

At a meeting of the Philosophical Society in Wesley, on the 27th, a very interesting debate took place. The subject was: Resolved—"That Spencer's method of accounting for intuitions is more nearly correct than that of Dr. Calderwood's." The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Condell and Bawden, the negative by Messrs. Wilkinson and Inglis. After a close contest the debate was awarded to the negative.

The Executive of the Literary Society have arranged the following programme of Inter-Class debates.

Jan. 27—Philosophy v. Generals.

Feb. 10—Science v. Mathematics and Classics.

March 3—Previous v. Moderns.

March 17—Preliminary v. Theologues.

The first of the Inter-Class debates took place on the evening of the 27th, between the Philosophy class and the Generals. The subject was "Resolved, that the Republican form of government is superior to the Monarchical." The affirmative was upheld by A. E. Vrooman and R. J. McGhee for the Philosophy class and the negatives by J. G. Harrison and N. J. Vernon for the Generals.

A. E. Vrooman opened the debate for the affirmative and claimed the republican form was superior since it develops the faculty of self-government in the people, that the dignity of labor was more respected in the republic than under the monarchy.

Mr. J. T. Harrison maintained that the monarchical form was more stable, that it gave greater unity to the life of the nation and gave full opportunities for the development of a better class of statesmen.

Mr. R. J. McGhee showed the immense strides which the United States had taken since the Revolution. He maintained that the republic developed a nobler type of manhood and that greater advantages were given to the common people in the way of education, etc.

Mr. N. J. Vernon claimed that the monarchy was a more intelligible form, that the sovereign was a check upon the extreme party spirit which prevailed in republics and that the sovereign also was a check upon the greed for power which was also a characteristic of republics.

The judges, after a careful consideration, awarded the debate to the negative.