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SOCIETIES.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

The Sodality of the Virgin Mary was reorganized on January 9, under the direction of Rev. Father Nolin, who three years ago ably fulfilled the same position. The membership is as large as in preceding years. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Prefect, Mr. C. C. Delaney; 1st Assistant, Mr. D. A. Campbell; 2nd Assistant, Mr. R. Paradis; Secretary, Mr. J. P. Collins; Treasurer, Mr. M. F. Fitzpatrick; Sacristans, Messrs. T. Rigney and Charles Gaudet, and Councilors, Messrs. T. Troy, F. L. French, L. Raymond and J. P. Smith.

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

The fourth meeting of this society was held on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1889. The subject was, "Resolved—that the daily newspaper wields a greater influence for good than does the weekly." Messrs. Wm. McCauley, and Wm. Clarke brought forth many forcible and witty arguments for the affirmative, but the sound preparation and comprehensive treatment of the subject by Messrs. Jas. O'Connor and J. Breheny won a decision in favor of the negative.

No other meetings were held until Sunday, January 12, 1890. Instead of a debate the evening was occupied with impromptu speaking, readings and recitations. Each impromptu speaker drew his subject as he was called upon. The programme was as follows:

- I. Reading—"The Movement Cure for Rheumatism"..... Mr. D. Murphy.
- II. Impromptu—"The Power of Eloquence"
Mr. F. L. French.
- III. Impromptu—"Gladstone, Parnell and Home Rule"..... Mr. A. Newman.
- IV. Recitation—"Father Malloy"
Mr. J. P. Smith.
- V. Impromptu—"For Annexation"
Mr. C. J. Kennedy.
- VI. Impromptu—"Canadian Statesmen"
Mr. D. Murphy.
- VII. Reading—"The Book Canvasser"
Mr. Jos. McCabe.
- VIII. Impromptu—"The Church in America—its past, present and future."
Mr. H. J. Canning.

The evening was passed very pleasantly and the society tenders its thanks to the gentlemen who so willingly contributed to its instruction and amusement. The good work of the society in the past is plainly shown by the fluent manner in which all the impromptu speakers discussed their subjects.

On Sunday, January 19, the subject of debate was, "Resolved—that the State has not power to compel parents to send their children to school." Affirmative, Messrs. C. J. Kennedy and D. McDonald; Negative, Messrs. M. F. Fitzpatrick and P. C. O'Brien. It was the most hotly contested and exciting debate of the season, many of the audience rising up and eagerly advancing arguments for either side. The supporters of the affirmative were the most numerous.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

This society has had but one meeting since the last publication of *THE OWL*. The question under discussion was "Prohibition versus High License." High License, advocated by Messrs. Jos. McDougall and G. O'Keefe overcame the arguments of Messrs. T. D. Gillespie and Kelley in favor of Prohibition.

THE FRENCH DEBATING SOCIETY.

An interesting meeting of the society was held last Sunday night.

Mr. F. X. Genest auspiciously began the evening by declaiming with much talent and patriotic fire the poetical production of one of our Canadian authors. The principal work of the assembly was then commenced. The question, of a historical cast and a much agitated one, was the following: "Was the massacre of the protestants by the Catholics on St. Bartholomew's day unjust and did it result fatally for France and for the church?" Messrs. Masson and Raymond, who defended the affirmative, had recourse to close and powerful arguments. Their opponents, Messrs. Charbonneau and Carriere, added to their proofs more warmth and unctious. The negative triumphed by a vote of 11 to 6.

SPORTS.

The snow-shoe club is now organized, and a committee of management consisting of the following gentlemen has been struck off: Jos. Landry (Manager), Jas. Collins, D. Masson and C. Gaudet. Snow-