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THURSDAY.

THE ice men were intending to finish filling the ice-house at Willow Place, this morning, and started out in force for that purpose; but the storm forced them to retire from the field.

In the evening meeting there was a criticism of Mr. Delatre, by request. There was but little said in the way of criticism. It was thought he did not organize quite easily enough with others, either in work or in study. He is slightly discordant in this respect. Has a somewhat legal and arbitrary tendency. In the past he has lacked a true appreciation of labor, but is improving, and growing in the public spirit. The general feeling of the family was expressed in the following remarks by Mr. Hamilton: Mr. D. wrote me sometime ago requesting criticism, and stating that he desired to begin the new year by putting himself in the best attitude for improvement. I will say for myself that my fellowship and good will have been growing for Mr. Delatre, especially during the past year. I thought he had improved in some of his habits. Formerly I was tried with his position in regard to business, but think he has gained some in that respect. I used to think he never

entered into business on the basis of public spirit exactly, but his purpose was to work just enough to promote his individual interest so far as health was concerned. That was apparently the purpose which governed him. It seemed to me a selfish one. I thought he should rise up into a larger spirit of enterprise, and if need be sacrifice himself in order to secure some great end. I have the impression that he has risen out of that state into the spirit of service. It is possible for a person to pursue a similar policy to that which Mr. D. has pursued, and in a true way. Persons may seek employment and business responsibility, with a purpose of promoting spiritual health, and of putting themselves in a position where they are receptive to Christ. And that attitude is the spirit of service that says to the Lord, "Here I am, and I want you to make the most of me. I am entirely at your service." By putting yourself in that attitude you are in a sure way to secure the highest kind of health. I have spoken thus not because I think it especially applicable to Mr. Delatre now. But his attitude on this point was an occasion of disfellowship in the past. I think he is improving. I always liked him as a man. He has a pure taste, refinement and cultivation, which make his conversation attractive. I think, too, he has a rich and pure heart.

The Democratic Union, published at Oneida, has half a column of extracts from THE CIRCULAR, this week. They are taken from the column of "Community Gos-

sip," and include the financial statement, of January 1.

An order was received from Gunn and Tucker, Wellsboro, Pa., for 2 doz. traps with chains.

FRIDAY.

The snow-storm which began sometime on Wednesday night, continues. The snow falls moderately, and has not attained a great depth.

It is gratifying to note the working of the spirit of intellectual improvement among the elderly members of the Community, this winter. They engage in study with the same enthusiasm as the young, and seem to appreciate the privilege even more. It is one of the glories of Communism that it opens the doors of education to the old as well as the young, and makes personal improvement, in all directions, the imperative condition of fellowship in every one.

Dr. Fitch yesterday removed the bandages and other surgical arrangements from Lady Campbell's leg, thereby adding greatly to her comfort. She can now sit up, and by another week will be able to bear her weight upon her feet again.

The lamented "Q"'s unfinished volume, Maud, is being edited for the "press" sometime in the future. A page is daily revised and carefully corrected. Only the earliest written portions have as yet been examined.—The editor finds some tearful passages, but now and then a ray of sunshine lights up the page, and there are beauties in it that will linger long in the memory. We

predict that it will be more popular than Tennyson's "Maud," and more interesting than Whittier's "Maud Muller," when the time comes for its general circulation.

ARRIVALS.—Mr. Whitney, on a visit of a few days to get some clothes made, &c.

DEPARTURES.—Mrs Chesbro, of Fulton, N. Y., who has been visiting the Community for a week past.