

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE,

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THE Committee appointed at the general meeting of the "Associate Alumni" held at the College Hall, in June, 1861, for the purpose of building a Hall and Library on the grounds of the Governors of King's College, Windsor, selecting a site on which to erect it, determining on a plan, and devising ways and means towards defraying the expense of the same, beg leave to report to the Alumni:

That in the autumn of the same year they proceeded to Windsor, and selected a site in the field fronting the President's residence. The spot chosen may not meet completely the views of all the friends of the College, but the committee feel assured that, on the whole, no more appropriate site could be found, when all the circumstances connected with the building are taken into consideration. Containing, as it hereafter will, a most valuable library, and a large number of expensive instruments, it was necessary to place it at a distance from the large wooden buildings at present standing, as a precaution against the contingency of fire. The rear of the College and the Professors' houses, which presented some advantages, was deemed, after mature consideration, equally unsuitable with any site close to them, because of the unseemly access through the stables, sheds, and outhouses belonging to the establishment, and which could not be removed nor altered except at enormous expense. It was, moreover, thought needful that the building should be in such a position as to be always under observation, which it would not be on the ground behind the College, inasmuch as the rooms chiefly inhabited through the day are those looking eastward and southward, *i. e.*, towards the site selected. The committee, moreover, hoped that at some future day the corresponding site in the opposite field would be selected on which to erect a chapel, and thus give the appearance of a unity of design in the placing of the various buildings connected with the Institution. If this were kept in mind, the false view—that the Hall was built on a site without any prospective purpose—would be removed; and the committee are satisfied that those who live to see an equally handsome structure on the ground at the other end of the College, and at the same distance from the front, will pronounce their judgment, which resolved on the site now chosen, as sound.