

But if, on the contrary, the new building should be placed so far from the mass of the readers of the Library as to require for their convenience a subsidiary Library building in a central situation, the necessary increase of expenses might present a serious difficulty in conforming to the wishes of Dr. Rush.

These considerations only have, we believe, caused any embarrassment to the Library Company, and not at all any want of appreciation of the munificence of the bequest or of the generosity of the testator.

We are thus again brought to the question of site, which is indeed the only one that presents any real difficulty. For if, with your concurrence, a site of the dimensions and within the limits prescribed by the original will of Dr. Rush could be selected, we believe that the Library Company would cheerfully accept all the conditions of the will and codicils, and, if necessary, contribute towards the purchase of such a site any excess of cost beyond the \$130,000, the value of the lot on which you propose placing the building.

With the object of ascertaining whether any plan can be adopted leading to an harmonious concert of action between the Library Company and yourself in the solution of this sole point of difference, we respectfully ask your reply to the following inquiries:—

First. Would you be disposed to change the site proposed by you for the Library building, for another of the dimensions and within the limits prescribed by Dr. Rush in his original will, provided that you could be satisfied, in the most certain and unequivocal manner, that the great majority of the members of the Library Company are opposed to the proposed site, on the ground of its being alike inconvenient to themselves and to such of the public as may desire to avail themselves of the use of the Library?

Second. Would you be willing to abandon the proposed site and adopt one of the dimensions and within the limits proposed by Dr. Rush in his original will, if the Library Company or its friends would contribute from their