

During the year which is now about ended the Society made desperate attempts to equal its standing in former years and for the honor of those who worked for this end it must be said that its record this year compares favorably with its past record.

Early in the year a competent executive was selected and its members immediately set its work to obtain as large a membership as possible. This being done, debates were forthwith arranged, the first one taking place on November 2. A debate was then held on nearly every Sunday evening from that date until the closing of the season on April 28.

Political questions were generally chosen for debate, but when these could not be found some other subject dealing with science or other debatable questions were sought. It would be tedious to give in full the questions debated upon during the year but here are some of the most important.

Resolved, that government ownership is detrimental to the best interests of a country.

Resolved, that the introduction of Chinese labor into Transvaal is for the best interests of that country.

Resolved, that the Senate should be abolished.

The question of "Woman Suffrage".

Resolved, that in modern times a Republican form of Government is preferable to a Monarchical one. This last subject was debated at the inter-collegiate debate.

The subject of this year's prize debate was:

"Resolved, that the future of Canada would be better as a member of the British Federation than as an Independent nation."

Besides these debates the Society was favored with a lecture on "Modern Orators" delivered by Mr. H. J. McDonald, a lecture which proved very interesting to the members. "An Evening with Dooly" is the title of a lecture delivered by Mr. Chas. Murphy, B.A., a graduate of the University and one of the men who first organized the present society. In connection with the lecture, Mr. Murphy read some of Dooly's masterpieces which added mirth and interest to the entertainment. The entertainment was certainly the feature of the year and everybody hopes to hear Mr. Murphy again in the near future. Mr. Murphy is a man who has on more than one occasion signified his willingness to help the society along and it may be said that his lecture did much to increase interest. He