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## EVENING MEETING.

Mr. Underwood re-read the Talk in which Theodore was spoken of as one qualified to take the lead in finances and develop a true policy for the Community. The nomination was received with expressions of satisfaction. It was thought Theodore was well qualified to fill such an office.

Theodore was appointed chairman of the committee for the disposal of dead property; and this committee was authorized to dispose of any property that it may be thought expedient to part with. This committee may also elect more members if those now serving think it desirable.

By request of Mr. Woolworth Theodore unfolded some of the workings of his mind on the financial question. So far as he has matured any plan, it is to look the books over and learn how the different businesses "have run" for the past four or five years; see how much capital each has required, and put the whole thing in black and white. As it is now, nobody can tell the exact amount of capital invested in the trap-works during the busiest season. The same is true of the other businesses. We should know just what each business requires. Then the central management could say to each department of industry,

"Here, you can have the use of so much capital this year and make what use of it you think expedient." This arrangement would save the accumulation of dead property; educate the foreman of departments in wise financiering; and save overgrown plans in one department that would swallow the capital of the whole Community. Such is a brief sketch of a few of Theodore's ideas.

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Last evening's mail brought a telegram from Mr. Noyes saying some one would be at Oneida on the 11-30 train. G. R. K. and Theodore went down to meet either Mr. J. H. or G. W. Noyes; which one it would be no one was entirely certain. It proved to be Father Noyes and be assured we are very thankful to see him. We have had a fast of over eight months. We were especially thankful to hear him say, "It seems good to get back here." He has been out to the office and thinks it very fine—if anything better than the one at W. C.

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The following letter just received :

*Dangstein, Petersfield, Monday, March 9.*

Lady Dorothy Nevill has received the box from the Community, and although two bottles were broken, she is much satisfied with the contents. The fruits and jellies were quite excellent, but English palates did not approve of the Indian corn. If the O. C. would be obliging enough to send Lady Dorothy any

more fruits and jellies she would be most grateful to them. She does not want any traps, pease, green corn, or Lunch-bag; but merely, fruits, jellies, and tomatoes. She would much like if the Community would put in a box of silk as they did last time. She still continues to be much pleased with the CIRCULAR. Lady Dorothy will pay immediately through Messrs. Trubner.

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Do our people realize what an enormous affair our washing is? We now have five hired girls, two of our women and one man as a regular force in this department. Besides these there is an extra man and woman for washing days and two men to hang out clothes. This last week they had 5,054 pieces to wash and iron.

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TO BEULAH.—A BIRTH-DAY NOTE.

No more a prattling child you play,  
And quickly change from smiles to tears:  
The June of life succeeds the May,  
As swiftly roll the freighted years.  
Full many an idle fancy gleams  
Before the plastic mind is wrought;  
But soon dissolve the girlish dreams,  
As wakes the woman's nobler thought.  
Yes, twenty-one fleet years have sped,  
Since dimly dawned your natal morn,

Strewing their roses on your head,  
 Perchance with here and there a thorn.  
 And must it fade, this fresh bright youth,  
 And pure ingenuousness depart?  
 Oh! no: believe me—'tis the truth—  
 Perennial youth may fill the heart,  
 When waywardness of human pride  
 To lowly Christian faith give place.  
 Then follow those who best may guide,  
 Not seek alone to win the race.  
 But humbly keep the narrow way,  
 Nor heed the tempest, nor the night;  
 For even now has dawned the day:  
 The land of *Beulah* lies in sight.  
 The selfless aim for others' good  
 To life a sweeter charm will lend,  
 And glorious years of maidenhood,  
 Replete with beauty, never end.

O. C., Feb. 18, 1868.

Mr. Conant says part of his men were engaged yesterday in drawing manure on to that part of the Hitchcock farm that is to be a raspberry field. Mr. C. also made a beginning on the cellar of the new preserving house.

Mr. Hawley was engaged yesterday with a four horse team drawing freight from Oneida. This freight was in part, steel and iron for the trap-shop, and the remainder, tin for the can makers.