

himself the necessity of copying what he supposed to be an immaterial matter, to omit the statement of that meeting altogether, and to report what had occurred at the meeting of the 10th, as having occurred at the meeting on the 24th. When the proof was given of the minutes, the fact that a written report had been made on the 10th was forgotten or not known; as, upon the search then made, no such paper was found. These are the facts, as I understand them to have been from instructions that I have had. They may be more or less incorrect. The facts as they really were will be proved in due course.

Q. Mr. Williams, please examine the paper referred to in the foregoing statement as having been read on the 10th June, 1869, and state your knowledge of its contents obtained prior to this day.

A. Mr. Johnson showed me this report this morning; I have read it and am as well satisfied as I can be in relation to anything dependent upon memory, that I never saw it and never heard of its contents before to-day.

Q. Were you present at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Library Company on the 10th of June, up to the time of its adjournment?

A. I left the Library Company on that evening to take the train which left Green Street a little after nine. The last train left at eleven, and this was the train before. I took that train from the Library and I left them in session. The meeting had not been a very pleasant one, and I got away as soon as I could. Our hour of meeting was certainly not later than seven, and I was there punctually at the time. I speak from my general habit, but I have no doubt, as the subjects to be discussed were important, that I was there punctually. I may also say that the occurrences of that meeting are strongly impressed upon my memory, because I felt so chagrined at the course which the Directors had taken.

Q. You were asked at the last meeting to say, whether you remembered stating at either of the Board meetings