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FRIDAY.

Mr. Cragin visited Mr. Leete, yesterday, and last evening reported the result of his interview. He found Mr. Leete ready to cooperate with us in the store enterprise, and to obey orders. Mr. Cragin proposed to him to sell his store-building and shop, in Verona, and build a cottage somewhere on our domain, where his family could be accommodated and provided for. This would obviate any objections that his outside friends might raise to his joining the Community. Mr. Leete was pleased with the plan; and it is sympathised with by the Community.

Mr. Inslee favored us with a report of his operations since he has been gone, which was very interesting. It seemed very evident that the providence of the heavens had been with him, opening men's hearts to give him the information he was seeking. After Mr. Inslee's report there was conversation about the proposal to send Charles Cragin to Willimantic, to learn the silk business. This was fully sympathised with, and it was thought best for Charles to go on to Wallingford this week. He will accordingly start to-night.

Much commendation was expressed of Mr. Inslee's efficiency and prompt business habits of late, particularly since engaging in the silk-business.

The number of persons in the Oneida family at the present time is 209. There are 79 adult males and 78 adult females; minors, under 21, males, 20, females, 32.

Our visitor, Mr. Amos M. Lowell, left yesterday afternoon. He is of New England birth. Some of his ancestors were the founders of the city of Lowell, Mass. He had learned of the existence of the Oneida Community through an article about us in the *Troy Whig*, two weeks ago. He will send the paper to us.

G. W. H. in visiting Watertown yesterday was, while at Rome, presented with a free pass over the R. & W. Railroad, by the chief foreman of Messrs. S. Adams & Sons, machine works. This gentleman visited the Community last season and was highly gratified with his reception here, and took this way of expressing his appreciation of G.'s hospitality.

A letter was received from a lady who visited us last fall, an acquaintance of Mr. Elmer, expressing considerable sympathy with the Community. The following paragraph indicates the tone and spirit of the letter:

"Almost daily I witness occurrences that make me desirous of the diffusion and prevalence of a Community spirit. The solicitations of the pinched and needy who only ask for "cold victuals," turn my mind at once to

what is a sure and safe remedy for all the want, woe and wretchedness there is in the world; i. e., the practical embracing of Christianity—the becoming one in Christ Jesus, *the Great Family*. It is without ceasing that I desire this end, and O that I may be able to make of my life *one great and unceasing prayer* for this glorious ultimate. In a condition of apparent isolation it is difficult to live in accordance with my highest convictions of right: instead of progressing myself and aiding others, my own growth is retarded, while others are in no wise benefitted by me. By a sad and painful experience, for which I devoutly thank God, I have obtained faint glimmerings of the truth which I trust naught shall ever make obscure. I should thankfully welcome any words of encouragement which you, or any of your family may see fit to address to me. Your prosperity as a family and Church I shall never cease to desire.

Yours respectfully,

M. S. CLARK.

A gusty snow-storm from the northwest, prevailed yesterday. To-day is mild, and a thin veil of falling snow hides all the hills. It is so finely sifted as to increase in depth very slowly.

An order was received this morning from the Russell and Erwin Manufacturing Co. for 44 doz. traps, Nos. 3 and 4, amounting to \$609.

DEAR BROTHER PITT:—We of the children's department confess our union with Mr. Noyes's *great purpose*

—A DAILY PAPER—and desire that our influence on the children may draw them into the same channel; remembering that as the twig is bent the tree is inclined.

Oneida, Feb. 2, 1866.

E. L. H.