has to the preservation of the valuable building and Library committed to his charge. The committee learned that it was supposed that the Chemical and Philosophical apparatus, and the Cabinets of Minerals were somewhere in this building; but for reasons heretofore given, they are unable to speak with certainty. No estimate for repairs was made

West of this and occupying the most prominent position among the group, is the "South building." Its dimensions are 50×116 feet, and is three stories high, with an attic and belfry. It has 24 dormitories 16×18 feet, 2. about 12×15. 2 recitation rooms 28×36, and 3. 20×30. One of these rooms, on the second floor was open – evidently opened by a key – and some valuable instruments belonging to the Engineering Department as well as the Philosophical, expose to damage and removal. The opposite room on the North side, once used as a recitation for Mathematics, was locked. The committee saw, however, that the clocks were standing as they formerly did. This building needs extensive repairs to the doors, windows and plastering. The roof is in worse condition than any of those which are covered with tin, and will need a considerable outlay to render it protective to the interior of the building. The Old Dialectic Hall on the third floor, is remarkably well preserved, especially in the overhead plastering, where the gilded name of the Society and its motto look as fresh and bright as they did more than forty years ago. On the whole, the edifice presents a sad appearance, especially to those whose memories carry them back over a space of thirty years, when Swain was President, and Mitchell, Phillips, Green, Hooper and Fetter occupied Professors chairs, and gave the students the benefits of their learning within hallowed walls. Mr Utley's estimate is $800.

The last building which the Committee describes is "Gerard Hall," or the "New Chapel," which stands west of the "South building" and south of the "Old West" It is 45 feet by 64, with two doors and a gallery. It is covered with shingles which are in a state of decay, having been in use for nearly or quite forty years. This roof needs immediate attention. Here too some damage has happened to the overhead plastering by defects in the covering, and the sash need glazing to a considerable extent. Mr Utley's estimate, including a new roof, $ 375.

All of the foregoing buildings are of brick, and, except Gerard Hall, covered with tin

The estimates above are those made by Mr. Utley who though a mechanic of much experience has, in the opinion of the committee, greatly underestimated the expense which it

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