

complainants in the 25th page of their bill, by which it will appear, that if I expend, as I would be compelled, an additional amount of \$140,000 in the purchase of a different site, I would have but \$550,000 left, and if required to set apart for their use, as they seem to demand, an additional sum of \$200,000, I could erect no fitting monument to the testator's wife and her father, and no building in accordance with my views or those which Dr. Rush has expressed to me. Neither the Company nor the Court can interfere with me in the selection of a site without cramping me in the matter of the building, over which I have a control that I believe has not been questioned.

The site which I have selected is within easy reach of all parts of the city. South of it is an immense population which is annually increasing, and, in the opinion of many—an opinion in which I join—this portion of Broad Street will ultimately be filled with magnificent residences. The facilities afforded by passenger railways are such, that to those north of it who may wish to use the library, a ride of a few squares additional will make no difference in cost and but little in time. The cars of the Tenth and Eleventh Streets line run within two squares, those of the Twelfth Street within one square, and those of the Thirteenth and Fifteenth Streets and Union lines along or around the lot. The latter also carry passengers without extra charge to the Navy Yard, Twenty-third Street, Fairmount, Richmond, and Kensington. It is equidistant with Buttonwood Street—in all less than four-fifths of a mile—from the street which is the very centre of the city, Chestnut Street, and below which a very large number of stockholders reside. It is nearer to Broad and Walnut Streets than is the present library building. It is but 930 yards south of the lot on Locust Street which complainants have recently bought, and distant from it, by car, five minutes, and by rapid walking six minutes. The city through which the 900 stockholders are scattered is sixty miles in circumference.

The great size of this lot will always protect the library from the noise and bustle of the more crowded portions of the city, and from all danger from fires or nuisances in its neighborhood.

Many of the libraries and museums of Europe are further

