

## EXHIBIT No. 8.

[Meeting of the Directors, January 6, 1870.]

"A letter from Henry J. Williams, Esq., having been read, tendering his resignation as a member of this Board, the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:--

"*Resolved*, That the Board have heard with great regret Mr. Williams' intention of resigning, and that in view of their great esteem and regard for him, and from their grateful remembrance of the highly important and valuable services he has rendered to the institution, they desire that he will reconsider his purpose of leaving the Board with which he has been so long associated, and gratify them by withdrawing his letter of resignation.

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary communicate the above to Mr. Williams."

## EXHIBIT No. 30.

*Mr. Williams to Mr. Whitman.*

MY DEAR MR. WHITMAN:—I have received the resolution of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Library Company, which you were good enough to send me, and beg leave to express my grateful thanks for the kind expressions it contains. I came to the conclusion that it would be better for me to leave the Board, after careful and deliberate consideration, and I still adhere to that opinion. There are so many doubts, differences, and difficulties among the members, in relation to the bequest of Dr. Rush, its extent, construction, and value, that my presence would only render discussion embarrassing to the Board, and therefore far from agreeable to myself; besides, I learn from the public prints that the shareholders rejected a resolution directing a copy of their acceptance of Dr. Rush's bequest, with an acknowledgment of their high appre-

