

SOCIETIES.

THE DEBATING SOCIETIES.

On March 15th a "mock parliament" was held in which the members of the Senior and Junior Debating Societies took part. A bill to prohibit the use of tobacco was brought before the house. Mr. J. Fallon as leader of the government, with Messrs. J. Foley and M. Hackett defended the bill. The leader of the Opposition, Mr. T. Ryan, and Messrs. J. Ryan and T. Smith opposed it. After a lengthy discussion a division was called and the government defeated.

The final meeting of the Senior Debating Society was held on March 30th. The debate "Resolved that the modern doctrine called Woman's Rights removes woman from her proper sphere in society" was on the programme. For the affirmative Messrs. J. Ryan and J. Foley and for the negative Messrs. J. O'Brien and M. J. McKenna. The vote decided in favor of the affirmative.

THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

The debate of March 20th: "Resolved that the Irish uprising of '98 was justifiable" provoked a warm discussion. For the affirmative Messrs. C. O'Neill and J. Copping, while the negative was well supported by E. McDonald and A. McIntee. The decision stood in favor of the affirmative.

On March 30th the final meeting for this season took place. The debate was: "Resolved that Chinese immigration to America should be stopped." Messrs. J. Dulin and J. Quinn for the affirmative, Messrs. D. McGale and J. Harvey for the negative. The debaters showed that they had studied the question carefully. The vote stood in favor of the negative.

On Easter Monday the members of the choir and of the Altar Boys Society were treated to a grand banquet by the University authorities. The Rev. Father McGuckin, rector of the University presided, and there were present several other reverend gentlemen, among whom were: Rev. Fathers Coutlée and Lambert, and Rev. A. Hainault, A. Lajeunesse, J. Duffy, L. Raymond and J. A. Lemonde.

When full justice had been done to the

dinner the Rev. Superior in a neat little speech congratulated the members of the choir and pronounced the singing the best that had been heard in the chapel since he had assumed the rectorship of the University. Speaking of the altar boys he congratulated them on their execution of the ceremonies during holy week, and generally on their work throughout the year. Each of the other reverend gentlemen delivered a short speech. The remarks of Rev. Father Coutlée and Rev. Father Lambert, as director of the Altar Boys' Society and of the choir respectively, were especially appreciated by those present. Rev. A. Lajeunesse reviewed the history of these two organizations for the last twelve years.

After the speeches, music was called for and several songs were sung in becoming style; among others the song by Master O. Lachance was highly appreciated. Messrs. Vermette and Gookin also favored the audience with songs, but the treat of this part of the programme was the duet "Les Dindons Perdus et Retrouvés," which called forth rounds of applause. This brought the pleasant gathering to a close, and with cheers for the reverend directors, the banqueters dispersed. Rev. Father Coutlée, as master of ceremonies, performed his duties in a manner highly creditable to himself and to the complete satisfaction of each and every one.

PRIORUM TEMPORUM FLORES.

Rev. John R. Craig, ex-'91, was ordained priest in Erie, Pa., on March 24th last, and celebrated his first mass in Pittsburg.

Rev. J. Moriarty, '91, received the sacred order of Deaconship in Buffalo on March 9th. We expect to soon hear of our reverend friend's advancement to the priesthood.

Mr. Edward D. Beatty, who left us in '90, has now the privilege of appending M.D. to his name, having successfully passed his final examination in McGill.

Among the other old Ottawa students who are upholding the honor of their