

part and of those who carefully drilled them.

A grand championship hand ball match was to have taken place on January 31st, but on account of unfavorable weather it had to be postponed. It will now take place as soon as the weather allows. The following are the names of those who are to take part :—

Club A.	{ E. Capbert, M. Shea, P. Brunelle.
Club B.	{ A. Christin J. McNamara D. St. Pierre
Club C.	{ P. Batterton L. Dandaraud E. O'Neil
Club D.	{ E. McGuire A. Plunkett E. Gleeson
Club F.	{ O. Paradis J. Murphy A. Mc Donald

The weather is now all that could be desired for snow shoeing and accordingly our Juniors are taking every advantage of it. Already since the heavy snow fall they have had three long tramps and judging from the number that go each time they greatly enjoy these marches.

So much snow is now on our rink that it appears a hopeless task to undertake to clear it. Courage boys, go at it with a will and you will soon clear it. The one who has done so much towards keeping the rink in good order, D. St. Pierre is at present unfortunately ill, and no one is apparently very anxious to step into his shoes.

The rank of the students in the different commercial classes for the month of January is as follows :—

1st grade :—R. Beaulieu, P. E. Ryan, P. Mellon.

2nd grade :—W. L. Murphy, A. Christin, H. Christin.

3rd grade (2nd div.) :—A. Pelissier, J. O'Reilly, J. Rigney.

3rd grade (1st div.) :—R. Letellier, E. Gleeson, H. Cameron.

SOCIETIES.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

On the evening of the 3rd inst., no regular subject for discussion having been assigned, an impromptu debate took place, in which a goodly number of the members participated. The subject of debate

was: "Resolved that rural training is preferable for a child to city training." On the 17th inst., the question under discussion was: "Resolved that literature is on the wane in the present century." Mr. M. F. Fitzpatrick and Mr. J. P. Collins supported the affirmative, whilst Mr. C. J. Kennedy and Mr. John O'Connor upheld the negative. The debate was interesting and lively throughout. The vote resulted in favor of the affirmative.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

Owing to lack of time for the preparation of a regular debate an impromptu discussion was indulged in on the evening of the 3rd inst. The question at issue was whether the study of literature tends more to develop the intellect than the study of the sciences. On behalf of literature Messrs. D. Murphy, O'Keefe and W. Kavanagh spoke loudly and ably, whilst the sciences found staunch supporters in Messrs. Canning, F. McDougal and Craig. The debate was decided in favor of the affirmative. On the 10th inst. the Society entertainment concluded with the presentation of "Bob Acre's Duel" from Sheridan, which was deservedly appreciated by all present.

FRENCH DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Thursday evening the 14th inst., the question before the society was: "Resolved that the Grecians excelled the Romans in the cultivation of the arts and sciences." Messrs. Lajeunesse and Gaudet advocated the cause of the Grecians, and Messrs. Groulx and A. Carriere supported the negative. The debate was sharply contested, several of the members present joining in the issue. The vote resulted in favor of the affirmative.

ST. THOMAS' ACADEMY.

On Tuesday the 12th inst., Mr. D. V. Phelan read his paper entitled "Logic as to its bearing on literature." The work was a highly interesting one throughout, and the clear and concise manner in which it was prepared, clearly proved that the essayist had a true conception of the nature of his subject. Mr. John P. Donovan followed with a few apt references to the importance of Dialectics as a means of developing the reasoning powers of the students, Rev. Father Fillard also addressed the meeting confirming the remarks of the essayist and saying that a