

was very gratifying. On Jan. 11th "resolved that war has been more disastrous to humanity than any other evil," was the subject of debate. W. Dooner and J. George upheld the affirmative, and A. McDonald and T. Sloan took the negative. The decision favored the affirmatives. On Jan. 18th, Messrs. Letang and Hurley upheld the resolution "That the nineteenth century has been the most progressive of the Christian centuries," while Messrs. Freeland and Durham opposed. The debate was one of the best heard for some time, several speakers from the house availing themselves of the opportunity to speak on this mooted question. At the conclusion of the debate the judges voted in favor of the affirmative. "Resolved, that life in the country is more advantageous to man than city life," occupied the attention of the Society on the 25th inst. Messrs. Harrington and Kennedy extolled the virtues of country-life while Messrs. Tobin and Cox looked after the interests of the city. The judges ruled in favor of the former.

The French Debating Society holds very interesting weekly discussions on timely topics. The meetings are generally well attended and the efforts of the chosen debaters, coupled with the work of the speakers from the floor are very commendable.

St. Thomas' Academy organized under the efficient directorship of Rev. Dr. Lacoste, holds its meetings every Friday afternoon. The following are the list of officers:—President, M. F. Burns; Secretary, J. McDonald; Councillors, Rev. Bro. Stanton, J. O. Dowd and T. E. Day. These have already been read and defended by the following gentlemen: Rev. Bro. S. Murphy, C. P. MacCormac and G. I. Nolan. Preparations are already begun to celebrate the feast of the great patron of Catholic philosophy in a fitting manner.

Members of the Robert Emmett Company are working hard on their parts. Each succeeding rehearsal shows great improvement. Strict attendance at rehearsals under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Fulham is a sure guarantee of success.

Among the most pleasing features of the Lindsay-Buckingham hockey banquet a short time since, were songs by Lohengrin with pipe organ accompaniment by Fitz, and the revised edition of