

or three in favor of acceptance. About 20 of the members who had given these proxies appeared in person, or by new proxies to third parties, so that there were some six or seven of those respecting which I had instructions, which, just before the closing of the poll, had not been voted on at all. As these members, two of whom were in California, were evidently depending on me to cast their votes, I polled them as follows:—

On the first Resolution all Aye.

“ second “ “ Aye.

“ third “ “ No.

“ fourth “ “ Aye.

“ fifth “ “ No.

The next morning, on examining my proxies, I found I had overlooked the private mark on one of them (that of Mrs. Gill), and had voted it *Aye* instead of *No*, on the first Resolution. This error made the apparent majority on the first Resolution five, instead of three, as it ought to have been.

LLOYD P. SMITH.

Affirmed and subscribed before me,

RICHARD S. HUNTER, *Examiner*.

HENRY WHARTON, affirmed.

Q. Are you one of the Directors of the Philadelphia Library, and how long have you been so?

A. I am, and have been so since the year 1862.

Q. Please state to the Examiner any conversation at which Mr. Williams was present with respect to the selection of a lot whereon to erect a building for a fire-proof library.

A. I did have such a conversation with Mr. Williams, and in order to explain what the conversation was, it will be necessary for me to state what had occurred previous to that conversation. We had been for a long time desirous to erect a new and fire-proof building for the Library Com-

