

Q. Have you ever examined the lot in question in connection with the provision of Dr. Rush's will, with a view to forming an opinion as to its being a suitable location for the erection of the Library Building contemplated in that will?

A. I have not examined the lot with reference to that particular matter. I have examined the location, but not the lot.

Q. Have you examined the location in careful consideration of the provisions of that will?

A. It is some time since I read the will, and therefore I cannot say that I have examined it in such connection.

Q. Is not Broad Street the best one in the city for the display of architectural effects?

A. I think it is?

Q. Have you ever examined critically the catalogue of the Philadelphia Library with a view to ascertaining the nature and character of its collection of books?

A. I have examined the catalogue, not critically, but sufficiently, I think, to determine the character of the books. I have looked at the catalogue frequently during the last five or six years, but not critically for this purpose.

Q. How do the number of its books compare with that of the Mercantile Library?

A. The Philadelphia, I think, has from 15,000 to 20,000 more volumes than the Mercantile, which has 65,000 volumes.

Q. What proportion do the novels and works of a light and ephemeral character on the catalogue of the Philadelphia Library bear to the other works in it?

A. I cannot answer that question with any certainty. I should judge about five to eight per cent. It might be ten.

Q. What is the proportion of similar books in the Mercantile Library?

A. Twenty to twenty-five per cent., I should suppose.

Q. Are not the books in the Philadelphia Library, as a whole, of a higher order, scientific and otherwise, than those

