

kind ever erected in the country. Two immense electric chandeliers of twenty-seven lights each are used for illuminating purposes, the light being diffused through delicately tinted globes. The floor consists of inlaid wood, while the pews are of choice cherry wood, highly ornamented. The altars, seven in number, are exceedingly beautiful. The main altar is of bronze inlaid with precious stones. The altars situated on the right and left of the main one are very unique in design, and are composed of many different kinds of marble. Statues of different saints are placed in niches around the sanctuary, the most beautiful being those of St. Joseph

and St. Patrick which are placed on either side of the main altar. All the sacred vestments and vessels are in proportion to the magnificence of the surroundings. Indeed we scarcely believe that a more magnificent sight could be witnessed than that presented on feast days, by the richly vested ministers, officiating at the beautifully decorated altars. The students of the College have to be congratulated on the possession of so beautiful a chapel. It must surely tend to raise their hearts to God, while teaching them at the same time that no place can ever be found sufficiently magnificent for the Lord of Hosts.

### THE READING ROOM.



DEPARTING entirely from the prevalent custom in many colleges, that news papers should be as forbidden fruit, during the long ten months of the scholastic year, the Rev. faculty (in 1879) decided to allow a student's reading room, wherein could be found all the standard journals of the day. The charge of this undertaking devolved upon Rev. F. Durocher, a man of indomitable energy, who speedily realized the designs of his Rev. Superiors in this regard. As yet however the space devoted to this department was exceedingly limited and the reading room and recreation hall formed but one compartment, yet, so sweet was the privilege granted that those who frequented it willingly bore the inconvenience of dust and noise, necessarily found in a recreation hall. Thus matters stood until 1884 when the building, commonly known as the "old rec," fell a victim to the flames, and for the remainder of the year there was no organized reading room. At the beginning of the year 1885, Rev. F. Guillet, the worthy suc-

cessor of Rev. F. Durocher, obtained the use of the room now occupied by the third grade, second division, and for the remainder of the year the members of the association found there a quiet retreat in which to read the different journals. In November, 1886, the new extension of the central building was completed, the second story of which is devoted to the recreation hall of the senior department and the reading room. The latter department is now thoroughly organized. The board of management consists of a director, chairman, two secretaries, treasurer and four censors. A yearly fee is levied upon all who desire to become participants in the privileges of the reading room, and only they have a right to enjoy its benefits who thus subscribe. Open as it is every day immediately after dinner and supper, and on Sundays and holidays from 11 to 12 and 2 to 5, the students have a very pleasant opportunity at hand of spending these free hours, which often during the long winter months must become tedious unless some means were found to serve as a medium to while away the time.