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TUESDAY.

IN the evening meeting Mr. Higgins applied for criticism in the following letter :

TO THE COMMUNITY.

DEAR BRETHREN :—I perceive the time has come for me to look to Christ, through his appointed means (which is criticism), to be delivered from an egotistical, superficial, idolatrous spirit. I see by looking back upon my past experience, that that spirit has harrassed me from time to time ever since my public confession of Christ as a savior from all sin. And previous to that time, a superficial spirit domineered over me to impede the spirit of inspiration in my heart.

I know that good is stronger than evil, as Christ is stronger than the devil among men. I wish to commit myself, body and soul to Christ, for his chastening and protecting care against every false and superficial spirit. I have considered myself in the judgment much of the time for the year past. As Mr. DeLatre said, I wish to begin this new year for God and his cause, with true and humble devotion to the Community spirit and interest. I know, as Mr. Noyes has said, that I have many

habits to be purged out before the spirit of truth can have full sway over me.

I feel a compunction of conscience for not heeding Mr. N.'s advice before this. Sometimes I have felt a desire to improve by my own, and other's criticisms. And at this time I feel to trust God in committing myself to the brethren for criticism, at any time when Mr. Hamilton sees fit.

C. HIGGINS.

ONEIDA, JAN. 27, 1866.

He was thought to have improved in spirit a great deal during the past year. His old tendency to teach seems to have mostly passed away, and he is now docile and obedient in that respect. He is a Bible man, and fond of theological argument; but he dwells too much in the Old Testament, He needs to be pervaded more by the spirit of the New Testament. His will which has been a source of some trouble to him in the past, has grown more flexible and yielding to the Community spirit. He has less fear of criticism than formerly. Much love and respect was expressed for him. The following letter from Mr. Noyes to Mr. Higgins, written a year ago, was read by Mr. H.'s request; and suggested some interesting conversation in regard to old age, and the importance of elderly persons seeking criticism, and loving it as their deliverer:

Wallingford, Jan. 29, 1865.

DEAR BRO. HIGGINS:—I like the tone of your letter. God is waking you up to improvement. I doubt not

that your inner heart is sound and loyal to the truth. But the same influence that has brought old age upon your body, has fastened some bad habits on your mind, and those habits are connected with your religious character and your love of the Bible, which makes it more difficult for criticism to get at them and overcome them. Old people ought above all to love criticism as an ordinance of salvation. By that God can make them young again. Yours truly, J. H. Noyes.

A wish was expressed last evening that the evening readings might be continued. This will probably be done for a season, at least, if suitable and interesting books can be obtained.

Mr. Abbott reports the supply of water from the spring as short, and wishes all persons to practice economy in the use of it. It is lower than at any time last summer.

A small order for preserved fruit was received this morning.

Messrs, Burt, Woolworth, Hamilton and Cragin have been appointed a committee to select a man to take C. O. Kellogg's place in the farm management.

ARRIVALS.—Mr. Cragin, this morning, looking bright and happy. He walked up from the depot.—W. A. Knowles, from Champion, N. Y.

The boys now appear to be in an improving state. At a meeting held with them on Sunday, they all took a

good position, and expressed their purpose to come into good relations with the Community.

The reading of "Dr. Kane's Love-Life" was finished last evening. The book has proved interesting and instructive, and has drawn a full house every evening.

The weather is again quite mild. The mercury stands at 37 deg. Sleighing is poor, but there are indications of more snow to come.