forthwith applied to and obtained from the legislature authority to amend the charter of the company, so far as might be necessary to enable them to act as trustees under Dr. Rush's will, with the proviso "that the real and personal estate of the company, including such books, pictures, statues, and other works of literature and art as now are or shall hereafter be held by them in their own right, or on any other or different trusts, shall be in no wise affected thereby, but shall remain and be under their own entire and exclusive control and disposition."

This qualification was necessary, for if, as some feared, and the fear has so far been justified, the income of so much of the residuary estate of Dr. Rush as might remain after the erection of the proposed building would at times be insufficient for its current expenses, the slender means of the Library Company ought not to be taken to make good the deficiency; and as respects property held on other or different trusts, such as that of the Loganian Library, it would be obviously improper to permit it to be merged in one common liability. Nor, as the event has shown, was this in conflict with the intentions of Dr. Rush; nor did it deprive the company of any benefit which they could have otherwise secured under his will.

The act itself was adopted unanimously by the members at a general meeting, and the subsequent conveyance of the Ridgway Library building, and of the remaining part of Dr. Rush's estate, was in effect subject to its provisions.

The act also solves a difficulty which weighed with many at first, the inconvenience of the location chosen for the Ridgway Branch Library. The controversy to which this gave rise may well be buried in the past. Whether the ultimate decision was right or wrong, it

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