

day," are also in my handwriting. The rest is in Mr. Smith's handwriting.

Q. At what time of the day was this meeting held?

A. It was held in the afternoon, I think. There is no note of it here; but at that season of the year we had no evening meetings, either regular or adjourned. I remember some meetings at 11 A.M. and some at 3 or 4 P.M., but our regular meetings were in the afternoon. This was an adjourned meeting I believe, as appears from the minutes, and was at 4 o'clock P.M. The heading is in Mr. Smith's handwriting.

Q. Please look at paper marked Exhibit 43, and say whether, according to the best of your recollection at this time, it is the Report to which you referred by the words "Mr. McCall reads Report of Committee."

(Objected to as leading.)

A. I think it is. I have no specific recollection of the whole Report. I cannot say that every word was read; but generally, I think it was the Report read at that time. Whether the meeting was at 12 M. or at 4 P.M. I cannot say, but it was not in the evening, I know.

Q. Was the Mr. Biddle whose name is written as present at that meeting, Col. Alexander Biddle, who has just been examined?

A. It was. He is the only Biddle who then belonged to the Board. I will say in addition, that my custom was at the next meeting always to read the minutes of the prior meeting. I have no doubt that I read the minutes of June 10 at the next meeting, on June 24, which was also an adjourned meeting.

*Cross-examined.*

Q. And that those minutes were then approved at the next meeting?

A. Yes, sir, sub-silenzio.

Q. Were the minutes so read and approved those in the blotter now before me, or those copied out into the regular Minute Book?

A. Those in the blotter now before you.