

be necessary to enable them to act as trustees under the will of the late Dr. James Rush, according to the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, approved on the 23d day of February, 1870, entitled 'An act relative to the Ridgway Branch of the Philadelphia Library.'

2. "So long as the Library Company shall act as such trustees, they shall do so under the following limitations and conditions:—

*a.* "Not more than one-fourth of the directors of the library shall belong to any one of the three learned professions of law, theology or medicine; but this shall not operate so as to exclude from re-election any of those who were members of the board at the time of the death of the said Dr. James Rush.

*b.* "The number of shares in the library shall be limited to those actually issued at the time of the death of Dr. Rush; but the managers, by their by-laws, shall have the authority to allow any respectable persons, depositing an amount, and paying an annual sum to be fixed by the board of managers, to have the full and free use of the library, as completely as if they were shareholders.

*c.* "The library shall not connect themselves with any other body, corporate or politic."

XVII. These amendments were subsequently, by decree of the Court of Common Pleas aforesaid, made part of the charter of the company.

XVIII. The said act of Assembly and the amendments of the said charter were necessary in order to enable the said company to effectually accept the provisions of the will and conditions attached by the testator to his gift, as your orators were advised that such acceptance and consequent modifications of the charter of the company could not be made by the mere vote of the shareholders.

