

Of Local Interest.

Were the Locals Editor's duty strictly confined to recording happenings in and about the University, his department, this month, would be exceeding small indeed. Since Christmas very few events, outside the ordinary routine of a students life, have tak'n place. However there is always "something doing" and this something, be it ever so small, will always be recorded with infinite pleasure.

The first meeting of the English Debating Society held after the Christmas Vacation took the form of a literary and musical evening. It was a great success and was heartily enjoyed by the large number of students who were present. "Modern Orators" was the subject of an able discourse delivered by Mr. H. J. Macdonald, '04. The lecturer was perfectly at home with his subject as could be easily seem from the masterly manner in which he treated it. The musical part of the program was contributed to by Messrs. Smith, Johnson and Burke.

On Sunday, February 5th, Messrs. Alex. McDonald and J. Marshall debated with Thos. J. Sloan and N. Power as to whether or not the Senate of Canada should be abolish. In maintaining the abolition of that body, the two first named gentlemen had the more difficult task of the two; they, however, presented a very good case. On the other hand, their opponents, by the able and concise manner in which they arrayed their arguments found little difficulty in winning the favor of the judges. Rev. Dr. Sherry afterwards addressed a few words to the audience, and among other things, he declared the debate of the evening to be the most interesting held this season so far.

"Resolved that the French Canadians should remain and group themselves in the Province of Quebec rather than colonize in the North West" was the subject of a debate held by the French Debating Society, Wednesday Evening, January 24th. Messrs. R. Lapointe and H. Legault upheld the affirmative, while Messrs. C. A. Seguin and I. Desrosiers argued for the negative. It was quite a difficult tasy for the judges to gives a decision as the quality of the speeches was excellent. The affirmative, however, were awarded the palm of victory.