

THE RIDGWAY BRANCH  
OF THE  
PHILADELPHIA LIBRARY.  
A MONUMENT TO THE MEMORY OF  
JACOB RIDGWAY  
AND OF HIS DAUGHTER  
MRS. PHÆBE ANNE RUSH."

He also provided, as he hoped, against unseemly litigation, by the following clause:—

"And I further will and direct that if any of the devisees or legatees or annuitants herein named shall attempt, themselves, or aid, assist, or encourage others to question, dispute, litigate, or object to the validity or effect of any part or portion of my will, or any codicil thereto, or of any gift or devise therein mentioned, then, and in that case, all the clauses in my said will or any codicil thereto conferring any benefit upon the person or persons aforesaid shall stand and be revoked and annulled, and the same shall be paid and given over to the said Library Company."

From his relatives, whose natural claims were ignored, no word of complaint has ever been heard in the courts. All opposition has originated in the "House of his Friends."

Mr. Williams was the companion of Dr. Rush during the last days of his existence; had been his intimate friend for nearly half a century; was his kinsman and professional adviser, and possessed his entire confidence.

The Library Company of Philadelphia are a private corporation. If they decline to accept Dr. Rush's bequest, it will go to the erection and endowment of a PUBLIC LIBRARY.

They own a magnificent collection of rare and valuable books, aggregating upwards of 95,000 volumes. For

