

EXHIBIT A.

To the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Library Company,

GENTLEMEN:—By the will of Dr. James Rush (a copy of which I enclose), it is provided as follows concerning his residuary estate:—

“And upon this further trust, so soon as this building is completed and ready for occupation, then in trust to convey the same, with the lot of ground whereon it is erected, unto ‘The Library Company of Philadelphia aforesaid and their successors, for the uses and purposes of their library, and for no other use or purpose whatever,’ subject to certain trusts, conditions, provisoes and restrictions as are therein set forth.”

As some time may be required for the proceedings which will be necessary to entitle your corporation to receive said conveyance, if you elect to accept under the will the devises and bequests in your favor, subject to the conditions, &c., imposed, it may be well for you to know that in the latter part of the coming month the building erected in pursuance of the directions of the will will be completed and ready for occupation.

At that time, if I am advised by counsel that everything has done by you necessary under the will, and am informed that you desire to receive said building and a conveyance of the residuary estate, I will be prepared to do what is required of me under the will.

I am now preparing an account of my administration under the will, which will shortly be filed with the Register of Wills. It will show that I have substantially used all the personal property and the proceeds of the real estate which I have converted, in discharging the duties imposed upon me.

In addition to this, certain ground-rents still unsold will be required to pay what is due for the construction of the library building.

