



WHILE the present number of ACADIENSIS is intended to be essentially a St. Andrews number, and the publication of several articles which would otherwise have appeared in this issue has for that reason been postponed, the writer thought that he could not, in justice to those subscribers to whom the usual book-plate articles would appear to be a desideratum, allow this issue to leave the press devoid of anything on that interesting subject.

It was hoped that a number of book-plates might be discovered, connected in some way with the residents of St. Andrews, past or present, but a very careful search has failed to bring to light a single example. It must not by any means be inferred from this remark that the people of that ancient town were or are by any means lacking in literary or artistic taste. Several interesting collections of books have been disposed of by auction within the past few years. Book auctions are becoming more rare in St. Andrews now than formerly, and people who own books are probably beginning to have a more correct idea of their commercial value than was the case a quarter of a century ago.

About the year 1883 the library of the late George D. Street was sold, together with his household furniture and other personal effects. Books were not in much demand upon that occasion for they were disposed of by the shelf, tier upon tier, at one cent per volume, in shelf lots. It was upon this occasion that