

The principal objection to the acceptance of the legacy arises from the proposed site of the "Ridgway Branch" of the Library. It is true that the Committee would have preferred a more central site for the building. But the Executor of Dr. Rush, both from the expressed wishes of the testator during his life, as well as from his own judgment of the suitability of the selected site, is indisposed to change it. The Committee did not enter into the consideration, whether the proposed site, situated as it is on the finest avenue of Philadelphia, might not at an early future be surrounded with the finest public and private structures, and thus become most eligible; because a simple solution of the difficulty presented itself. This was to keep up and maintain our present Library on its present site, retaining in it all books of general circulation; transferring to the Ridgway Branch only such works as are sought for by students and profounder scholars; and, if necessary, erecting a fire-proof building on our present, or some equally convenient, site, for the reception and distribution of works of general circulation.

Among the other objections to the legacy is one that the Library Company of Philadelphia cannot, consistently with the will of Dr. Rush, retain any portion of their books in their present building. None of the objections taken seem to us more unsound than this. The Library Company of Philadelphia, its property and estate, are totally different things from the "Ridgway Branch of the Philadelphia Library." Dr. Rush distinctly provides for their always being kept separate and apart. The accounts of the "Ridgway Branch of the Library Company of Philadelphia" are by the will to be kept separate and distinct from "all other accounts of said Library Company." The books to be purchased for it are to be of solid literary character. In the clause providing for the change of trustees, in case of abuse of the trust, the books and furniture belonging to the Ridgway Branch of the Library are, together with the other estate, to be transferred to the new trustee. Without keep-

