

before, that I don't recollect a single instance in which the Ayes and Noes were called upon any resolution or proposal which came before the Board. It was always understood that if there were no objections to a proposal or a resolution, and that the members seemed by their countenances or their silence to approve it, it was considered as passed, and so recorded. That is the action, the only mode of action, which has prevailed in the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Library since I became their Secretary, and I think for a long time before.

Q. You find no minutes among those of June, 1869, concerning the testamentary gifts by parol concerning which you testified at the last meeting?

A. None.

Q. Have you heard at any of the meetings either of atockholders or Directors, expressions of opinion by Mr. Williams as to the propriety of the site at Broad and Christian Streets for the erection of a library building?

A. I have.

Q. State what those expressions were, or their substance.

A. They were to the effect, that the lot was a large and eligible one, that he thought it would be as easy for the stockholders, or for a large majority of them, who would have to ride, as he thought, when they visited the Library, to go to Broad and Christian as it would to go to Broad and Walnut, or to any place that had been suggested as a central and convenient location for the Library. I remember his speaking of the several railroads, the Union, and the 13th and 15th, by which stockholders could reach the Library from any part of the city. He also said that this Library was to be built for all time, and that it might be in future as central as any location talked of. He gave various other reasons of that nature.

Q. Did you ever hear him express the slightest doubt as to the propriety of the site?

A. I don't recollect that I have.

