

During the month the Senior Debating Society has held three very interesting discussions. The first resolution debated was "that government arbitration would be the best means of settling strikes." Owing to illness the leader of the negative, Mr. E. Gallagher, was unable to attend, however, Mr. J. Warnock consented to take the leadership though receiving but very short notice. He was ably seconded by Mr. H. Fay. The champions for the affirmative, Messrs J. Macdonell and O. McGarvey however carried off the honors of the evening. The subject for the next discussion was rather a poor one for debate yet was made very interesting by the different speakers. Messrs J. Dowd and W. Callaghan upheld very strongly the liberty granted by the Declaration of Independence, the judges, however, awarded the decision to Messrs J. Lynch and F. French, their eloquent opponents. The approach of the 17th made the resolution "that, for Ireland, independence would be preferable to Home Rule," very appropriate. The speakers for the affirmative, Messrs J. J. O'Gorman and T. Tobin, treated the subject both ably and fully and though they won the debate

found two very worthy opponents in Messrs. T. Day and R. Halligan.

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Owing to the fact that the Scientific Society has met with many bitter disappointments in connection with Dr. Griffin's lecture on liquid air, the regular programme of lectures has not been fully carried out. The members however met on March 13th to listen to a very instructive and carefully prepared paper on the subject "Physical Exercise." The lecturer of the evening was Rev. J. Lajeunesse, O. M. I., the worthy director of the society. We hope that the committee will see that several more such excellent treatises will be given before the work of the year is completed.

#### CRUMBS FROM ST. PATRICK'S DAY BANQUET.

The motto of the newly-organized "Gaelga Society" is in accord with the spirit of the times—"Get your Irish up."

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When the dishes were being removed after the banquet the following choice bit of humour, evidently written at a moment of inspiration, was found under John L's plate.

"What I'll say if called on for a speech."