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The Trustees of the Western University of Pennsylvania at Pittsburgh, respectfully represent to the Library Society of the City of Philadelphia, that in the disastrous conflagration of a large portion of this city on the 10th of April 1845, the University edifice was entirely consumed with all its contents, including a new and valuable Philosophical and Chemical apparatus, an extensive Geological Cabinet embracing the triplicate collection of the Geological Survey of the Commonwealth, and the entire Library of the Institution. The funds of the Trustees, which were of limited amount, have all been expended in the erection and furnishing of a new edifice for the accommodation of the Professors and students. By the liberality of their immediate fellow citizens they have been enabled to replace, in addition, the Philosophical and Chemical apparatus. But they are unable, without other and extraneous aid, to restore the Library. The existing financial condition of the Commonwealth, precludes any hope of receiving assistance from the Legislature. Under these circumstances the Trustees are constrained to appeal to the Several Literary Institutions in the city of Philadelphia, for assistance in the premises, and they respectfully solicit from the Library Society of the City of Philadelphia, among