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THURSDAY.

THE following communications to the family were read last evening:

DEAR FRIENDS: I take this opportunity to express my thanks to God for his goodness to me through the past year, while I have been residing with you. I must say that it has been far the happiest year I ever experienced in all my life. I have not been without sorrows and severe trials. I find the last dying struggles of my old life are very severe, but I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord, I believe he will bring me off conquerer over all the powers of darkness and opposition. I confess my love for Mr. Noyes and Mr. Hamilton as our leaders under the inspiration of God and I therefore place the utmost confidence in them under Christ our great leader and savior from all sin. I confess my love for and sympathy with the Community spirit, and endorse fully the doctrines of the Community as far as I understand them. I offer myself for criticism at all times whenever Mr. Hamilton thinks I need it. I think criticism very necessary as a means of improvement in spiritual life. I hope the family will not spare the rod, but use it as a scourge to whip all my old life and habits

out of me, that hinder me from growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I want all the wood hay and stubble burnt up that I may have about me. I may suffer loss, but I thank God I am ready to come to the judgment and have my work tried of what sort it is, that I might be saved yet so as by fire. I confess my loyalty to the Community spirit, and will endeavor to work at any post wherever the family place me, according to the best of my ability.

From your brother in Christ. C. B. UNDERWOOD.

“I feel like acknowledging my dependence on Christ continually as my Savior from my old life. I confess a spirit of watchfulness, with a realizing sense of my own peculiar temptations. I find that my heart has grown into a more practical knowledge of Christ, since I have been here, than ever before, and that I can testify to the power of resurrection life within me. I am thankful for criticism, and feel like thanking particularly those who so faithfully criticise me. I confess a spirit that seeks to love most of all, those who are nearest God, and who are vitally organized into his Spirit. I feel thankful for all the blessings and happiness so freely given me, and confess a good spirit to actuate me at all times, that thus I may honor Christ. PORTIA.”

C. O. Kellogg offered himself for criticism last evening. Much love and commendation were expressed for him. The principal fault pointed out was his silence—he does not use his tongue enough. He should

give more testimony for the truth, confess Christ more, and seek to edify and strengthen both himself and others by word of mouth. On this point Mr. Hamilton remarked: "I doubt if a man can build up a good spiritual character and be strong in the faith and the deep things of God, without using his tongue more in public. I have thought of this a great deal lately. Mr. Moyes has called attention to the use of the tongue and shown that effects are bad if it is used wrongly. But it is a great failure not to use the tongue at all. Our power of expression and discourse was given us to be used on the side of truth. I don't see how a person can build himself up in the faith without using his tongue for God and Christ and the truth. In that respect Otis might come under some criticism. He is too silent here in our meetings, and outside also. He might by confessing Christ, if it is only in a few words, create an atmosphere around him that would be a great benefit to him in all his operations. It would result in his own good and in the public good also."

The ice-harvest is now finished. Yesterday, while engaged on the pond, Mr. Thayer accidentally stepped off the solid ice and went down. Frederick Marks who stood near pulled him out nearly as quickly as he went in. No damage done except the wetting.

The proceeds of the barley sold amount to about \$1006.

The committee on the location of the store reported

their conclusions to the meeting last evening. The proposal to let the building remain where it now is, was unanimously approved by the family.

ARRIVALS.—A Mr. Lowell of Troy, N. Y., a visitor.—  
Mr. Inslee from N. Y.

DEPARTURES.—C. O. Kellogg, for Wallingford.

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### ANOTHER GHOST.

MR. EDITOR:—As I was wending my way through the last CIRCULAR, and quietly enjoying myself, on turning a corner—or page—I was suddenly startled by the ghost of lost “Q”. Yes—on looking more closely I was convinced that it was the ghost of our dear old author of “Foot-Notes”, who came to so sudden and mysterious an end in the neighborhood of Steer Creek. He appeared to be on to a new “spear”. He had the same sharp eye—a little softened perhaps—the same curious twist of the mouth; and you could perceive traces of the old peculiar hitch in his gait that we always thought became him rather than otherwise. His step was more elastic, and he seemed so joyous in his new “spear” that he would occasionally give a hop, skip and a jump. Altogether he had an air of happiness, and seemed at peace with himself and all mankind, like one who had just got out of a *tight place*, or a good boy who has been *settling up* with kind but faithful parents. On the whole I was not scared, and hope to meet *it* often in the CIRCULAR.

H. E. H.