

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

At a meeting of the Debating Society, on the evening of Nov. 20th, Messrs. L. O'Keefe and J. Kennedy upheld that "A navy builds up an Empire better than an army," against Messrs. C. Gorman and J. Sammon. The debate was awarded to the negative, but the four speakers were heartily congratulated for the maiden speeches.

Resolved, "that conscription is beneficial to a nation," was debated the following Wednesday. Messrs. M. O'Gara and M. Doyle supported this proposition, while Messrs. A. Stanton and L. Lark eloquently pleaded for the negative. The vote of the judges favored the affirmative.

The Athletic Association gave its annual entertainment on Tuesday evening, Dec. 3rd, in the Recreation Hall. All the members of the Junior Department were present, as well as a large number of externs. The program consisted of boxing contests, speeches, songs and orchestral music. Rev. Fr. Stanton fulfilled the duties of Master of Ceremonies in a very efficient manner.

Inter-University Debate.

The University debating team met the McGill representatives in the Normal School on Thursday, December 5th. The question at issue was: "Resolved, that Conscription is highly beneficial to a nation." The local University, having the affirmative side, was represented by Messrs. M. O'Gara and M. Doyle. McGill sent Messrs. G. Barclay, B.A., and A. G. McGougan, B.A., to defend the negative. Mr. J. W. Grace performed the duties of Chairman at the meeting gracefully. The three judges were: Dr. J. F. White, Rev. G. Fitzgerald, B.A., and Major C. F. Winter. The debate was a success and creditable to all concerned. The local team won by a majority of 17 points. Dr. White, in a neat speech, declared both teams equal for oratory, but that the net results of points accumulated showed 130 to 113 in favor of the home speakers.

The assistance of the Moderator, Rev. Father Dewe, proved a most valuable asset to the local debaters. The songs by Miss Rainboth and Mr. MacCarthy were enthusiastically encored.

The final struggle for the championship will take place at Queen's on January 25th, 1908, and let us hope our next two will be as successful as the two who concluded with McGill.