

(The witness desires to add as follows: In counting the votes after the election, I have a clear recollection that most of the tickets were voted aye on the first four resolutions, and no on the fifth, or else no on the first four resolutions, and aye on the fifth, and this facilitated very much the summing up of the votes.)

JAMES S. BIDDLE.

Sworn and subscribed before me,  
RICHARD S. HUNTER, *Examiner*.

Ninth Meeting, January 19, 1872.

*Present*—Messrs. RAWLE, JUNKIN, JOHNSON, and EXAMINER.

T. MORRIS PEROT, affirmed.

Q. Have you been actively connected with the Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia, and for how long?

A. I have been a Stockholder nearly thirty years, a Director the last eleven, President the last ten.

Q. When was the Mercantile Library established at the southeast corner of Fifth and Library Streets?

A. It was in 1845.

Q. When was it removed from there to its present location on the west side of Tenth Street below Market?

A. In July, 1869.

Q. Please state what circumstances influenced you in choosing the present site for that Library.

A. The main consideration in choosing the site was its convenience for the great bulk of the people. We considered Tenth and Chestnut Streets as more in the walks of the great majority of our Stockholders than any other walk we could select. In the opinion of the Directors, it is necessary, as

