

either testify to the benefits he derived from the debating society, or express sorrow at the little attention he paid to it. The move in the direction of improvement this fall is encouraging, and we hope the meetings will continue in their interest throughout the whole year. Nothing has as yet been said about a public entertainment. We fear our Seminary friends are getting too far ahead of us in this respect. No one will doubt there is talent enough in the society to entertain an audience for an hour or two, and the members should at once make a move in the matter.

THE students of Acadia College have the use of a first-class reading-room. In it may be found an excellent assortment of the leading papers and magazines, together with the usual complement of local sheets. We may safely say, however, that the majority do not make the most profitable use of their privilege, and further that too many utterly abuse it. College students have always had to a great extent the reputation of being entirely shut up in their own little world, and such a reputation is not at all undeserved. In too many cases the graduate is a "greener" man to the outside world, than the Freshman is to the college world. The cause of this is apparent. The student does not seem to realize that his education does not lie wholly in the regular college curriculum. There are many other sources of education the importance of which have not been properly impressed upon his mind, and among these the newspaper. The reading-room should not be made a mere loafing place, it should not be visited only some five or ten minutes between classes, when all is bustle and confusion. A wiser plan would be to have a certain time set apart for this purpose. The best method to follow in reading the different periodicals depends in a manner upon the individual, but there is a certain narrow-mindedness in the case of many which deserves severe rebuke. For instance, some will give their whole attention to papers of political principles which coincide with their own, to the exclusion of all others; others again will devote themselves entirely to religious periodicals; a third class to mere local news; and a fourth (and numerous are its numbers) to short stories, jokes, &c. These classes are named only as examples, and it will be found that if the student is not inclined to one of these he has another. There are certainly exceptions, but we are only

speaking of the tendencies of "the too many." If the student will only consider a judicious use of the reading-room a most important part of a liberal education, we feel assured that he will find himself amply repaid for spending a share of his time there.

PIERIAN.

The Pierian Society of Acadia Seminary gave one of their pleasing entertainments on the evening of Friday, October 27th, to a large audience in Assembly Hall. The following is the programme presented:—

1. Processional March.....
MISS HILL.
2. Piano Duet—Rondo..... *Webber.*
MISSES MACLEARN AND HOLLY.
3. Vocal Solo—The Reason Why..... *Blumenthal.*
MISS BESSIE J. ROBBINS.
4. Reading—The Boys..... *O. W. Holmes.*
MISS FANNIE DAVIS.
5. Vocal Solo—My Queen..... *Blumenthal.*
MISS HARDING.
6. Reading—The Roll Call.....
MISS DAVIS.
7. Vocal Solo—Beautiful Blue Danube..... *Strauss.*
MISS BESSIE J. ROBBINS.
8. Reading—Auction Extraordinary.....
MISS DAVIS.
9. Vocal Solo—What Shall I Say.... *Sully.*
MISS HARDING.
10. Piano Duet—Sonata..... *Diabella.*
MISSES KING AND HILL.
11. Reading—Rock of Ages.....
MISS DAVIS.
12. Vocal Solo—The Kerry Dance..... *Molloy.*
MISS HARDING.
13. Reading—Ride of Jenny MacNeal.....
MISS DAVIS.
- 14.—Quintet—Charity..... *Rossini.*
MISSES B. J. ROBBINS, HANSON, B. T. ROBBINS,
HARRIS AND MELVILLE.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The high character of both the vocal and instrumental music furnished by the ladies of the Seminary is so universally recognized by those who have heard it from time to time that particular reference is hardly necessary on this occasion. The readings of Miss Davis, the teacher in elocution, formed an interesting and novel feature in the programme. Her selections were varied "from the sublime to the ridiculous," and though she is probably at her best in comedy, still all of them were particularly well-rendered and elicited the hearty applause of the audience.

The well-known object of these entertainments is to procure funds for the purchase of books for the Seminary library, and the financial results have in almost every case been very encouraging. Private contributions have also been made, and ac-