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## BUSINESS MEETING.

Mr. Reynolds desired to have some improvements made in his room at the store. A half day's work by a joiner will enable him to work to greater advantage. Mr. Reynolds and Mr. D. Kelly will carry the work through. It may be well to state here that Mr. Kelly takes the place, as foreman of the carpenter's shop, in Abram Burt's absence.

As it is near the time for taking our annual inventory, Mr. Woolworth thought the foreman of the different departments had better buy as little stock as possible. We should thus save a great deal of handling over. It is a poor plan to buy stock merely to keep the hands at work. If we have nothing for them to do in which we are sure of success and profit, we had better let them go. Mr. Kinsley and Carrie were appointed committee to consider what help can be spared and thus reduce our expenses in that direction to their minimum. In view of our determination to get out of debt we had better curtail our expenses generally as much as we can.

A man has been hired to drive the W. P. team, and the committee thinking that some one or two persons should be responsible for his direction, have appointed Mr. Aiken and Anna Hatch, to whom persons

will go when they wish anything done by that team out of its usual line of duties.

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Mr. Abbott is slowly improving. We make the following extracts from a long note from him to the family, read last evening :

“ I have had some experience during my late sickness, interesting to myself, and perhaps it may be to the family, if I can clearly present it. For some time I had been oppressed by a dark, unbelieving, discouraged spirit. I saw so much evil, both within and without the Community, that it seemed absurd to expect any great immediate amelioration of the condition of mankind ; or, for the aged to think of escaping the common lot of mortals, in respect to putting off the earthly body ; mere testimony of the resurrection was unsatisfactory, while unattended by that power that raised Christ from the dead. Bodily infirmities and old age seemed pressing upon me with irresistible force, until it appeared to me, to be the course of true wisdom, to become reconciled to what seemed inevitable ; and I became so far reconciled to die, that I could look death in the face without a shudder.—In this state of mind, I was led into a retrospect of my past life. I could see in it no cause for self-complacency ; but much for sorrow and repentance ; it seemed almost a blank. Still there were a few instances, in which I was conscious of yielding to the leadings of Christ, according to the best of my

ability.—One effect of my sickness has been to reduce and criticise an inordinate alimentiveness that has oppressed me, and to bring it into more subjection to interior, spiritual life.—Another important effect of my late experience, has been a thorough investigation and judgment of my social character, not only since my connection with the Community, but during my previous married life.—Another lesson has been to trust Christ as a savior of the body. I seemed to be shut up to the necessity of trusting Christ alone for deliverance from the bodily afflictions which I suffered. I am conscious that my recovery so far as it is affected, is wholly due to resurrection life working in me.

“ I believe the most important lesson I have learned by my late experience, has been full trust and confidence in God as a financier.—I have felt to judge and clear myself from the worldly, unbelieving, idolatrous love of money, to which I had been deeply in bondage while living in the world, and which has had more or less influence over me since living in the Community.

“ The first real desire I had to get well was that I might see, and if possible co-operate with the church in the development of Christ's financial principles in the word. I am thankful that Carr's financial influence is being purged out of the Community, and that Mr. Noyes is having a chance to lead. It is certain that all financial prosperity depends on the inspiration

and favor of God, and not on human prudence and foresight.—In conclusion, I wish to thank God for all his dealings with me, both for his judgments and his mercies. I wish specially to thank him for the improvement there is, both in my body and spirit. I confess a spirit that is soft, humble and receptive to the ascending fellowship.

JOHN ABBOTT.

Mr. Woolworth said last night, that he had reflected a good deal within a few days on the text "All things work for good" &c., and thought that God was proving it true in our case. In the *Moral War*, in our judgments, criticisms and tribulations, the good results are already very apparent.

It commenced snowing Saturday afternoon, and grew cold and was very blustering all the evening and during the night. It continued to blow and snow more or less all day yesterday and up to this morning, yet there is not snow enough on a level to make sleighing.

Mary Jones has gone to W. P. to remain for the winter; so it is expected there will be no more changes this winter of women or girls, as has been the practice heretofore.

We had a dance last night after supper, which many seemed to enjoy much, particularly the children.

Fidelia has changed places with Minerva Barron and leaves the Bag-shop for the present.

Traps ordered Saturday and Sunday, 281½ doz.