it has done so on terms which substantially preserve the identity of the old institution, and enable it to use for the public good the property thus confided to it without imperilling that which has come to it from other sources. In accordance with that decree, a deed of trust, which was carefully examined and unanimously approved and accepted by the Board has been executed to the Company, a copy of which is herewith submitted. It will be seen that this deed conveys not only the building in Broad Street, but also the residuary estate of the late Dr. James Rush which constitutes the endowment fund of the Ridgway Branch. This endowment consists of Real Estate valued at $300,000 yielding a gross income of nearly $30,000.— and a net income after paying taxes, repairs and expenses, of over $18.000. It is charged with the payment of annuities amounting to $5.680, but it is estimated that even now after defraying the necessary expenses of the Ridgway Branch, a considerable yearly sum will be left for the purchase of books.—

Another gratifying fact which the Board are able to communicate at the present time and one which removes the principal objection heretofore felt to the acceptance of Dr. Rush's gift is that the Supreme Court has recently decided that so much of the Company's property as is actually used for library purposes is exempt from taxation.

In the mean time the present library building has become so crowded, that there is little or no further shelf room available for the storage of books. Immediate relief from this embarassment will be afforded by the use of the Ridgway Branch, into which the Directors propose