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A SATISFACTORY settlement has been effected with Mr. Wright. The amount of his claim in money was \$523,37. In addition to this he applied for a full suit of outside clothes, one muslin R. R. traveling bag, No. 9, 1 case (2 doz. cans) of fruit, and \$30 worth of Fruit stock, mostly grape vines. For Orrin he claimed a suit of clothes and one hundred dollars. The Community agreed to pay him \$400 and furnish him with the clothes, traveling bag and fruit asked for, and \$40 worth of fruit stock. It was thought to be no more than fair to deduct from his claim the amount of his expenses out West last fall, as he assumed the responsibility of the trip and made it contrary to the advice and wishes of the Community. He agreed to this. He will leave next week, in the meantime visiting some relatives at Durhamville.

Orrin now wishes to remain in the Community. He has been much affected and apparently under conviction during the day, weeping much of the time. He talked with Mr. Hamilton and expressed his desire to stay in the Community. He said he had a sincere purpose in wishing to stay. 'Twas not because the Com-

munity was a good home, but because he believed in Mr. Noyes as we did, and that the Community was the kingdom of God. He had talked with his father and told him he wanted to remain here. Mr. Wright tried to persuade him out of it; told him that he (Orrin) did not believe in the Community principles, that he wanted to stay because he had been persuaded to, &c. He said that he (Wright) did not believe in some of the principles of the Community, never had and never should. Orrin fully sustained to his father his faith in the Community and his wish to stay. Mr. Hamilton and W. A. H. afterwards had some correspondence and conversation with Mr. Wright about the matter. He was at first indisposed to let Orrin stay; but he finally agreed to leave him free to stay on condition that Orrin should write to him once in six months, and let him know if he was discontented. He agreed that such correspondence should be carried on under the supervision of the Community, and that he would write nothing to Orrin to prejudice him toward the Community, or induce him to leave. He also agreed sign a contract relinquishing all claims for wages in case Orrin should hereafter leave the Community.

In the evening meeting the following communication from Orrin was read:

TO THE COMMUNITY.

I wish to separate myself from my father. I confess that I am not his son, but belong to the Community. I think I have had a bad, disobedient spirit ever since I went out west. I now wish to join myself forever to the

cause of Christ and to become obedient and respectful to the Community. I confess my separation from my worldly relations. I believe Mr. Noyes is inspired and that this is the kingdom of heaven on earth. I would like the benefit of a criticism. I confess Christ a spirit of meekness.

ORRIN.

It was thought there was a spirit of earnestness in this note and sympathy was expressed for Orrin in his new position. Mr. Hamilton said he should be in favor of letting him stay until Mr. Noyes came, at least. The change in Orrin was the result of his own reflections and convictions, and took place without any interference from the Community. No one had talked with him since the meeting on Sunday, and he was then in a hard, disrespectful state. The case is an interesting one. It is a battle between the forces of faith and infidelity, and faith is proving itself the strongest.

It appears that Mr. Wright was intending to leave in the spring, and had been corresponding and making arrangements to that effect. We understand he had written to his wife inquiring if he and Orrin could make their home with her; but she replied it would not be convenient. With his departure from among us we hope to bid a final adieu to the spirit of discontent, disunity, and infidelity.

The case of Mrs. Deborah Knowles was considered in the evening meeting. It was thought best before responding to her application for membership to administer a criticism as she requested. This was done, and

notes were taken and will probably be sent to her.— It was thought in conclusion there would be no objection to her coming here on a visit.

A communication from Homer Hazleton confessing his purpose to take the Community for his home, was also read in meeting.

Lady Campbell's broken leg is doing well. She is very cheerful and full of thankfulness, making it pleasant to take care of her and to meet her at any time.

The health of the family is buoyant, and we notice that colds are less frequent than usual this winter. It is cheering to see the vigor and power of the resurrection so clearly at work, as it is in Mr. Cragin and others.

The office accommodations are to be enlarged by the removal of the bed, and the appropriation of the adjoining bedroom. A doorway into the bedroom has been cut through the partition.

The Green House, under the care of Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Sears, is prospering. With its green leaves, its opening rose and camellia buds, and its blooming primroses, heliotropes and fuschias, it presents a genial contrast to the whistling, gusty storm of wind and snow outside the doors. Small and unpretentious as it is, and requiring considerable care and labor to keep it in order and free from frost, it is a pleasant place to step into these wintry days, and refreshes one's memory of summer's green and bloom. Several of the magnificent Augusta roses are now in full blossom and fill the house with their rich perfume.