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CONCERNING MR. A. C. SMITH.

Mr. Pitt:—I might make some report of Mr. Smith's visit here, as I had considerable communication with him. Soon after he came, Mr. Worden mentioned that he was here, and asked me to go in and see him. He met me very pleasantly. I might say, when I first joined the Community at Brooklyn, and became acquainted with Mr. Smith, there was a good deal of fellowship between us. I have always felt an interest in him since that time. He seemed very glad to get here, and thankful that Mr. Noyes had invited him to come. That evening or the next morning, he related some circumstances in regard to his early connection with Mr. Noyes. Some of them appeared to come up quite fresh in his memory, though he said he had not thought of them before in a good many years. They related to his submission to Mr. Noyes there at Kingston, while Mr. N. was stopping with him. One day, Mr. Noyes came out and claimed the position of a spiritual father to him, and demanded that he should submit to him and accept the relation. This position at first seemed strange to him, and he did not understand it; but Mr. Noyes insisted upon it, and made it the condition of his fellowship and sojourn with him.

Matters soon came to a crisis when they had sat together as much as an hour, neither of them speaking a word, but thinking and praying, or at least he was, for light to do the right thing. All at once it seemed to be revealed to him that that was their true relation to each other, and he burst out laughing, it seemed so clear and simple to him. He said to Mr. Noyes that he accepted the position. Mr. Noyes then proposed they get their skates, and have a skate upon the river. They did so, and skated up some ten or twelve miles and took dinner, and then returned home.

The next morning Mr. Noyes told him he wanted him to go to Putney as he had business for him to do. They looked over their purses and found they had about eighty cents. I won't be certain as to the exact amount. Mr. Noyes advised him to put on his skates, go up the river as far as he could. He skated to Troy and then walked over the mountains. When he came to the foot of a mountain he stopped over night. The next morning he started early. There was snow on the ground, and it happened that he took a wood road, instead of the right one, and this led him to the top of the mountain, and there it stopped entirely. He concluded he would not go back; and as the sun was just rising, he laid his course with the expectation of striking the road on the other side. It was a terribly rough place to get through, down one mountain and up another, but he traveled on for about eight hours,

right through the woods without a compass or guide of any sort, as the sun soon after noon became obscured. There was no road whatever. Finally he grew tired and lay down upon the snow. He soon fell into a light slumber, but suddenly awoke with this question running through his mind: "Does the Lord want me to lay my bones on this deserted mountain?" He got up and pushed on, and in a short time came out to the road.

Soon after this, a man came along in a sleigh who took him in, and carried him within six miles of Putney, without charging him anything. He went on and in a short time collected and sent Mr. Noyes considerable money, I think he said some over a hundred dollars. At the same time he had good success in preaching. [Conclusion to-morrow.]



WILLOW-PLACE ITEMS.

A new line shaft is being put up on the east side of the machine-shop, at present more particularly for the use of the Bag-Frame business.

A revolving coal-sifter has just been completed for the use of the Shop. It consists of a cylinder of wire-netting, about four feet long, with a shaft running through its centre. One end of the shaft projects about two feet and has a crank attached. The cylinder is placed in a frame, one end being about ten inches higher than the other. A hopper at the upper

end—a spout at the lower. Pour the coal into the hopper, set the scuttle under the spout, and turn the crank. In a half minute the grist is ground out.

It is the invention of Mr. R. Hawley. c.

The class in Theology are now reading and investigating the articles in the Berean, on “The Resurrection.” We have adopted the practice of having the pieces read through publicly, by volunteers, and discussed afterwards, or at the next meeting of the class. The present method has thus far proved very interesting, as the subjects under discussion have been presented in a clear, concise manner.

We have a letter before us from Mrs. Mary S. Arnold, of Galveston, Texas. She intended to have visited us last summer, but was disappointed. She sent a dollar bill, and says, “Please send us something to read.” The tract “Salvation from Sin” was mailed to her. She exhorts us to burn her letters and not make them public.

It is cold again this morning and the ground is frozen quite hard. We understand that one cause of the sudden rise of the Creek yesterday, was the blocking up of the ice above. It moved down stream at length, and the water settled back into its accustomed channel. The Creek is now as far as we can see, clear of ice.

Yesterday’s temperature—

7½ A. M., 49. 12 M., 48. 6 P. M., 32. Mean 43.