The Architectural, Geological, and Mineralogical Departments will probably be on the second floor; but the exact size and arrangement of the rooms have not been decided upon.

On the main floor, with an entrance direct from Newbury Street, will be a hall, seating between three hundred and four hundred persons. A hall of this size has long been needed at the Institute, where for many purposes Huntington Hall has been found too large, and Room Four not large enough.

There will also be, probably on the first floor, a large library and reading-room, open to students of all departments.

The three main features of the Institute as originally founded were, a Society of Arts, a School of Industrial Science, and a Museum of Arts. The former two, as all know, have an existence; the latter, so far, has existed only by name, as there has been no room for the specimens contributed to be placed in a separate hall. In the new building there will be one or more rooms devoted to this Museum, the nucleus of which is now scattered over the old building.

In a later edition, as soon as the drawings have been decided upon, we hope to give sketches of the plans and elevations, in connection with a more detailed account of the new building.

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