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THE following correspondence needs no explanation :

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MR. HAMILTON,

DEAR SIR :—I thought I would let you know my present feelings and wishes. In the first place I offer myself to the Community to serve in any place they think best. I am out of work, as Mr B. has let me off from the job which I had taken.

I should like very much to come back to the Community if thought best. If not can you give me work? I can get work here, but I would rather come to you if I could. But whether there or here I intend to work for the cause of Christ. I have to confess that I have not paid my way since I left the O. C.

Will you answer this as soon as convenient?

E. WHITNEY.

O. C. Feb. 2. 1866.

MR. WHITNEY :—You will probably remember a conversation you had with me when you were here the last time but one. It was the time Mr. C. was about leaving. Perhaps I cannot state just the words said, but the sub-

stance I remember well. You said that you had more or less of the same difficulty as Mr. C.—that was, lack of full *confidence in Mr. Noyes's inspiration*. I replied that it was very important for yourself to settle that point, and you should not seek to be received back until you had settled it. You made no reply of consequence, and your silence left me to conclude that you were still unsettled on that point.

The Community were never more united than now in their confidence in Mr. Noyes as an inspired leader, and in their purpose to have no fellowship with any who do not receive him as such. I do not think the Community would be willing to invite you to return without satisfactory testimony on this point.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. HAMILTON.

A class for the study of draughting machine work has been started, under the teachership of Mr. Inslee and J. F. Sears.

C. A. Burt has been appointed pattern-maker for the machine-shop.

Edwin Burnham is to qualify himself to take C. A. Cragin's place as foreman of the trap-shop. In the meantime Joel is to have general oversight of the work.

The weather has continued stormy much of the time for the last four days. This morning was clear, with the mercury at —5 deg.

Considerable attention being turned, in the family, to criticism, it has been thought best to have some plan of

organization, which would secure promptness in attending to cases of criticism, and relieve the general meeting from responsibility with regard to them. Accordingly, six committees or clubs of "Inquiry and Criticism," of ten members each, have been appointed. These clubs are to meet once a week or oftener.

The following note from Lady Campbell was read last evening:

DEAR FRIENDS:—Please to accept of this little note of thanks, which I feel this morning constrained to write. I am truly grateful for all your kind words and deeds as well as for the spiritual strength which I have received: also for that baptism of hope and patience which has sustained me through so many wearisome days and restless nights. But thank that Goodness more abundantly not only for Mr. Noyes, but for *all* who have believed through him; I confess my love for and union with them.

I have been thinking much about the good and bad use of the tongue since Mr. Noyes's remarks on the subject, earnestly desiring that my conversation may be in future in "simplicity and godly sincerity". I confess Christ in me a savior from old habits of *thinking* as well as talking.

A. R. CAMPBELL.

A friendly and quite good letter has been received from Albert Ackley. He seems to be softened in spirit and evidently regrets his leaving the Community. He had heard reports from a late seceder, that there were a

number of persons in the Community, particularly among the young, who were discontented and about ready to leave. He gives them his advice to remain where they are and not follow so foolish an example as his own. His letter has been responded to by Mr. Hamilton and several of the young men. He is at St. Johns, Mich., and contemplates going to Nebraska.

What is the difference between the states-prison method of punishing by the cold water bath, and the common one? One is by hydraulics, and the other is by raw-hide-licks.

THE TRADER'S FUNCTION.

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Permit me, Mr. Editor, to express through the columns of your popular JOURNAL, my appreciation of the philosophy lately brought out by Mr. Noyes on the above subject: namely, that the producer and consumer stand related to each other as male and female; that the trader is properly to be considered, not as an independent institution, but as the representative and agent of the producer; that his true function is to seek the interests of both producer and consumer; and that the present system of trade, which makes the agent, or errand-boy, more important than the one who makes the wares he sells, or than the one who uses those wares, is a great perversion of nature—a diseased condition—properly called priapism.

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