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S. W. S. W. S.

Lebanon June 4.

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Please write soon

Yours affectionately
Bro W. S. A.

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LEBANON, WARREN COUNTY, O.

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In PHONOGRAPHY elementary and advanced classes in the corresponding style will be formed.

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Charles S. Royce, as a Teacher of Elocution.

Mt. VERNON, O., FEB. 8, 1860.

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Signed by Wm. Mitchell and twenty-two others.

MANSFIELD, O., FEB. 28, 1860.

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means, underrate Mr. Royce as a teacher of *any* class of persons, we think his long experience in *schools*, and his general acquaintance with *Teachers*, peculiarly fit him to meet their wants.

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Signed by J. H. REED, MRS. C. S. REED, and nineteen others.

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