

(Objected to as leading.)

A. I mean the latter; it is not guesswork; it is what I judge from seeing people use the Library.

Q. Are there not tables and writing materials abundantly furnished on the lower floor of the Library for the convenience of students?

A. There are. (Objected to as leading.)

*Re-cross-examined.*

Q. The seats are benches without backs, are they not?

A. There are but two benches, and plenty of chairs.

GEO. MAURICE ABBOT.

Sworn and subscribed before me,

RICHARD S. HUNTER, *Examiner.*

Fourteenth Meeting, Friday, March 1, 1872.

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

*Lloyd P. Smith, Librarian, re-called.*

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

A. We keep no records of those numbers. It is a mere matter of estimate; but I should think about seven or eight per cent. come for purposes of reference to the Library.

Q. Can you state about how many come, day after day, for continuous study?

A. Very few, indeed. Year by year, I should say not more than one on an average is a regular student.

Q. Of those who come to take out books, what proportion are ladies?

A. I should think about one-third.

Q. Of the books which were taken out, what is the character of the greater portion thereof?