

are to be found in it which could never be replaced.

The disposable funds of the Company are very small, in fact, not sufficient to defray the necessary Expenses of the Library and to purchase all such modern Works as would be desirable. They for many years past have been, and must continue to be annually applied to these purposes, but still they are insufficient to enlarge the Collection as rapidly as several of the Libraries of other Cities. From this source therefore the Directors cannot derive any assistance.

Under these circumstances, the Directors have determined to appeal to the liberality of their fellow-citizens to aid them in procuring means for the erection of a *Fire Proof Building* upon the present or any other convenient site, in which these Literary treasures may repose in security; and thereby afford evidence that Philadelphia is not unmindful of their value, nor indifferent to their security.

It is proposed that all Subscriptions and donations which may be received shall be deposited and invested to the credit of "The Building Fund" until they amount to a sum fully adequate to erect a fire proof building, without incurring any debt. This fund will be kept separate and distinct and held in Trust for this object only.

Subscriptions will not be binding until the sum of Twenty Thousand dollars is subscribed.