

Bethel Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1883



Capt R. H. Smith  
Principal

Dear Sir.

The meeting at the  
1st dist the 21<sup>st</sup> will be on Friday  
evening, and not Thursday as in  
the newspaper announcement.

The teachers of two of the Park schools  
in Albany have proposed to forego  
this holiday on the morning of the  
22<sup>nd</sup>. in order to exhibit their schools  
to your friends. I have accepted their  
invitation. The plan is to go through the  
buildings each room showing its occupant at  
their usual work - then a speech in the hall and  
have an address of welcome - some singing &  
other exercises. Each school will arrange its  
own programme substantially as above - and  
each visit will probably take an hour and  
a half. I have said they are to expect nothing,

and also what adults will come with  
your party in order that their enter-  
tainment may be provided for before  
their arrival. Do you expect Miss  
Fletcher to come, and will she speak  
at the Friday evening meeting?

I hope that the Phil<sup>c</sup> friends have  
been successful in making arrangements  
for transportation.

I have ~~ever~~ spoken of having Sabbath  
morning & hour arranged for that time,  
but it occurs to me on Sunday evenings  
that some of our Sunday schools might  
have the children to remain over Sunday,  
and whilst I do not propose to make this  
suggestion, yet it might not be ~~wise~~  
of the way to consider this as a possible  
contingency in making your arrangements.

Very truly yours  
Philip R. Bourne.

~~but if~~ from the visitors. But if you  
choose, some works from you would be appropriate  
and probably a few works from one of the Indians.  
After dinner there will be a meeting  
in the largest Allegheny church the  
programme of which will be for you to  
arrange. The church will hold about  
12 or 1500 adults. But as there are over  
10,000 children in the Allegheny schools all  
of whom would want to be there, I have  
ordered that 2000 tickets be issued and  
distributed among the schools, to be given  
by their teachers to the largest of the pupils.  
There is no arrangement for an evening  
meeting on the 22d.

On Friday morning we will go to see some  
glass works, and other manufacture, and  
in the evening the meeting at Dr. Deane's  
church in Pittsburg will be held, and your  
party will go home Saturday morning.  
Let me know if this programme is  
satisfactory by return mail or telegraph.