

this matter by forwarding donations of books, magazines and periodicals of which they may have duplicate copies. Access to good books, will no doubt foster a taste for reading in our pupils, especially in the long winter evenings, when intellectual recreation is largely sought after, and this desire should be encouraged as far as possible.

The deaf learn a great deal from objects, and receive impressions principally through the eye. Illustrative apparatus becomes an important factor in conveying instruction to their minds. A first-class stereopticon, to aid in lectures and illustrate travel, history, botany, etc., would appeal plainly to the eye and be an invaluable means of instruction.

A powerful microscope would also be very useful. Specimens of natural history, especially birds, insects, shells, vegetable products, geological specimens, etc., to form the nucleus of a small collection, would also be a powerful aid in illustrating daily lessons.

#### Our New Building.

I gave a short description in last year's Report of the New Building then in course of erection, and also briefly described the site and grounds, indicating the repairs, alterations and improvements which it would be necessary to make in the near future.

The building is now nearly completed, and when it has been taken from the contractor's hands, preparations will at once be made to furnish it and prepare it for occupation. Its general appearance is pleasing and attractive, and fully equals our expectations. Visitors exclaim, "What a fine building, and how convenient it is in every respect! Its size and commanding position make it one of the most prominent objects on the river.

The interior has been finished throughout in a good and workmanlike manner. The main hall is 36 ft. by 12 ft. from which a handsome staircase, with novel pillars and rail stained walnut, and stained ash banisters, leads to the third story. On the right of this hall are the reception room, office, library and principal's dining room. On the left are the parlor, lady teacher's sitting room, and girls' sitting room.