

A. I have; my experience is such that when business of the ordinary nature leads, people do not hesitate to surmount those difficulties; but those who frequent our Library are not led by such motives as a general thing, and would not go out of the ordinary current of travel to obtain a book.

Q. Are you acquainted with the character of the institution which is the complainant in this suit?

A. Yes, somewhat; it is a much closer institution than ours, so to speak; its membership is very small in comparison and of a very different class in the community, I think.

Q. Taking all these circumstances into consideration, what, in your opinion, would be the effect upon that institution of being placed at Broad and Christian Streets?

(Objected to.)

A. My feelings would lead me to speak somewhat comparatively on that question; my opinion is that it would to a very great extent ignore the use of the Library to its present members; it would be a very good location for a market house, but I should as soon think of one of our large and fashionable drygoods stores going there as a library; the surroundings are so different from what I should suppose the present members at least would desire for themselves and their families.

*Cross-examined.*

Q. Mr. Evans, what, in your opinion, would be the effect of removing the Mercantile Library Building down to Broad and Pine Streets?

A. There was some desire on the part of some of the Directors at the time the present location for our Library was selected, to procure a site on Broad Street between Spruce and Cherry, but after weighing the matter for some time, it was decided almost unanimously to locate at our present site.

Q. Then you think such a location would have been a good or a bad one?