The Oneida Community.

Having lately a day's interval between two lecturing engagements in Central New York, I spent that time at the Oreida Community. After a tolerably extensive acquaintance with the various types of religious enthusiasm. I can truly say that I never met with a body of men and women in whom that enthusiasm seemed a more genuine thing, or less alloyed by base motive. The very fact that some of their main principles seem to me false, and others actually repulsive, should give additional weight to this testimony.

As you approach the stately brick edi-

fice of the Community on a winter day you hear the voices of children, while a little army of sleds outside the main entrance shows that out-door happiness is at hand for them. Entering you find yourself in a sort of palace of plain comfort ; admirably warmed and ventilated, with spacious corridors, halls, parlors, library, and natural history museum. You are received with as much courtesy as in any private house. The men you meet are well dressed, well mannered, well educated. The women, though disfigured by the plainest of all possible bloomer dresses, look healthy and cheerful. At table and in the dining-hall, where the sexes meet, you see cordial and inoffensive manners. Your food is well cooked and served with home-made wine if you wish, and the delicious bread and butter and snowy table-cloth of the Shakers. After dinner, perhaps, they give you an improvised concert The family assembles in the great hall. The side door of the wide stage opens, and half a dozen little children from two to three years old are let in as the advance guard of the juvenile department. They toddle about the stage at their will—its edge being protected by a light partition for their benefit—and shout and crow to their parents, who sit below. The little ones are all rosy and healthy, all about the same size, and all neatly dressed in little frocks and fresh white aprons. It is a pretty prelude for an afternoon's performance. Then twenty of the elder children follow and sing some songs. They also look happy and well cared for, and are neatly, though ungracefully dressed. Then you listen to a really excellent orchestra of six or seven instruments, led by a thoroughly-trained leader—a young man brought up in the Community and educated at their expense-while a boy of 11 plays the second violin. They play good German music, while the little ones find their way down upon the floor and are petted by their special parents and watched with apparent admiration and affection by men and women generally. This, at least, was what I saw Later I saw the machineshops and silk factory; but these can be seen anywhere. But a family of 200 living in apparent harmony and among the comforts which associated life secures-this is not to be seen every day, and this is what one at least convinces himself that he sees at Oneida.

Meanwhile the essential theories upon which all this rests appear to the ob-server—to me at least—all wrong. At Oneida they practice community of property. I disbelieve in it, and only belive in association and co-operation. At Oneida they subordinate all the relation of the sexes to the old Greek theory, held by them as Christians, that the community has a right to control parentage, and to select and combine the parents of the next generation of the human race, as in rearing domestic ani-mals. Such a theory I abhor; I believe it must cause much suffering in its application, and that it will defeat its own end by omitting from these unions all sonal o terly dissent from the essential theories of the Oneida Community. All the more reason for trying to do them justice. In the wonderful variety and complexity of human nature it often happens that theories which would be degrading in your hands or mine are somehow purged of the expected ill effects in the hands which hold them. There is a divine compensation that limits the demoralizing effects of bad principles when these are honestly adopted. I found a good deal of such compensation at Oneida.

It must be remembered that the whole organization is absolutely based upon a special theology, that none who do not adopt this would in any case be admitted to membership. As a matter of fact, they have for several years admitted no new members whatever, having no room. This cuts off all floating and transient membership, and excludes all the drift-wood of reform. Members must be either very sincere proselytes to a religious theory, or else very consummate hypocrites. The Community rejects the whole theory of "attractive industry" of Fourier, and accepts a theory of self-sacrifice. In the same way it rejects the whole theory of "affinities" in love and marriage. It accepts instead, a theory of self-control, and even what seems unlawful and repulsive indulgence must be viewed against this stern background of predominant self-sacrifice.

The two things they most sternly resist in practice are, first-lawlessness, or doing what is right in one's own eyes; and secondly—exclusive ownership, whether of property, or wife and child. All must be subordinated to the sup-posed good of the whole. They admit that this theory would be utterly disastrous to the world in its present stage, it adopted without preparation. Nobut religious enthusiasm would make it practicable, even in a Community of two hundred, without its result-

ing either in agony or degradation.
But now, as a matter of fact, how is it? I am bound to say as an honest reporter, that I looked in vain for the visible signs of either the suffering or the The Community makes an impression utterly unlike that left by the pallid joylessness of the Shakers, or the stupid sensualism which impressed me in the few Mormon households I have seen. I saw some uninteresting faces, and some with that look of burnt-out fire of which every radical assembly shows specimens, but I did not see a face that I should call coarse, and there were very few that I should call joyless. The fact that the children of the Community hardly ever wish to leave it; that the young men whom they send to Yale College, and the young women whom they send for musical instruction in New York, always return eagerly and devote their lives to the Community; this proves a good deal. There is no coercion to keep them, as in Mormonism, and there are no monastic vows, as in the Roman Catholic Church. This invariable return, therefore, shows that there is happiness to be found in the Community, and that it is of a kind which wins the respect of the young and generous. must have great confidence in

wolves, and fearlessly expects their re-

I came away from the community with increased respect for the religious sentiment which, in however distorted a form, can keep men and women from the degradation which one would expect to result from a life which seems to me so wrong. I brought away also increased respect for the principle of association, which will yet secure to the human race, in the good time coming, better things than competition has to give. I saw men and women there whom I felt ready to respect and love. I admire the fidelity with which they maintain the equality of the sexes. Nevertheless, I should count it a calamity for a boy or a girl to be brought up at Oneida.—T. W. Higginson in the Wo-

Bonner's Horse Palace.

Prof. Warner contributes the followng to the Herald of Health : Every detail exhibited the most perdoor is open to admit Joe Elliott to his perimenting with it. stall. I notice there is no manger: the vised. rack, yet in nineteen out of twenty far out over the head that a horse of orhas designed the horse to eat his food from the ground, else the pasturage weak knees. While looking at the floor, Mr. Bonner anticipated my inquiry by saying, "The floor is made up by a se-Beneath this is a water-tight floor, with called to the occupants of some of the

This I knew was the effect of contraction and bad sheeing. The result of my treatment is proof of the correctness of my judgment, as you see she now moves as freely and naturally as any horse. She is a little vicious, and we will take her in hand when convenient, if you wish." Princess looked at me with suspicion, but I soon made her ladyship submit to a caress. Of an irritable nalittle watching to prevent a snap judgment in the way of a kick. The next to have studied the points necessary for are taught the reason why. speed and endurance that, I am conwould, I imagine, feel it an honor to ca-

any familiarity from a stranger; yet towards his master he seems to evince the greatest affection, following him with the docility of the most gentle pet, while day.—Philadelphia Press. at the approach of others he shows instant resentment. Intending to renew my visit to the stable the next morning, was now conducted by Mr. Bonner to his private residence. Seated in the library the topic of conversation became lows : that of prices paid. I am able to give the prices paid for the following-named

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\$145,500 Total.... The stable and ground upon which it is built must have cost at least one hundred thousand dollars, making an aggregate of the handsome amount of a quarter of a million of dollars.

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..-These small dots are used to lighten up the high parts of the face or drapery. It is very hard to engrave a face in lines, simply, and only master engravers have ever undertaken it. The masters understand and practice both "line" and "stipple." Claude Mellan engraved in 1700, a full head of Christ with one unbroken line. This line commenced at the apex of the nose, and wound out and out like a watch spring, until it ended in the border of the picture. Mezzotint engravings are produced thus: The steel or copper is made rough like fine sand paper. To produce soft effects this rough surface is scraped off. If you want a white place or "high light" in your engraving, scrape the surface smooth, then the ink will not touch it. If you want faint color, scrape off a lit-tle. Such engravings look like lithographs. Etching is adapted to homely and familiar sketches. Almost all the great painters were etchers. Etching is done thus: The copper or steel plate is heated and covered with black varnish. The engraver scratches off this varnish with sharp needles, working on the surface as he would on paper with a pencil. Nitric acid is then poured over the plate, and it eats away at the steel and copper wherever the needle has scraped off the varnish. When the varnish is removed itself when it thus voluntarily sends its | with spirits of turpentine, the engraving sheep into the midst of the world's is seen in sunken lines on the plate.

AGRICULTURAL

A NEW ERA IN AMERICAN GRAPE CULTURE.—The progress of science in connection with the useful arts has in no way been better illustrated than in grape culture, which during the past quarter of a century has become an interest of no mean character among the industries of the United States. It was very natural for those who were familiar with the luscious grapes and fine wines of Europe to suppose that the importa-tion of this fruit would give us all we required to produce the same results in our land. Indeed, the promise was rose colored; for had we not a finer climate for truit culture than the best grape lands of Italy or the Rhine? The for eign grape was introduced, but it was found that though the foreign man did very well on American soil, he could not bring the joyous fruit with him. The late Nicholas Longworth, of Cincinnati, took the matter up systemati-cally, and it was demonstrated that only fect adaptation and taste. Truly a pal-ace would be a more appropriate name American soil. Hereafter the botanist for so perfect and expensive a stable.

Five large box stalls on each side of a wide alley; the divisions are about six man of science decided any one of them feet high, with an iron railing extend- to be of the European race, though the ing round the top, completely isolating plant may have been raised in this each occupant from the others, as well country from seed, the grape growers as from the gaze of visitors. As the knew enough not to risk money in ex-

But why these grapes should not do hay is eaten from the floor. In one cor- well here, no one ever knew. The facts ner is an iron receptacle for feeding were plain enough, but the reason not grain. It is low, very simple, and convenient. The nearer nature is imitated the better. That I knew, and often adtendance of the advent of General Pleasonton's great There is more economy and less discovery of the growth-virtue of blue trouble to feed from a manger than from grass. Moreover, there were thousands to testify, and who will at this day testify, stables through the country the manger will be found so high and extending so grow very well in the open air, some for rapid growth of the fibres, while its one or two and others for more years. dinary size must reach up to eat his hay, Why not for many years as well as for a and in so doing sifts the seed and dust few? The geologist, the botanist, the from it upon his head and eyes. Nature agricultural chemist, the meteorologist dressing and invigorator in the world. So out avail. But Science conquers. En- gist has it. would be raised to a level with the head. tomology has discovered the evil in her The proper exercise of the muscles of world. There seems to be little room the forelegs and shoulders require this, for doubt that an insect is at the bottom and a neglect of it is often the cause of of the whole trouble, and that we have

literally reached the root of the thing. The insect which causes the evil is very small. For practical purposes we ries of slats, with spaces between large may call it a fly. Scientifically it is enough to allow the passage of water. Phylloxera tastatrix. It works in summer on the leaves, making little tenta pitch of two inches on one side tor like cruptions on the upper surface, drainage, with the false flooring just which are found filled with little brown that much thicker and higher on that lice. But it seems to prefer to work on The extra flooring is so con- the root. In almost all vines which fail structed in two sections that it can be | these minute insects are found in great raised from the centre both ways, and quantities on the roots; and wherever placed on edge when removing the actual they attach themselves the roots alticumulation of objectionable matter be- mately die. Thus the vine not only neath. By this time my attention was suffers from the loss of roots, by starvation, but the peculiar substance which, other stalls. "Here," said Bonner, "is by insect agency, makes what we know Princess, Flora Temple's greatest competitor. When I bought her, a short plant, and thus it dwindles away. These time ago, and placed her under my treat-ment, she moved like a foundered horse. truths were first demonstrated at Mont-pellier, in France, and one of our own pellier, in France, and one of our own entomologists, Professor Riley, of St. Louis, has clearly shown that it is the

> These insects, though apparently of such voracious appetites, have really very nice tastes. They rival our epicures in the daintiness of their selections. They prefer the European grape, but it

speed and endurance that, I all vinced, he could at a glance select a strated, Science rests. It is a triumph for those of her votaries who battle for her usefulness. What good are all these help of capital, and have to fight its way against powerful opposing interests. Within Many a man, or woman either, minute abstract studies? is thus pointedly answered. But the work for the ress this greatest of horses, but like a practical man now commences. The true king as he is, he will not permit quick American mind is not slow to remove obstacles when clearly seen, and we may fairly date a new era in grape culture from this great discovery of the

> COST OF KEEPING COWS .- Prof. Nich ols, in his Journal of Chemistry, gives the cost of keeping twelve cows as fol-

> "We find that the twelve cows consume in twenty-four hours 212 lbs. of good upland hav, 60 lbs. of corn and meal, and 40 lbs. of fine feed. They drink 120 gallons of water, which is 10 gallons to each cow. The cash value, at the barn, of the hay consumed (\$30 the ton) is \$3.18, and the meal and feed cost \$2.05. The aggregate cost of the food consumed each day is therefore \$5.23."

That is, the cost per day for each cow is 43 7-12 cents, where good hay is \$30 per ton. His calculations are made at his farm at Lakeside, Haverhill, Mass., where he comes to the conclusion that it is not profitable to raise milk, pure milk, for sale, at 5 cents a quart at the barn, as he shows thus :

"The total quantity of milk obtained, averaging the products of twelve days, is 96 quarts per day. The price of milk to milkmen, at the barn, is 5 cents per proves that the cash value of the food Co., Philadelphia. consumed by the herd of cows exceeds the cash value of the products by 43 cents each day, or in other words, the actual cost is 43 cents a day, not estimating the expense of taking care of animals, milking, and other expenses incident to a herd of cows."

Referring to the above estimate, the Mirror and Farmer, of Manchester, New Hampshire, says that with hay at about \$35 per ton, it costs plump half a dollar a day to keep a Jersey cow, or any cow of large size of other breeds. We would like to see a comparative statement of the cost of subsisting dairy cows in the

blue grass region. LONGEVITY IN ECUADOR.—In the mountain town of Coxamarca, in the year 1762, there were seven persons, one of whom was then 114 years old, one 117, one 121, one 131, one 132, one 141, and the seventh had reached the extreme age of 147 years. One of these patri-archs at his death left 200 descendants to mourn his untimely exit!

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