

not decline to express their opinion, because their opinion was not asked for or invited.

*Cross-examined.*

Q. Mr. McCall, when did you leave this country, and when did you come back from Europe?

A. I went on the 15th of June, 1870, and returned on the 14th of August last.

Q. When was the last meeting of the Directors that you attended?

A. I think I have been at several meetings since my return.

P. McCALL.

Sworn and subscribed before me,

RICHARD S. HUNTER, *Examiner.*

Thirteenth Meeting, February 16, 1872.

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

GEORGE M. ABBOT, sworn.

Q. Are you in the employ of the Library Company? and if so, for how long have you been so?

A. I am, and have been so since 24th June, 1863, as Assistant Librarian.

Q. What is the number of its shareholders and members, and of its annual subscribers?

A. The number of shareholders is 969, and we have no annual subscribers. Persons take out books by leaving a deposit of double the value and paying a certain sum per week. I suppose fifty people use the Library in this way in the course of the year.

Q. Of those who frequent the Library, what portion do so for consultation and study as compared with those who take out books?