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"At a Meeting of the Directors of the  
Library Company of Philadelphia held  
December 5<sup>th</sup> 1861:

The Secretary having announced  
the death of William Smith Esq, it  
was on motion unanimously

Resolved, That every member of this  
Board have felt deep and sincere re-  
gret at the loss of their fellow-Director,  
who for more than twenty-five years  
has been one of its most valuable  
members.

Mr Smith has passed a long, ac-  
tive and useful life in this communi-  
ty, where he was universally known  
and as universally respected.

He was a learned lawyer, an accom-  
plished scholar, a most courteous and  
agreeable companion, and in every respect  
a true gentleman.

His death has occasioned a void  
which cannot easily be filled."

Extract from the Minutes

W. E. Whitman  
Secretary.

