

general expression of opinion of those who so called upon me, and conferred with me, I considered warranted me in assuring Mr. Williams that any amount which would be required for change of site would be procured.

Q. Were figures of that magnitude ever suggested by anybody?

A. The prices at which these lots were reported to be held were pretty well known.

Q. Did any of the persons with whom you conversed express a willingness to make up the difference in the cost of the purchase of either the Deaf and Dumb or the depot lot?

A. There was no specific reference to the purchase of either of those properties, but the sites considered as those that would commend general approbation, were to be between Vine and South Streets and west of Fifth or Sixth Streets to the Schuylkill.

Q. Did you ever hear Mr. Williams express any doubt as to the Broad and Christian Street lot being the best site, in his judgment, for the Library building?

A. At the meeting in June, and in all my subsequent interviews with Mr. Williams, he expressed in the strongest possible way his conviction that the lot at Broad and Christian Streets, was the best possible site for the Library, one in which his own judgment concurred with that of Dr. Rush, and that he would not voluntarily consent to relinquish it as a site for the building.

Q. Can you say about how long the Library Company has been engaged in the work of raising its present Building Fund?

A. I cannot speak positively, but I think it must be over twenty years since the effort was begun. It was a very long time. I made a subscription to it when it was started. It must be about twenty years.

Re-examination.

Q. Assuming the lot at Broad and Pine Streets to be worth \$250,000, and that the lot at Broad and Christian Streets

