



The first meeting of the English Debating Society was held on Monday evening, Oct. 5th, with J. C. Leacy in the chair. The subject of debate was: Resolved that there should be compulsory military training in Canadian schools and colleges. The speakers for the affirmative were J. O'Keefe, S. Hayden and M. Fogarty. For the negative G. Brennan, M. Fitzpatrick and L. McCaffery. Judges: Adams, J. Fogarty, Burke, Armstrong and Clarey. The decision was rendered in favor of the negative.

Tuesday, Oct. 13th, Subject of debate: Resolved that Germany's military ambition was the cause of the present war. J. L. Duffy acted as chairman. The speakers for the affirmative were: J. Grace, M. Dewan, F. Higgins. For the negative: W. Unger, S. Fink and E. Dolan. The affirmative won.

Monday, Oct. 19. Subject of debate: Resolved that it is unjust to Ireland to postpone the operation of Home Rule until after the present war. Mr. D. Adams occupied the chair. The affirmative was upheld by J. Fogarty, T. Grace and S. Ryan. The negative by V. O'Neill, J. McIntosh and G. McIntosh. The judges were: Crough, Grace, Duffy, Fink and Battle. The affirmative gained the decision.

Monday, Oct. 26th. Subject of debate: Resolved that war today is not proportionately as destructive as in former centuries. Mr. L. Guillet acted as chairman. E. McNally, L. Lally and A. Freeland spoke for the affirmative, whilst H. Fallon, R. O'Reilly and P. Clarey upheld the negative. The judges were: Leacy, Brennan, Fitzpatrick, Cunningham and Blanchet. The decision was awarded to the affirmative. In the course of the evening the Glee Club rendered several selections in a very pleasing manner.