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*Warrensburg, Johnson Co., Mo.*

MR. J. H. NOYES. *Dear Sir:*—I have been reading an article in one of the St. Louis papers, taken from the *New York Herald*, entitled "Communism, The Oneida and Wallingford Communities." This is the first that I have known of the existence of such a society. As there are many things in the above mentioned article, agreeing with my views, I seek to learn more of you. Being raised religiously (my father, Wm. Chamberlain, of Vermont, and my mother's father, Ard Hoyt, of Connecticut, were ministers of the Presbyterian church, and missionaries to the Cherokee Indians, under the American Board) and educated to our stern doctrines, I have never been able to advance any ideas of my own in favor of a religious reform. Our church, I have often compared to the Jewish church at the time of Christ's appearance on earth, our elders are often true types of the Pharisees, of those days. Now I have a wife and two children living, and three gone home to their brighter abode. Our love towards each other, is such that, I think if it were necessary, one would be willing to die for the other. In case we were members of your society, could we preserve our social relations and still form the proper relationship with the family at large? Or would we (man and

wife, of course that relationship being destroyed in the society), have to pair off with other members of an opposite sex, in case it was contrary to our natural feelings ?

Now Sir, my object is to obtain correct information in regard to this thing, not for the benefit of the curious world at large, but for myself and family, who wish to have good will toward all men, and obey God's great commandment of "love thy neighbor as thyself."

With great respect,

P. O. Box No. 138.

Wm. H. CHAMBERLAIN.

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At the noon meeting, yesterday, Mr. Cragin spoke of the small children, who have been in the habit of coming in with their mothers. He thought it had a tendency to distract the attention of the mothers, and hinder them from entering into the spirit of the meetings, and taking part in them.—This talk led to some criticism last night of some of the mothers. Mr. Hatch thought that of late, a sickly philoprogenitive spirit had crept in, which had affected the children, making them peevish and irritable ; they suffered more, and required more discipline in consequence of it. It is for the interest of both children and mothers, that the care of the children should be left to the children's department, which certainly merits the confidence of all the mothers, and their outlook for the physical comfort and wants of their children, certainly does not

forward their spiritual training and growth, but on the contrary impedes it.

The criticism was received in a good receptive spirit, and the mothers expressed their thankfulness for it, and desire to profit by it.

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We had another letter last night, from a man in New-York city, making inquiries about the Community. He had seen the *Herald's* article, and wanted to know if it was designed as an advertisement—wished to know more about us—wanted to come and work, and get acquainted.—Also a letter from Mr. Brewster saying that he was visiting his *quondam* wife, (who is now divorced for the second time), and preaching the truth to her, and he felt that she had a receptive spirit toward it. He is going to take his daughter with him on his return, and will call here.

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Fifty applications for membership have been received since last January. About three fourths of them came from heads of families who wished to bring their children to the Community.

Supposing these families to average four members each, (which is probably a low average), then we should have had by receiving them, an increase of one hundred and forty-eight members, that, added to the one fourth of single applicants, would swell the number to one hundred and sixty-one.

DEAR MR. WOOLWORTH :—In the past I have been troubled more or less with fellowship and sympathy with my father, but late disclosures seem to have set me free. I can now see as I never did before, the utter loathsomeness of the Hutchin's spirit. I believe it to be an *infidel, reprobate* spirit. I am thankful that I am cut off from the world and grafted on to Christ's church, and I desire my worldly friends and especially my father to feel this.—Yours for the *truth*, cut where it may.

E. F. H.

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Three young men from Hamilton College, came here, Thursday, and called for dinner. Some delay occurred occasioned by their not applying to the right persons. When their dinner was about ready, they were seen quietly driving away. As the ticket Office is now ready for use, no such thing is likely to occur again.

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Our wood-house now, presents a sleek and finished appearance. The south end is being rapidly filled with wood, one or two bees having been held for removing it. Two bents on the north end are finished off for the benefit of the fruit-preservers.

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Mrs. Bushnell has gone into the school as teacher for the present.

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We had a thunder shower in the night.—Mr. H. W. Burnham came this morning.