

Debating Society, and meet regularly every Thursday evening.

Rev. Father Duhaut, who has been appointed Director, together with the following gentlemen, forms the Committee for the selection of subjects:—

*President*—Eugene Groulx, '89.

*Vice-President*—J. Landry, '91.

*Secretary*—F. X. Brunette, '90.

*Committee*—E. J. Leonard, A. Raymond, A. Charron.

At its last meeting, the Society discussed the question, "Should the Senate be elective," Jobson Paradis and John Choquette wanted to abolish our Upper House, whilst Joseph Landry and A. Garneau were in favor of retaining it.

#### THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

At the second regular meeting the President, D. V. Phalen, read an exhaustive paper on "Balloons and Ballooning," which was ably criticised by T. M. Donovan. At the last meeting Prof. Glas-macher delivered a highly interesting lecture on "Microbes," mention of which has been made in another column. On the 7th ult., M. F. Fallon presented an interesting paper on "The physical constitution of the sun." The work gave evidence of much study and research on the part of the writer, and met with well-deserved appreciation. At the next meeting J. C. Moriarty introduced a paper on Palaeontology, wherein he forcibly illustrated the importance of this study for the young scientist. He was ably criticised by Duncan McDonald. On the 21st ult., F. M. Devine, read a paper on Precipitation which was criticised by F. L. French. Light was also thrown on the question by the remarks of the Rev. director, John P. Donovan, D. R. McDonald and others. On the 11th inst., J. P. Collins described an analysis of a mineral, which, he contended, should be called apatite. T. A. Troy claimed that sufficient proof had not been given to justify the classification of the specimen, and moved that the decision be withheld until further proof is brought forth.

#### ST. THOMAS' ACADEMY.

At a meeting of the Academy on the 18th ult., D. R. McDonald, read a criticism of "Macaulay's Essay on Bacon." W. F. Kehoe, who acted as critic

took objection to some of the statements of the essayist. Rev. Father Fillatre, M. F. Fallon and others spoke relative to the question. At the next meeting C. J. Kennedy analyzed a portion of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" from a logical and literary point of view.

On the 15th inst., Rodolphe Paradis entertained the meeting with an interesting paper on "The Syllogism." It was criticised by T. M. Donovan, and enlarged upon, in a few remarks, by the Rev. Father Nilles.

#### SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

Sunday, the 6th inst., was the day set apart this year for the reception of new members into the Sodality. At five o'clock, Rev. Father Fayard addressed the students, enumerating the various inducements to young Catholics to enter the service of Mary, concluding by urging the members of the Sodality, both old and new, to remain faithful to their obligations, and to elevate by word and example, the condition of the Sodality.

Mr. T. Curran then came forward, and in the name of all, read the profession, after which the postulants, twenty-five in number, received their badges at the hands of the Rev. Father Fayard.

#### SODALITY OF THE HOLY ANGELS

At the conclusion of the last-mentioned imposing ceremony, Mr. Lawrence Nevins having advanced to the altar, read, in the name of about thirty of the Juniors, their profession to the Sodality, after which they came forward and received their membership badges.

#### JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Christmas and New Year's brought to our Juniors much of the accustomed good cheer. However, on account of the unfavorable weather many of the usual outdoor enjoyments had to be dispensed with. The most important of these was the annual Christmas sleigh-ride, which formed the topic of discussion for months before, and many happy incidents were recalled to mind in connection with their former drives. They dreamt of the merry sound of the sleigh bells, of the scores of heads safe under buffalo robes, of the frost-creaking sleigh-runners, of the passing of bridges and tollgates and country