

The suggestion in last year's Report, to alternate an evening of Literary exercises with a Lecture of the Winter Course at Temperance Hall, or elsewhere, is deferred to take effect next year, if then practicable.

WM. H. WISWELL, *Chairman.*

### BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Your committee have very great pleasure in reporting that Tenders for the erection of the much-desired building for our Association were taken a few weeks ago. Mr. Blaiklock's being the lowest, the contract was awarded to him, and the work has already commenced. Early in 1874 we expect our Association to be in possession.

The committee have arranged to give the manager of the Bank of Montreal a lease of the ground floor, for a term of years, at a rent which will greatly assist in paying the interest on the debt necessarily contracted, until sufficient subscriptions are obtained to pay the whole cost. They regret that they have not been able to collect as large an amount of subscriptions as desired, but have no doubt that the business men of Halifax, and friends generally, will respond liberally, now that they see we are really in earnest, and the work actually begun. Each member of the Association should feel this building to be his, and determine with all his might to push the good work forward. Our best energies will be taxed; and the new Committee must be fully and faithfully supported by the membership, if the enterprise is to be successful. A list of the subscribers, with the amount of each subscription, is appended; and it has been decided to make the first call of one-fourth of the amount payable 15th March, either to Mr. McIntosh, Bank of Nova Scotia, or the Chairman of the Committee and Secretary of the Association. Subscribers will see the urgent necessity of being prompt, as money will be required as the work progresses. We commend this great work to the earnest attention of our successors in office.

J. S. MACLEAN, *Chairman.*

### THE MUSICAL AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Report that a "Sociable" was held in Argyle Hall, on the evening of April 19th; which was well attended by the members and their lady friends. A committee of ladies kindly coöperated with us, and provided refreshments. Your committee are under obligation to Professor Lawson of Dalhousie College, for entertaining the company with chemical experiments, to Professor Macdonald for exhibiting and explaining the Spectroscope, and to a number of ladies and gentlemen for providing some excellent musical entertainment. A steam-boat excursion on the harbor was also provided, and many of the members and their friends were present to enjoy a pleasant evening. The proceeds of both the above were paid to the general funds of the Association.

W. H. WADDELL, *Chairman.*

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