

opinion, they have so accepted it, if one construction of Dr. Rush's will is correct.

Q. The construction you have put upon it, you refer to?

A. I have not referred to any construction in particular. From the beginning, and as soon as Dr. Rush's will could be intelligently read, two questions of a serious character to the interests of the Library arose upon its construction. One was, whether the whole of Dr. Rush's residuary estate, after setting apart a sufficient part for the annuities and legacies, and for the publication of his books, was to be spent in the erection of a fire-proof building. If so, there would be no immediate adequate fund for the maintenance of the institution. The other was, whether the whole collection of the Library, assuming the building to be built at the corner of Broad and Christian Streets, would have to be removed there, or whether a portion of it could be retained at its present location, or in some one more convenient for ordinary use by the stockholders. The Directors were very anxious to have these questions settled as soon as possible, but have not yet been able to have it done authoritatively. I myself was in hopes that an arrangement could be made by which a portion of the books which belonged to it in its character as a circulating library could be so retained, but had doubts whether it was authorized by the will. Others thought differently.

Q. What was the date of the purchase of the Juniper Street lot?

A. It was bought in two parcels, and I cannot fix the date of the purchase of either. One was bought from John Rice.

Q. Those lots were purchased with what fund?

A. The Building Fund.

Q. And cost how much?

A. About seventy thousand dollars, altogether.

Q. The Building Fund amounted to about how much?

A. About \$90,000.

Q. Of this fund how much came from Joseph Fisher's estate?

