

of the Lincoln community whose little band of citizens has been progressive and aggressive in the cause.

The former building was located on appeal to the school ~~trust~~ trustee electoral board whose decision was supposedly unbiased. The building ~~was~~ built almost entirely out of private contributions by people who were interested generally in education and more specifically in education for the children of Lincoln and surrounding territory. Would ~~it~~ not it be a breach of faith to move the building using the insurance money for ~~re~~ re-building elsewhere? The influence and environment of the ~~the~~ village of Lincoln is wholesome and good. It offers few attractions to undermine the character of pupils to cause them to become village loafers and never-do-wells.

Then, there is the sentiment of a long line of students who naturally love the memory of its name and all its associations.

The location of the school at Purcellville would tend to draw ~~more~~ more pupils from Round Hill and Hillsboro and might injure those schools. The former school is now not meeting the normal average daily attendance requirement of 50 by about 13 pupils and Hillsboro which has two years of high school work has enrolled this year only 12 in the high school department.

On the other~~x~~ hand, the high school education is thoroughly and completely sold to all parents of children in Loudoun except where children have not the mentality or energy to absorb it and the people of Purcellville stand for good and thorough high school instruction.

When the school trustee electoral board made its decision in 1909 high school work was untried in the county, there were no local standards by which to gauge a decision. There has also come about some shifting in population since that time and a considerable change in transportation facilities.

A careful perusal of the original individual contributions made toward the building at Lincoln indicates these interesting figures to me. A school located at Purcellville as compared with the old location would be less convenient to 30 contributors whose contributions total \$4,911.40, it would be more convenient to 36 contributors whose contributions total \$3,560.83 either location would be about equally ~~as~~ convenient to 20 contributors whose contributions total \$2,615.00, these ~~being~~ being people living mostly at Philomont, Silcott, Springs, Leesburg, and finally 25 contributors whose contributions total \$3,267.00 were and still are non-residents of the county. Would not a building at Purcellville serve the purpose for which ~~the~~ the contributions were made and be about as convenient and accessible to the contributors? This money was contributed for education and placed in the hands of the constituted authorities. Does the acceptance of a contribution bind ~~the~~ a school board always to do a thing in a specified way or to keep a building at a certain place? If Lincoln is the wrong place for the school and the private donations are to influence a decision is it good logic for the school board to spend ~~about~~ about \$10,000 annually of money derived from public taxation and tuition at a