

The committee, after a good deal of thought, determined on a plan drawn by Mr. Stirling, of the firm of Hay & Stirling, Architects. The foundation was completed and covered in during the autumn of 1861, and in the following spring the work of building commenced. It was not so vigorously prosecuted as the committee wished, but various reasons were assigned by the contractor, Mr. George Lang, which were accepted as sufficiently solid for excuse. The difficulties named by Mr. Lang, which were chiefly the irregular arrivals of stone, caused it to be very late in the autumn, indeed running into the winter season before the building was shut up—in some respects still incomplete, according to the terms of specification. During the winter it was reported formally to the committee by one of their number resident at College, that signs of settling were showing themselves, and that two seams had opened in one of the walls. The committee immediately engaged the services of a civil engineer, Mr. W. Tremaine, authorizing him to employ a master mason accustomed to practical masonry, who should accompany him and repair to Windsor, examine the building and report fully thereon. The committee received Mr. Tremaine's report, which fully described the nature of the injury sustained by the settling of the building, and stating the cause thereof, also advising the building of a tower as a support to the wall, and stating as his opinion, that if this were done no further injury would accrue, and that the present seams could readily be repaired.

On the first leaving the ground the committee again sent Mr. Tremaine to make a further survey of the building and report thereon. This he did, and this report as well as the first were both sent to Mr. Lang, with a letter requiring him to attend to the faults and failures therein mentioned. These are still being attended to, and though not yet all satisfactory, the committee have no doubt they will soon be so.

The committee have the great pleasure of announcing to the Alumni that Mr. Edward Binney, with his usual munificence, offered to build a tower to the Hall, at his own expense. This most liberal gift, proffered by that constant benefactor to the College, was thankfully received, and the committee felt that they would be acting in accordance with the judgment and feelings of every Alumnus of the College, in requesting the generous donor to allow them to call it "The Binney Tower," and to have his "Coat of Arms" sculptured, and placed over the door.

The committee wish to let the Alumni know that they also are indebted to the valuable counsel of Mr. James Tremain, who at his own expense repaired to Windsor, in the autumn, to look at the work which was then done, and reported to them his opinion of the same. They set so much value on Mr. Tremain's practical knowledge and business habits, that they have since invited him to become a member of the committee—an office which they are happy to say he has been kind enough to accept.

In reference to finance, the committee report that the subscription list