In their last report, the Directors called attention to the Manuscript Department of the libraries, commenced by the acquisition of the collection of papers of the late Dr. James Rush, and our former Librarian and Treasurer John Jay Smith, Esq. These are of great value, and have been arranged by Mr. W. H. B. Thomas, in a way which has quite justified the belief expressed by the Directors in their last report. It is hoped that the care which is given to this department will justify its increase by other contributions.

Since the removal of the Library to Locust street, it has not been the custom to close the Locust street building in the summer. This year, owing to repairs which are required on the main floor, it is found absolutely necessary to close the Library for the month of August.

By order of the Board.

GEORGE HARRISON FISHER.

Secretary.

