

enjoyed this somewhat novel departure from "the ordinary." The more frequent recurrence of such entertainments would not only give an additional interest to the society, but would prepare it for a worthy appearance before the public of Wolfville.

The Cads were present at their first reception on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 11th, in large numbers. They reported a very enjoyable evening. It is hardly to be supposed that credence can be given to the rumor which makes one of them parse the word 'reception' after his first experience as follows:—"Reception, a noun, but very uncommon, although not at all improper; it is without doubt a singular thing, and while both genders are denoted by it, the feminine is generally predominate. In many instance a reception proves to be of the *rejective* case, and it is supposed to be always governed by the President understood."

Mr. Coldwell, since receiving his appointment as Instructor in the Science department, has shown an assiduity in his work, which is well worthy of commendation. Besides private labor in connection with his department, he has delivered lectures in Wolfville and some neighboring towns, in order to procure funds for the purchase of additional apparatus. On the evening of Nov. 24, Prof. Coldwell gave a lecture illustrated throughout by beautiful sciopticon views of the members of solar system, and the different theories in regard to them. The views were explained in a very interesting manner, and the addition of music by several ladies of the Seminary increased the enjoyment of the evening's entertainment.

The following question was chosen for debate in the Athenæum for the evening of Nov. 17th: "Do the results of scientific investigations agree with the Biblical account of the Creator." The discussion proved an interesting one, and at its close the members arranged themselves almost equally, with a small majority in favor of the negative side. One of the quaintest arguments of the evening, in which will doubtless be recognized the freshmanic ingenuity, is here produced, although it may seem in a certain respect out of place: "The Darwinian Theory says that man is descended from the monkey, and the Bible tells us that God made man after his own image. If then this theory in science agrees with the Biblical narrative, I am to believe that my Maker is a monkey." It is quite possible

that this argument decided the question in the minds of the majority.

New students demand the attention of the older ones in every college, in many the serious attention. The hazer must enlist the sympathy of every one in many instances, and some students of Acadia think they have examples of such cases in their midst. They are Cads, of course. One has been a volunteer, but never will be again. He was a brave one too: so much so indeed that when one of his fellow red-coats told him their company were ordered to Egypt, our friend boldly betook himself to the hay-mow, and there remained till Arabi was captured. This probably accounts for the lateness of our new student's arrival. He is brave too in other capacities—as a pillow-fighter—but especially as a "parapatetic" companion of Seminary acquaintances. The other is a stylish and loving young man. These two qualities are quite predominant when he wishes to write to his California relatives, and inquires for green ink, but takes blue as his last resource. Both have brought with them the custom of having their beds placed in peculiar positions at different times. The usual position is up side down, mattress on the floor. Some hold the opinion that this new-fangled idea was suggested by solicitous, associates but others consider the peculiarity "in perfect harmony with the surroundings."

N. B.—A report has come to the editors that certain students were displeased at some things which appeared in the Locals of the last issue. We have no apology whatever to offer, but would suggest to the displeased parties that if the cap fits they had better put it on, and if it does not that the best course for them would be either to raise an agitation seeking the resignation of the editors, or to comfort themselves with the admonition of Horace,

"Æquam memento rebus in arduis
Servare mentem."

Our method of procedure in regard to the Local department shall still remain the same. We are very sorry that some of the cranks to whom we refer have hesitated to subscribe for a paper the editors of which would stoop so low as to attempt the injury of a fellow-student's reputation! We need hardly remind the subjects of such pusillanimity that they are still further exposing themselves.—Eds.