

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

(Objected to as irrelevant.)

A. There were two prominent reasons which induced the Board to make that change; one was the improper accessibility (being on the second floor), but the other and most prominent, was a desire to get near the heart of the city in order to increase our usefulness and number of subscribers. In moving from Fifth and Library, we went with a stockholders' list of, I think, about 5000, and we have been enabled by our new location to advance our present list to about 12,000.

Q. For what reasons do you consider your present locality so desirable?

A. It brings us more intimately into connection with the better or reading public, the intelligent class of the community; the railroads centre in that direction, and our Library is more easily reached in the leisure hours of the day; we are more central and much easier of access; we have been much gratified by the change in that particular.

Q. What, in your opinion, would be the effect upon your institution of its removal to such a site as the corner of Broad and Christian Streets?

(Objected to as irrelevant and a matter of opinion, not evidence.)

A. Really, it would have so disastrous an effect upon the surroundings and prospects of the institution that I believe the Directors would resign. The population of Philadelphia now is tending so much to the west and northwest, especially that class to which we look for support, that I should consider it a matter perfectly suicidal to attempt to remove to that locality.

Q. Have you taken into consideration the fact that "the facilities afforded by passenger railways are such that to those north of that site who might wish to use the Library, a ride of a few squares additional will make no difference in cost and but little in time"?

