

The chairman Mr. Patterson explained the position and condition of the school and his views on the question, this latter I requested him to do, as it would influence probably a number of freeholders. — Father next spoke, then Dr. C. Schuster, and Geo. Clare all trustees. The last has been trying his best to have his furnaces introduced into the Cumberland building instead of the David Green's system of heating ventilating & closets. I was the first speaker called upon — I had written down my thoughts somewhat hurriedly last night — as I am pressed with other work — and not wishing to miss anything I had written I read my remarks. — A hearty applause greeted me when done. — Then Habschmidt spoke, followed by Shantz, Lude, Mulloy & Shepburn — all spoke in favor of the building. No one offered to speak in opposition — so I made a motion seconded by Habschmidt that the meeting heartily supports the building & the David Green's system &c. — This motion was carried by 39 to 2. I then got up & thanked those 39 in the name of the children of Preston for their support in behalf of the children. —

— I remained after the meeting and listened to the discussion of the trustees who went into session. — In the evening home called at J. Webster's for mail. —

Wednesday 20  
cloudy  
cool

Busy in office. In afternoon mail, I went in  
yell doing some shopping — distasteful to both of us.

Thursday 21  
cloudy  
cool

Busy in office. —

Friday 22  
fine  
mild, cloudy

In forenoon made a survey for J. L. O., in afternoon for Henry Jones  
and thereafter one of the Catholic Cemetery.

Saturday 23  
fine

Busy in office. I look off storm windows. — In evening  
music with the children.