

his conversations and otherwise, up to the day of his decease?

A. Excellent in every particular, except as I have stated, rather slower in his conceptions and expressions. He had been a very rapid talker, but he became more measured and deliberate.

Q. It has been testified on behalf of complainants that you were appointed one of a committee of three to purchase a lot for the Library Company. State how you were appointed on that committee, and what you did as a member of it in the matter of examining sites and lots, and their suitability for the purposes for which you were appointed.

A. I speak from the record as to the time of appointment. It was on the 24th of April, 1869. Just before my appointment, Dr. Rush had said to me that he was very anxious to determine on what lot he should have the Library built, and desired me to find out the prices and the sizes of all attainable lots which I thought suitable for that purpose. This I think was just about the time of my appointment as a member of that committee. I set to work with a great deal of zeal to comply with Dr. Rush's wishes; walked all over the city almost, or that part of the city which I thought suitable for a Library, between the Schuylkill and Broad Street, and examined particularly all the lots on Broad Street between Vine and South. I reported the results of all these examinations to Dr. Rush and also to Mr. Wharton, as a member of the committee. Mr. Pratt, a real estate agent, heard that I was in pursuit of a lot for a public institution, and came to me, and through him I obtained information of the prices of all the Broad Street lots, of the Pennsylvania Railroad lot, with one exception, that of the Reading Railroad lot; that I obtained from Mr. Gowen. None of these lots suited the views of Mr. Wharton and myself, because of their prices, and the result of my interviews with Mr. Pratt is the letter given in evidence; and from the fact that the word *we* is

