

THE SHAKER VILLAGE.

our shaker Correspondence.

SHAKER VILLAGE, NEW LEBANON, June 1, 1853.

Shakerism—Origin of the Society—Village of Lebanon—Government—Mode of Admitting Members—Neatness of the Shakers—Visit from the Sisters—Synthesis with the Spiritual Rappers.

I wish I could bottle up and send down to you a couple of dozen of this fresh, sweet, morning mountain air, as I might find resting on the breeze of the atmosphere that you might get an inhalation of the atmosphere which God created in its purity, and before it has been poisoned by a mixture with dead hogs, garbage, and New York street mud and filth.

Water level in this State, a few miles from Troy. Mother Ann Lee and a few followers, driven by persecution from England, came to America to seek the enjoyments of the religious rights denied them there, and in the year 1776 founded their little settlement at Waterville. Ann Lee, the founder of the sect of Shakers, was born in Manchester, England, in the year 1736.

They number eighteen societies, in seven different States of the Union, and have about four thousand members.

The village of New Lebanon, established in 1788, inhabited entirely by the Shakers, contains about forty houses and workshops. The population is about five hundred, divided into eight different families.

The Society of Shakers is essentially a religious organization, and nothing but a strict religious life could ever have bound them together and made them prosper as they have done.

It would seem that with the thorough organization of this society much more money would be made, and the members would be able to live in a more comfortable manner.

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Only last week another case of this description occurred. You must know that in their houses the males and females are separated from each other, and that they are to be certain, not to be seen by each other.

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The Shaker Arthur Spring—Reconciliation with his Son.

[From the Philadelphia Sun, June 1.]

This wonderful criminal has these three months to live. A marked change has come over him. He has released much, and begun to utter a more booming denunciation, and to speak on each great subject.

The inspectors of the prison refuse to admit any one at all to visit him in his cell, except his spiritual adviser, and he has been obliged to write to his friends.

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