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MONDAY.

OLD Whitefoot again his own driver! He is reported to have started from Willow Place Factory this afternoon, with a load of lumber, which was distributed on the way home, together with seats, buffalo robes etc. The most serious result of the affair was the loss of one robe, and of the new teamster's *prestige* as a driver. *Mem.* Never leave a horse unhitched unless you have a definite understanding with him that he shall not start until you return, especially on such an uncomfortable day as yesterday, when any whitefoot might be excused for desiring to be in motion. This is the third time that old Whitefoot has lately dispensed with the services of a driver.

The reading of Dr. Kane's "Love-Life" was begun at seven o'clock. Nearly all the family turn out to hear it. It opens in an interesting way.

We were much interested in the report of the meeting at Wallingford on Friday evening, and the following remark of Mr. Noyes, especially, met with a hearty response:

"Why should it not be a regular exercise in any institution we set up, to give an hour or two every day to

thinking, to simply minding your own thoughts and learning to reflect? I don't know why that should not be a regular study as much as algebra."

In the evening meeting Homer Hazelton was criticised. He has not been in a good state since the meeting with the boys, notwithstanding he has announced his purpose to stay in the Community. His spirit is hard and disobedient and full of unbelief. There is an indifference and dullness in him to spiritual truth, and if there is not a radical conversion of his heart to God and the truth, he will surely drift away from the Community. It was thought that his present state might properly be traced to the influence of his father's spirit; and there was sincere expression in regard to Mr. Hazelton. His course does not satisfy us. He does not take decided steps to identify himself with the truth. He hears criticism and is silent about it. While on the one hand he does not quarrel with it in an outward way, on the other hand, he does not yield his heart to it, and indorse and accept it clearly and positively. His position is a negative one, open to unbelief, and much out of the range of Community sympathy. While we would extend to him the utmost charity and kindly feeling and desire to help, that his case demands, we feel that he fails to realize the need he is in of help and salvation. His spirit affects Homer, and makes him spiritually dull and self-conceited. If Homer is to be improved and saved, criticism must go back of him and reach his father, and break up egotism and unbelief and the spirit of universalism there.

We hope for his own sake, and for Homer's, that he will come into sympathy in his inmost heart with the judgment of God against the false and corrupting spiritual influences he has been connected with in the past.

The following letter from Mrs. Kelly was read in the evening meeting :

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TO THE FAMILY:—From my childhood I have had an earnest desire to serve God and know the truth. I thank God that through Mr. Noyes the truth is being made plain to me. I confess my love for the truth, and a spirit that is receptive to it. I confess my love for criticism, and will gladly accept it at any time. "Spare not the rod."

I confess my entire confidence in Mr. Noyes and Mr. Hamilton as being inspired men. I confess my union with them and my subordination to them, as men of God.

L. Kelly.

The steady, piercing northwest wind which commenced Saturday forenoon, still continues. The thermometer ranges much the same as yesterday.

TUESDAY.

This morning the work of cutting and drawing ice was recommenced. The weather has moderated a little from yesterday, rendering this necessarily somewhat cold work, less tedious than it would otherwise be. The ice is over a foot thick, clear and good.

An order was received from Detroit for over a hundred dollars worth of preserved fruit.

There is a spirit of sincerity pervading the family. Criticisms both public and by committees are frequent. We realize that this is an indication that God is drawing near to us and preparing us for more unity and fellowship with himself, and with each other. This is always the effect of criticism truly given and received.