

years. He then related his own experiences as a traveler over the route above mentioned, adding here and there descriptions of the different places through which he passed and the persons with whom he came in contact. Though all his descriptions were good, that of the Hoosac Tunnel was perhaps the best. The lecturer's opinion of Halifax and Nova Scotia was not at all lowered by comparison with the country of the Americans, and although he regretted our disadvantages in some respects, he was of the opinion that our advantages in others were equally as great, if not greater. Mr. Parsons was as usual overflowing with wit, and his subject gave him a splendid opportunity to display it, so that he was never at a loss to create laughter.

The lecture committee, we believe, have secured a number of gentlemen to lecture for the society during the remaining months of the year. Hon. John Boyd, of St. John, is expected for the present month, while the following are mentioned for the other months, although the time has not yet been set for any of them:—Revs. Dr. Hopper and Mr. Cross, of St. John, Wallace Graham, Esq., of Halifax, Prof. R. V. Jones, and Dr. J. G. Schurman. It is to be hoped that the committee will be able to maintain the course unbroken the rest of the year.

### Locals.

The Sem is a gnawful place for mice.

What did the young ladies think of "the two white foxes from Bermuda?"

The Sophs evidently lead the other classes in the consumption of "the midnight oil."

The Seniors have Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* with Dr. Sawyer. The class will doubtless find the article on Kant in this number of special interest to them.

Wanted at once—some willing and determinate individual such as described in the "Echo of the Past," to keep a path clear between the Boarding House and the College.

"Ill blows the wind that profits nobody." Even the mumps proved a blessing in disguise, thought some favored ones as they beheld the number of vacant seats in the Reception room after the Exhibition.

Some of the Freshman should be attended by chaperons while at prayer meetings, or some plan should at once be devised in order to counteract the expectorating propensities of these tobacco ruminants. In case of failure, subscriptions should be solicited for the purchase of a few spittoons.

The students of the three institutions were once more allowed return tickets at one first-class fare on the different railway and steamboat lines. Some seem to be interested in finding out why the W. & A. Railway authorities would not grant tickets for the same period as the other lines did.

A Theologue with a height of over 6 ft. is supposed to be the tallest man at Acadia, while the shortest—a Senior—is 5 ft. 1½ in. in height. The Theologues also have among their number the most "weighty" man in college. He claims to weigh over 220 lbs., and no one disputes him. The lightest student—a Freshie—carries just one half that weight.

At the last meeting of the literary society before vacation, the following officers were appointed for the present term:—

President .....	C. W. Bradshaw.
Vice-President.....	F. M. Kelly.
Corresponding Secretary.....	F. R. Haley.
Recording Secretary.....	E. H. Armstrong.
Treasurer.....	H. T. Ross.
Executive Committee, {	
H. R. Welton, (Chairman),	
J. S. Lockhart,	
B. A. Lockhart,	
I. N. Schurman,	
Percy R. Crandall.	
Junior Editors of the ATHENÆUM {	
F. M. Kelly,	
W. B. Hutchinson.	

The regular literary entertainment was done away with for the evening, and on motion speeches from the retiring, and new officers were substituted for it. Many of the speeches were worthy of more pretentious sources, while others were rather lac(k)onic. Wits were plenty, but Mr. Powell carried off the palm in a speech which called forth tremendous outbursts of laughter, and round after round of applause. The retiring president Mr. Wallace gave the members some wholesome advice in reference to their duties which it is to be hoped will be remembered.

THE MUSEUM.—The following articles have been donated to the Museum since the report in the October number:—

Two foreign bank-notes; donor, W. D. Coffell, Hantsport. Indian stone-pipe, from Nine Mile Lake, Lunenburg Co., and Indian flint arrow-head, from Long Point Mt., Cornwallis; donor, Thos. Moore, Wolfville. Iron Crane; donor, D. D. Reid, Gaspereaux. Specimens of fossiliferous limestone (crinoids and brachiopods) from Anticosti; donor, H. N. Paint, Halifax. A stuffed Goshawk; donor, Miss Annie L. Blackadar, Missionary from Trinidad. Specimens of Manganese ore from Churchill's Mine, Walton, Hants Co., and an old coin from India, date 1519; donor, Geo. H. Lawrence, Walton, Hants Co. Beak of Albatross, captured 203 miles off Cape Good Hope; donor, John W. Dewis. Six foreign coins; donor, W. C. Balcom. Sample of the first web of cloth made by the Windsor Cotton Factory. A collection of Upper Silurian fossils (65 specimens), from Gaspe and vicinity; donor, H. N. Paint, Halifax. A collection of relics from the old fort at Annapolis Royal, sent by Rev. G. E. Good.

The work of arranging specimens is rapidly progressing under Prof. Coldwell. During the last month, great improvements have been made, and, although the work is necessarily a slow one, the Museum is beginning to present something more than bare shelves and empty cases. The friends of Acadia are doing nobly in the matter of donations, but much yet remains to be done.