

IT has been whispered that collegians make a selfish audience. This we think needs some modification; but in one particular line it does seem that they have merited the imputation. The business of encoring has been reduced to a science, and a few individuals with rustic palms control the monopoly. While an entertainment may be of high order, it is not necessary for success that every piece should be encored. Does it not show a lack of consideration to those providing entertainment to establish a practice which does away with the real import of the custom? We believe in encores within the bounds of moderation, but as exercised by the students this year upon more than one occasion we must certainly demur. It showed too much selfishness. We speak for the general good.

IN another column will be found a communication from the pen of A. J. Pineo, B. A. '81, on the abolition of the time-honored junior expedition. Acadia has few graduates who can speak with greater weight on this subject. As an undergraduate, Mr. Pineo was known to be an enthusiastic geologist. Since graduating he has taken a course in scientific studies at one of the leading American universities, and, though a journalist, has since devoted much of his time to scientific research. As a teacher in Mineralogy at the the Provincial Summer School of Science, he has led his pupils on many successful expeditions, and is therefore eminently qualified to know whereof he affirms. The arguments he advances are well taken and are worthy of the consideration of the Senate.

The immediate cause of the abolition was, we believe, the failure of the class of '91 to carry out the plans laid for the expedition to a successful issue. At a meeting of the Board of Senators in October last, a committee from the students requested an audience, and *seven minutes* was granted for the presentation and discussion of the arguments of the students. Needless to say the presentation was made by the committee, but alas for the consideration of it!

We again wish to urge upon the Senate the importance of reconsidering their action. This "backward step" is certainly a cause of regret to all interested in true scientific instruction at Acadia; but we sincerely trust that after due reconsideration of the importance of this subject, the motto of our *Alma Mater* will once more be *Vestigia Nulla Retrorsum*.

WHAT does Acadia stand most in need of? This question must suggest itself to every member of our denomination who has the interests of advanced education at heart, and who would see our institutions keep pace with the times. What then is our greatest need? In looking over the somewhat lengthy catalogue we see one, which without question stands prominently forward—a stone building for library and museum purposes. For the past three or four years there has been an increasing demand for better college accommodations. The authorities through no fault of their own, have been compelled to utilize two of the college building rooms for the museum and library. The problem comes up with increasing force when we realize that next year the professor-elect in Physics and Astronomy, in order to do the most efficient work, must have another room for his lectures. Where shall a suitable one be found? Not a difficult problem if these two rooms are available, a matter of selection and adjustment. There are other considerations which must be taken into account. The library, while receiving a considerable shock from the fire of '77, has again by slow but steady growth reached very creditable degree of development. We have a large amount of valuable works, worth thousands of dollars, as good an arts library as there is in the maritime provinces, if not the best. Suppose fire should again visit us, are these volumes in such a position as renders them secure from the devouring element? We think not, and are inclined to believe that a very small per cent. could be saved in such a devoutly not to be wished for event. The same is equally true of the museum. Valuable collections of specimens from all parts of the globe have found their way to its cases; are these to be continually exposed to the same danger? How is this to be avoided? Simply enough; a separate stone library and museum building will remove the danger. The value of these two departments to the student can hardly be reckoned. Books have been placed upon our shelves, the loss of which would be incalculable. Now comes the important part. Granted that such a building is a necessity, how are we going to secure it? Less than one year ago the suggestion to have a gymnasium began to take practical form. In less than one year from now we expect to see the ladies new seminary proudly taking rank with the other structures on the Hill. What has been achieved in the past may and must in our case hold good for the future. We can conceive of no better way in which some one or more of our Baptist friends, who have been blessed with an abundance of this world's goods, could confer a lasting benefit upon their fellow men, upon the advancement of true education, and the denomination at large, than by erecting such a building as we need. It will be a worthy monument for the present and future generations, which will cherish in grateful remembrance the name of the generous giver.