

popular demand. On the other hand, there could be placed, temporarily or permanently, in the new library building, books better fitted to a circulating library in the ordinary sense,—which in fact the company began with, and thus restoring its primitive simplicity,—such as recent histories, travels, biography, periodicals, works of art and fiction. These seem to be less appropriate to Dr. Rush's scheme, though not excluded by it. It would be further desirable to retain, in the interest of the public, a class of works which are constantly in requisition in the courts, and by persons connected with public bodies or newspapers, for whom the building at Broad and Christian streets would, for practical purposes, be inaccessible. This return we owe to the liberal policy which has exempted our property from taxation. This class would comprehend common books of reference, congressional and state documents, newspapers, maps, and documents of local importance. In this arrangement, the board will, however, be controlled by experience, and the preferences of the members. In a short time, it can be discovered by the statistics, what class of books, in the debateable ground between the extremes suggested, is most called for at each institution.

By this means there can be little doubt that the objections to the division of the books, which have been urged as well by some who would simply reject the gift of Dr. Rush, as by some who would accept it without reserve, can be removed, and the wishes of a majority of the members met.

This being the plan of division which will probably be adopted, it remains to state in general how the new Library is to be worked.

1. There will be a spacious reading-room, well warmed and ventilated, and properly furnished.