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## WEDNESDAY.

IN a conversation last evening about business organization, Mr. Hamilton remarked as follows:

"Mr. Noyes remarked in withdrawing Theodore from his studies and sending him to New York, that he wanted to have his army in such a state that he could take a soldier and precipitate him on a given point, whenever such a measure was desirable. I have thought a great deal about that, and see that it is very important that we should all be ready at any moment to be pulled up from our present quarters, and hurled upon any point where the public interest may require us. Rapid work is going on around us; and we should all be ambitious to throw off every weight that will hinder us from being used in any way that God sees fit. We should recognize wisdom in the appointing power and obey it, and not judge it for ourselves. If the Lord sees fit to hurl us upon any point, let us go ahead without stopping to question. The old negro said if the Lord commanded him to jump through a stone wall, he was going to jump at it; that was his business, and getting through the wall was the Lord's affair. When I feel that the Lord sets me to jump at a thing, I expect to get through it in some way.

"There is a certain principle involved here which it may be well to lay to heart, as it is important to salvation, and as certain as fate. God will have long patience with us and dig about us and try to make us fruitful, and then he requires of us that we shall be in a state of readiness to obey his calls promptly and without a question: and those who cannot obey his inspiration promptly will find themselves huddled together in the rear like the unorganized followers of an army. God is going to have a thoroughly organized body, and this fact should be laid to heart by every one. And in holding back or shrinking from any appointments we are cheating ourselves and failing of the grace of God. The grace of God goes with his legitimate appointments.'

Mr Perry's sixtieth birth-day was celebrated by a party yesterday. The following communication was read at the table:

Oneida, Feb. 13, 1866.

Through the good providence of God I am sixty years old to day. Spared beyond the years I expected to live, I see many things to be thankful for, and from this point raise my Ebenezer and say, hitherto hath the Lord blessed me. Many hair-breadth escapes have I had from my youth to the present time. A brother and sister next older than myself, both by accident were taken away in their childhood, one by being scalded and the other by laudanum administered by the nurse through mistake. Twice in my childhood I barely escaped being drowned; once by falling into a well some

I have always thought that the angel of the Lord must have helped me out. At another time I fell from a boat on Cayuga Lake; when I was going down for the third time an old man caught hold of me and barely saved me. Three times I came very near being shipwrecked: out of six vessels that left port the day we sailed ours was one of two that came into harbor, the other four being lost. I could mention other narrow escapes, but these are enough to show the kind providence of the Lord that has followed me all my days. I was early subject to serious impressions, from ten until twenty two years of age, when I was converted and joined the church.

In the spring of 1834 I became a Perfectionist, after reading the Perfectionist paper published by Mr. Noyes, and, leaving the church I had belonged too, I became a member with those who through faith and patience have received the promise. My experience since my joining the Community I need not recapitulate. In looking over the past my heart is much softened and my desires are being enkindled to run with patience the race that is set before me. I am thankful for the privilege of being a member of the O. C. with Mr. Noyes for our leader; the prospect still brightens and my heart says praise the Lord.

I can say farther that while others at the age of sixty are growing old, I feel younger to-day than I did

ten years ago, and feel better prepared to live or die as the Lord pleases. I no longer look at death as the great purifier, but to Christ as my salvation. I am happy in surrounding this table with loving hearts to sympathize with. I confess my union with Christ and Mr. Noyes, in the great work before us, and pray that from hence forth I may be more devoted to the cause of Truth.

W. H. PERRY.

An order for \$74 worth of fruit was received to-day, but we have only sorts enough to fill about half of it.

The attention of the family was, last evening, called to the bag business. Our late large orders are taking off most of the bags on hand of some styles, and all the labor which the family can devote to this department, is desirable.

The spirit of organization is working in the machine-shop. A free and sincere meeting of the hands and others was held last evening. The subject considered was the relations of Mr. Inslee and G. W. Hamilton. Both were free to state their feelings in regard to each other, and the causes of a lack of fellowship and harmony, and this was followed by frank criticism of each. It was thought that Mr. Inslee should assume his position as the head of the machine-shop; that he should be recognized as such by all; and that George's position should be that of foreman of the trap shop in connection with the general oversight or charge of the works.

Arrivals.—Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Wilcox.

DEPARTURES.—G. Cragin and E. Hutchins for Willimantic.