

the country side of which I speak have had the rare privilege of getting there the best way they can. I don't feel that it would be proper to remove this high school two miles farther from this section which is already at somewhat disadvantage to accommodate a section which has already moderately convenient access to schools.

And, gentlemen, aside from the facts which I have stated, which I feel is good and sufficient reason for rebuilding the high school at Lincoln, there is another angle from which I feel that the matter should be viewed and that is from the angle of moral justice. I am not as well informed on how these schools have been built at Lincoln as some of the older citizens, but learn that they were built largely by private subscription. They have not only given their money to build these schools, but have also given their time and encouragement to maintain these schools at a very high standard, not only for the benefit of the community, but also for the benefit of other parts of the district and county (Purcellville included). Now that they have had the misfortune of having the high school destroyed by fire, to take this school from their community to build it in another place would be a great injustice.

In proposing to take this school which had been built practically by them at a time when there was only one other high school in the county, if any, therefore, being of great benefit to all parts of the district and county, you are touching a very tender spot in the hearts of these people who have looked to this school with great pride and with the feeling that it was one of their greatest achievements. In my opinion it would not only be a great injustice to these people to take this school from them, but also a most flagrant display of ingratitude. In other words should an old acquaintance be forgot?