

LLOYD P. SMITH recalled.

Q. Being shown the Blotter, Exhibit No. 42, witness is asked "Please read the entry of the proceedings of the meeting held June 3, 1869." (Vide Exhibit 42.)

In whose handwriting are those entries made?

A. In my handwriting, with the exception of the names of the Directors present.

Q. Please turn to the next page, viz., the entries of the meeting of June 10, and state whether you remember the Report, therein stated to have been made by Mr. McCall, to have been read, and whether according to the best of your recollection at this time, this paper, Exhibit 43, is that report.

A. My recollection of Mr. McCall's reading this Report is indistinct. I have some recollection of it. It is clearly the Report to receive which this adjourned meeting was called, and I recollect some remarks by Mr. Williams at the Board, which I think were suggested by a passage in this Report. In the Report it is stated that in a certain case the heirs of Dr. Rush might claim that the gift was void. Now I recollect Mr. Williams saying at the Board, that if the Directors chose to suggest that there was any doubt of their right to the bequest, and that there was any chance that the heirs at law might obtain the property, he himself had no objection; that he thought the heirs had been rather hardly treated—or words to that effect.

Q. Did you draw the line of erasure in the blotter, and if so, for what reason?

A. In answer to that question I may say that the Report was never put into my hands as keeper of the blotter and of the fair copy of the minutes, and that there must have been some reason why it was not thought best to go upon the copy of the minutes. That reason I do not myself recollect, but I have understood from some of the Directors what it was.