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OUR winter life is passing quietly. There is an earnestness in the family which seems deeper and more full of sustained power than ever before. The spirit Mr. Noyes breathes forth in all his talks and communications finds hearts here sympathetic and ready to receive it. Our unity with him, and with each other, is growing more vital. The faith that recognizes him as the chosen representative of Jesus Christ, and the ordained one who is to set up the kingdom of heaven in this world, becomes more clear-eyed and powerful every day. We recognize this faith as Christ's faith, as the bond of unity, and the condition and preliminary of success and victory on every line. Our social life is taking a new and higher tone. It is rising through criticism into the purity and beauty of heaven. The passing away of special love, the judgment of the false, sensual, selfish, pleasure-seeking, slave-holding spirit, that has burst forth at Wallingford, are glorious signs that the Primitive Church is drawing near to us and baptizing us with its power and divine refinement. Perish from among us every obstruction to the social order and freedom of the resurrection!

The demand for traps and bags of late has been light, and much less is doing in the way of manufacturing than during last month.

The hired help at the trap-shop has been discharged. Only the following hired men are employed at Willow Place now: three blacksmiths, two machinists and one molder.

Machine-shop hands are busily engaged in making machinery and locks for the bag-factory.

The present force in the trap-shop is mainly engaged in making chains, a lot of 25,000 being under way.

J. C. Higgins, is devoting some attention to making Patent Bolt Shears. These shears are a very convenient and labor-saving contrivance for blacksmiths and wagon makers. There is some prospect that we may make a good profit by manufacturing them; at least it is thought worth while to try the market a little. Mr. Daniel Kelly owns the patent right for this State.

In the bag-factory only seven hired men and five hired women are now employed.

The ice-house has been repaired during the past week preparatory to getting in our next season's supply. Two courses of last season's supply are now on hand.

Some attention is given to quarrying stone at Willow Place.

The educational classes go on as usual and our people bid fair to reap a rich harvest of intellectual improvement this winter. The magnetism of study has passed outside

the Community classes and affected our hired men and women, especially the latter. Sometime ago a wish was expressed by some of them that they might have classes like the Community family. This coming to the knowledge of their employers was of course sympathised with. Mrs. L. A. Thayer volunteered to start an evening class with them. The class has been in operation a number of weeks. It meets for an hour in the evening three times a week. The present number of scholars is about eight; before many of the employees were discharged it numbered more than a dozen. Much enthusiasm has been manifested, and considerable improvement made.

Mr. John Kelly, father of our Wm. G., writes an interesting letter of sympathy with us. He seems to be getting hold of the truth in an earnest way; he has been studying the Berean and Bible Communism and indorses them. The spirit of his letter was very much liked. His conversion will be another blow to Oberlin.—Emily Otis also writes again. She seems to be strong in the faith, and growing. She mentions the fact that when Theodore Otis left Oberlin he gave his Berean to a young man who was living with Pres. Finney. T. used to read THE CIRCULAR to this young man and he was considerably interested. The Oberlin battlefield grows more and more interesting. New persons whom the truth is touching come into view every little while. Emily writes that her father and brothers are very much displeased and stirred up at her course in leaving Oberlin and embracing the

truth. But she stands firm like a true soldier.—Mr. W. A. Knowles, who is absent at Champion, writes home in a good tone of faith and confidence in, and love for, the Community. Mrs. Knowles also writes to Mr. Seymour Nash. Her spirit of hardness and unbelief seems somewhat broken, and she apologises and asks forgiveness for some of her past course, and asks for the fellowship and criticism of the Community. It remains to be seen however, whether she is really in earnest for salvation, or merely wants to find a personal home and sympathy.

There is good news from Bath by G. D. Allen. Mrs. Bushnell has another convert. A sister of Frances Hilliman, the girl who took Beulah's place in Mrs. B's family, has confessed Christ as a Savior from sin. She is fourteen years of age, and a bright and interesting girl.

We more and more realize the great relief brought about by the departure of Mr. Carr from among us. His presence, personally and spiritually has been a nightmare of unbelief and of obstructions to the free flow and organizing power of the Community spirit. The atmosphere is clearer and more genially electric since he has been gone.

The weather for several days has been mild, threatening a regular "January thaw" and break up. To-day, however, it has resumed its winter tone, and at one o'clock P. M. the mercury is at two degrees above zero.

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