

speaking prelates cast scarcely a tenth of the total vote. It is significant of the growth of our language that though the English-speaking world may be said to have apostatized, its influence has thus increased in the Catholic Church.

There are 271 Italian Bishops (many of them honorary) aside from whom the Spanish-speaking hierarchy alone approaches in number the English-speaking hierarchy of to-day :

In Spain.....	57
In Portugal.....	12
In South America.....	71
In Mexico and Central America.....	33
In the West Indies.....	22
In Oceania estimated.....	20

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There are about one hundred French-speaking Bishops (eighty-four in France) and nearly ninety prelates within the dominions of Austria and Germany."



OF LOCAL INTEREST.

On the evening of March 27 the members of the English Debating Society assisted at the last and perhaps most interesting discussion of the season. "Resolved: That Washington did more for his country than did Lincoln" was the question; Messrs Galvin, O'Reilly, Farrell and Dorgan upheld the affirmative while Messrs McDonald, McTighe, Day and T. Morin pleaded for the negative. After a long and spirited debate the vote was taken, and the majority of ballots were found to have been marked in favor of the negative. Before adjournment, a vote of thanks was tendered on behalf of the members of the Society to the Reverend Director and the members of the Executive Committee for the services they had rendered throughout the year; and Rev. Father Murphy in reply gave some sound advice which, if acted upon, will certainly make the society of years to come

as successful as it has been in the past.

The entertainment which annually marks the close of the debating season in the University was held on the evening of April 3rd. Generally the English and French Societies have each its own entertainment; but this year as both were ready for closing at the same time the respective committees decided to join forces, and have some of the events in French, the others in English. All the students were invited to attend, and the various items on the programme were heartily applauded. When the last event had been reached. Mr. R. Lafond addressed a few words of gratitude to the French students and especially those who had contributed to make the evening's performance a success; and Mr. J. T. Hanley, president of the English organization, extended the thanks of the Committee to the members of the society for the goodwill they had shown throughout the year, and the efforts they had invariably made to insure the welfare of the Society. Then, after a rousing old Varsity cheer the meeting adjourned, and so terminated the debating season of '98.

On Thursday, April 14th the members of the Dramatic Society were given another opportunity of proving to the public their just right to the enviable reputation they had already won. On that evening they staged "The Persecuted Brothers"; and the manner in which the different actors performed their roles added a few more gems, probably even brighter ones than did the success of "Richelieu", to the crown of honor so well earned in former years by the University Dramatic