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"That trial by judge more properly effects the administration of justice than trial by jury," was the subject of debate at the sitting of the society on Monday, Feb. 25th.

The affirmative was represented by Messrs. R. Quain and J. O'Toole and the negative argument was advanced by Messrs. J. Grace, W. Sullivan and J. Powell. The affirmative won the debate. Mr. J. Powers presided over the meeting.

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Government ownership of railways and canals was the important subject which claimed the attention of the debate followed on Tuesday evening, Feb. 18th. The question was as follows, "That the operation of railroads and canals should be under the direct control of the government."

Strong arguments in favor of the affirmative were presented by Messrs. J. Leacy, D. Sullivan and J. Touhey. The negative contention was equally well sustained by Messrs. E. McNally, J. Shanahan and G. O'Reilly.

Mr. J. McNally filled the role of chairman in an efficient manner. The judges were Messrs. R. Lahaie, J. Sullivan, J. Hogan and L. Goulet. and their decision was rendered in favor of the affirmative.

The week of Feb. 17th saw a suspension of the weekly debating activities of the French students, a pleasant entertainment of about an hour's duration proving a welcome substitute. The members of the French Debating Society met in the basement of the Sacred Heart Church, and a short musical programme was run through. This included selections by Messrs. Coupal, Charron, Cornellier and Brisson. Several excellent declamations were also well received by the gathering. At the conclusion of the programme Rev. Father Normandin, Moderator of the French Society, spoke a few words to the members, allowing his remarks to dwell upon the coming production of "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme." Father Normandin advised strong co-operation, emphasizing the necessity of united effort in order to bring about the success of the production.

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On Monday evening, Feb. 10th, a proposal for the abolition of the Senate was to the fore at the meeting of the English debates. The affirmative was championed by Messrs. J. McDonald, J. Hogan and J. Mangan, while Messrs. H. Fallon, J.