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ABSTRACT

Papers of members of the Bettle family and others, but primarily Jane Temple Bettle and Edward Bettle (1841-1912). These include her diaries (1824-1840) and his speeches and essays, many of them at or about Haverford College (Haverford, PA). There is also information on William Penn Charter School (Philadelphia, PA).

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Edward Bettle (1841– 1912) was a member of the Board of Managers of Haverford College, a Trustee of Bryn Mawr College and an overseer of the Penn Charter School. He was also interested in a number of other educational and philanthropic enterprises.

(Information from *The American Friend*, v. 19, 1912, p. 254)

SUBJECT HEADINGS

Bettle, Edward, 1841-1912

Haverford College
William Penn Charter School

Diaries

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

Papers include a journal and diaries of Jane (Temple) Bettle (1824-1840); letter from Samuel Bettle concerning the Separation of 1827-1828 in Ohio; accounts of religious experiences; testimony for Elizabeth Fry; poem by Caroline Sawyer (1857);

copybook fragment, containing letters and sermons by William Penn, Sophia Hume, Samuel Fothergill, others; essay by Oliver G. Owen (1874); speeches (some given at Haverford College) and essays of Edward Bettle; material concerning the founding and history of the William Penn Charter School.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note: Material is chronologically arranged.

1. Journal of Jane (Temple) Bettle, 1824-1825.
2. Diary of Jane (Temple) Bettle, 1832-1840.
3. Copy of Jane Bettle's diary, with corrections. [n.p., n.d.]

Folder 1 - Miscellaneous:

- Poem: The cross, translated from German. Unsigned. [n.p., n.d.]
- Copybook, fragment, pp. 11-34, containing letters and sermons by William Penn, Sophia Hume, Samuel Fothergill, others. [n.p., n.d.]
- A brief account of some remarkable visions and passages of John Addams of Yorkshire, ca. 1712. Dublin, Ireland, [n.d.]
- An account of the conversion of Ruthanna Rutter to the Society of Friends. copied for Jane Bettle of Philadelphia. [n.p., n.d.]
- Letter from Samuel Bettle (1775-1861), to Jane (Temple) Bettle. Mount Pleasant, Ohio, 9mo. 4, 1828.
- Testimony (continuation of) for Elizabeth Gurney Fry. [n.p., ca. 1845]
- Dissertation on Progress, by Samuel Bettle, delivered before the Henry Society, Philadelphia, 4mo. 14, 1853. [1837-1859?]
- Valedictory Address delivered before the Henry Society, 4mo., 1854.
- Poem: The Boy and His Angel, by Caroline M. Sawyer. [n.p.] 3mo., 1857.
- Essay: Providence in Nature, by Oliver Goldsmith Owen. Raisin Valley Seminary, near Adrian, Mich., 5mo. 12, 1873.
- An account of Samuel Bettle, 1775-1861, by his grandson, presumably Samuel Bettle, 1874-1953. [n.p., n.d.]
- Speech at Commencement of the Training School of the Friends' Asylum, 1906. Presumably by Edward Bettle, 1841-1912
- Speech at memorial meeting for Rose Chamberlain, Bryn Mawr, 10mo. 15, 1910. Presumably by Edward Bettle, 1841-1912.

Folder 2 - Wm. Penn Charter School:

- "The Overseers of the Public School founded by Charter in the Town and County of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania." Line of descent from the Overseers of Penn Charter School named in William Penn's 3rd. Charter to Edward Bettle,

1711-1878. Presumably written out by Edward Bettle. [n.p., n.d.]

- Extracts from the minutes of Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, 1688-1712, concerning the establishment of the Wm. Penn Charter School; also, two pages of extracts, 1689-1690, concerning head mastership of George Keith. [n.p., n.d.]
- Extracts from minutes of Overseers of Wm. Penn Charter School,
 - [n.p., n.d.]
- Copies of papers, including agreements, memoranda, and letters, concerning Wm. Penn Charter School, 1709-1781. [n.p., n.d.]

Folder 3 - Wm. Penn Charter School:

- The Next Stage in Our School's Development. Theories and specifications for a new school building, presumably by Richard Mott Jones, head master. [n.p., n.d.]
- Blueprint for new cricket field. [n.p., n.d.]
- Plan for new gymnasium, drawn by Cope and Stewardson, Wm. L. Bailey, architects. Philadelphia, Aug. 17, 1891.
- Letter from Richard Mott Jones to Edward Bettle, Philadelphia. Philadelphia, 1mo. 26, 1899. Edward Bettle's ms. copy of material sent to Richard Jones and acknowledged in this letter, plus typed copy with ms. corrections, filed with this letter.
- Letter from Richard Mott Jones to Edward Bettle, Philadelphia. Philadelphia, 1mo. 30, 1899.
- Letter from Richard Mott Jones to "My dear friend" [Edward Bettle]. Philadelphia, 1mo. 30, 1899.
- Letter (copy) from Charles Caleb Cresson to Edward Bettle, Philadelphia. Germantown, 12mo. 10, 1901.
- Speech on beginnings of Quaker Education in Philadelphia, presumably by Edward Bettle. Moorestown, N. J. [n.d.]
- Copy of revised and expanded version, Historical Sketch of Wm. Penn Charter School, minuted 5mo. 31, 1907, also filed here.
- The Overseers of the Public School Founded by Charter in the Town and County of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania. Sketch prepared for the Penn Charter Review, by Edward Bettle,

Folder 4 - Haverford College:

- Speech addressed to "Alumni, Gentlemen of the Faculty, Friends of Haverford College," presumably by Edward Bettle. [n.d.]
- Report to Alumni Association of Haverford College by Committee on Athletics. Haverford, 6mo. 15, 1905.
- Speech: Conditions and Foundation Ideas Leading to the Foundation of Haverford College. Delivered on the 75th Anniversary of Haverford College, 1908, presumably by Edward Bettle.
- Essay: Haverford College in its infancy, by Edward Bettle. Published in The

Haverfordian, Oct., 1908.

- Essay on Classical Education, sent to the Classical Club, Haverford College, 12mo. 14, 1909. Presumably by Edward Bettle.
- Speech at Annual Dinner, Haverford College Alumni Association, Philadelphia, Presumably by Edward Bettle.