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The Shaker Community.

Three members of the Shaker Fraternity at Union Village, Ohio, recently arrived to spend the Winter in their Florida home. Elder Andrew Barrett, Eldress Mary Gass, and Sister Louisa Gass comprise the party, and are all agreed that our Florida climate is incomparable. The two former are members of the Shaker Board of Ministry for Ohio and Kentucky. They say a number of their people in Ohio contemplate becoming permanent residents of this State. Elder Andrew Barrett was a pioneer in establishing the Shaker Colony in Florida, and spent seven years of arduous and faithful labor here, from whence he was called to his present position in Ohio. Sugarcane is now being harvested on the Shaker place, north end of Alligator Lake, and is being hauled to their mill, where syrup-making will soon be in order. There is reported a considerable cane crop in the St. Cloud, Ashton and Narcoossee districts this season, most of which will be hauled to the Shaker mill for grinding.



PORTABLE SAW MILL ON THE COLONY GROUNDS.