

half of its members;" "I know it to be out of the walks of the great majority of the present members"?

A. I did not say that I did not know the character of the use they made of the Philadelphia Library. Although I do not know personally who all its members are, still I think I have a general idea of their character and places of residence. My understanding has always been that the Philadelphia Library was more used by scholars than the Mercantile, consequently the proportion of standard works read was greater.

Q. Is it not much more important, in your opinion, that the location of the Mercantile Library should be what you have called a central location, with respect to the residences and places of business of your Stockholders, than in the case of the Philadelphia Library?

A. It think it is, but I think it important in any circulating library.

Q. Have you examined the will of Dr. Rush so as to form an opinion as to the character of the library he designed or desired in his will to have established?

A. I read the will just after his death and formed an opinion on the subject.

Q. What is your opinion?

(Objected to.)

A. My opinion formed at the time was that he desired a library for students particularly, and for reference.

Q. Such being your opinion, would it make any difference whether that library were located at Broad and Christian, or Broad and Locust?

A. I think Broad and Locust would be the best location even for a library of that description; but the Philadelphia Library being a circulating library as well as a library for reference, it certainly would be the best situation for it.

Q. The library designed by Dr. Rush being such as you have stated, would it make any practical difference in its usefulness whether it was located at Broad and Christian or Broad and Locust Streets?