The Committee are to consider, whether they may not be the present circumstance, look to the retention or their next contract for the amount of as much of it for their own use, as may enable the purpose of a laboratory for some time.

Mr. Armstrong in a letter to Mr. Hitchcock has mentioned the specific sum of 700 dollars as competent to the purchase of such apparatus as will be sufficient for his experiments, for the illustration of a course of lectures. He has had an opportunity of seeing in Europe by a gentleman of whose skill as a chemist, and of whose fidelity he can rely, for procuring such parts of apparatus as cannot be as well obtained in this country. As such a service must not benevolence occurs, he concludes to furnish the necessary funds from his own purse, calculating upon the appropriation of this Committee.

He did not state, as I understand from Mr. Hitchcock, the sum he should want, probably it might be 100 dollars. This however, I mention merely for your information, and not because Mr. Armstrong lets us know that he expects any remittance from the Committee on this account.

Mr. Hamilton Jones, a member of the present senior class, will appear by the Faculty, after an examination for a lectureship, which is to become