. Messrs. Perron and Courtois debated for the affirmative, while Messrs. H. Lapointe and N. Beauchamp argued the negative. The decision was awarded to the negative by the judges, Messrs. Gagnon, Plouffe, Rattetz, Lachaine and Glaude. Mr. Harris acted as chairman.

Our Reverend Moderator, with the assistance of the executive of the society, has engaged the services of Mr. Colonnier, recognized as the best elocution instructor in the Dominion. Mr. Colonnier is to give six classes of elocution, and each one of the philosophers has been requested to prepare a recitation which he will submit to the professor. To mark the event of the last meeting before the Christmas holidays, Mr. Colonnier entertained an audience composed of the regular members of the society, of the Juniors, and of the Seminarians. The Rev. Rector and several Fathers were also