

by 63 feet. The height of the building from ground to the roof is 53 feet, and from the centre of the northern front rise a tower and vane, the top of which is 100 feet from the ground. The Basement, extending under the whole building, will be occupied by laboratory, lavatories, furnace rooms, etc. On the first floor there will be three vestibules. Principals' room, library, apparatus room, cloak rooms, practice room, and class room. On the second floor, the main building will be divided into class rooms and teachers' private rooms; whilst the whole of the wing will be devoted to the Hall or Lecture Room. The Building will accommodate about 200 students.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE.

The Commissioners having requested Governor Archibald to lay the Corner Stone of the new Building, His Honor, with their concurrence invited Col. J. W. Laurie, Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia to perform the work with Masonic ceremonies. The invitation was accepted and the event took place on Saturday, July 7th, 1877. A large assemblage of persons witnessed the ceremony. There were also present on the occasion His Honor Governor Archibald, C. M. G.; Vice Admiral Sir A. Cooper Key; Sir Robert Laffan, Governor of Bermuda; Sir William Young, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia; Hon. P. C. Hill, Provincial Secretary; Hon. Robert Robertson, Commissioner of Mines and Works; Rev. Geo. W. Hill, D. C. L., Chancellor of the University of Halifax; Rev. A. S. Hunt, M. A., Superintendent of Education; Hon. A. McN. Cochran, M. L. C., the Commissioners of the New Building; J. B. Calkin, M. A., Principal of the Normal School, the Clergymen and most of the prominent men of Truro.

There were present about two hundred Free Masons from Halifax, Truro, Great Village, Acadian Mines, Amherst, and Stellarton. The officiating officers of the craft were Col. J. W. Laurie, G. M. of the A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia; Dr. A. C. Page, acting Deputy Grand Master; Dr. A. H. Woodill, S. G. W.; James Hudson, Esq., J. G. W.; Dr. B. Curren, G. S.; A. G. Hesslein, Acting Grand Treasurer; Rev. Canon Townshend, M. A. and Rev. C. Bowman, Grand Chaplains: Luther Archibald, Esq. and T. Cook, Esq., Grand Deacons; Hon. Wm. Ross and James Martin, Esq., Bible Bearers; Dr. Kerr, Constitution Bearer; members of North Star Lodge, Banner Bearers; John Overy, Esq., Pursuivant; Lewis Wier, Grand Sword Bearer; and J. E. Taylor, Esq., Grand Tyler.