The Building Committee by leave to make the following report:

The Committee began their labor in October 1847. At that time, the Society ordered 2 tables, 2 tables, 2 long chairs, 12 stools. The Society mentioned no particular number of which they wanted these articles made, nor any price which they would have them cost. With the usual license, the Committee went to Mr. Derr, an almoner, who had kindly consented to act as the agent of the Society, placed the orders in his hands, and received a letter in reply, in which, among other things, he said, that the orders for the furniture would be immediately put in hand. The correspondence with him ceased for that term, and was renewed at the beginning of this. By reference to our correspondence with him, it will be seen what advice we have followed in the selection of the present repairs. We extract of that portion which is essential to this report. The Society, meeting in Feb., determined to get polished and silk cloth, and, besides these, to make no further purchases this year. The Committee were left without any instructions as to the selection of the silk cloth, as they were left with respect to the furniture of last repair. According the word of the almoner, leaving the selection entirely to his discretion.

We consider the cloth both for the library and the Debating Room, making a difference in the quality, because we thought those for the library would be sewn.

The Committee have the pleasure to state that the chairs, tables, stools, chairs and ottomans, have arrived, are in almost perfect safety. The silk and silk cloth are already expected, since we have heard of their arrival in every store. The Committee have examined with much care all the articles of furniture which have reached us, and cannot but express the opinion that it is all very good taste and is peculiarly adapted to the use and ornament of a library. We regret that any error be dissatisfaction with it. But the Committee beg leave to state, that whatever be the faults which may be found in it, the Committee are responsible for none of them. Nor can any agent, the almoner, be in any wise held responsible. We, who the Committee, was not without instructions, for