THE VASSAR HOSPITAL.

WORK ON THE BUILDING COMMENCED—ITS
PRINCIPAL FEATURES OUTLINED.

POUGHEEPSIE, May 26.—When the will
of the late Matthew Vassar was admitted to pro-
bate the fact was made known that he had left a
large sum of money for the erection and endow-
ment of a "hospital in this city to be called Vass-
ar Brothers' Hospital," on condition that his
surviving brother, John Guy Vassar, should con-
tribute an equal sum. He also made the hospital
the residuary legatee of his estate.

Since that time Mr. John Guy Vassar has not
only fulfilled the condition named, but has taken
an active interest in the matter, and it is mainly
through his exertions that the enterprise has
been brought so near to a realization. What the
exact amount will be which is placed at the
disposal of the hospital is not stated, and
probably is not yet known. It will, however,
be sufficient to erect very handsome and extensive
buildings and so endow them that their useful-
ness in the future is assured beyond a doubt.

During the last season the Trustees pur-
blished a blank in the south-west corner of the
city bounded by Livingston, Prospect-street, Liv-
ings-ton-street, and Reade-place. The grounds
comprise several acres, slightly rolling, but
with good soil, and the building, which will rise
two stories above the foundation, over looks the
railroad and the water, and furnishes a commanding and beautiful site.

The plan for the hospital has been long under
consideration, and the site having been selected,
hopes have been entertained that within the next
seven months, work will be commenced.

The building is to be of brick, trimmed with
term cotta and molded brick, with stone water-
table, sills, and lintels. It consists of three princi-
pal stories, with an attic, and two stories, of
which there are in the centre and two pavilions on either side. These are
each two stories in height, with high slate roofs,
slightly inclined, and the whole building sur-
rounds a spacious veranda in front. This building
will stand near the front of the bluff above spoken of,
and be 150 feet long, and 40 feet broad, and the
extreme depth from the south side to the
administrative building to the rear of the pavilions
is nearly 120 feet. The administrative build-
ing, which occupies the centre of the building, is
48 feet by 40 feet, and contains a kitchen, laundry,
and, &c., and is the water-table being
on the same floor as the hospital, has a vestibule to a short hall, running back to the
main corridor, which is divided into the long
rooms of the resident physicians: on the left,
in front, the board room, and back of that the
dispensary. Across the corridor, occupying
the upper floor, is the dispensing room; it is a
large semi-circular apartment, well lighted on all sides and by
skylight above. The second story of this build-
ing is occupied by bed-rooms, and a portion
will be left unfinisbed. The corridors leading from this story to the ground floor are 12 feet high, 23
feet long, with a veranda 10 feet in width in front
for the use of convalescent patients. The
pavilions are alike, and each is composed of two
parts. In front are situated the dining-rooms,
sitting-rooms, and nurses rooms, and this portion
is 38 by 21 feet. Each of these are
for patients, 28 by 20, the main rooms being each 30 by 45 inside, with closets,
other, &c., in the rear. The second floor of
the main building, which is the same as the second
floor of the pavilion, is 63 feet in length, of
the dimensions named above. Across the front
of the building, at the south end, is the
legend, "Vassar Brothers' Hospital. Erected A.D. 1884." The interior wood-work is to be
wainscoted in white pine, the walls to be of
to be of yellow pine, and the walls will be plastered with a sand finish at the sides and hard finish
overhead. Withers & Co., New York, are the
architects.