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EVENING MEETING.

In the criticism of C. A. Burt last night, but little fault was found with him—it was thought he had improved since his last criticism, though he still lacked resurrection life and energy. Mr. Hamilton remarked as follows: "It is the real soldier spirit that is wanted. You have got to go into it rough and tumble if you are going to beat the devil. You must have real masculine vigor and tone to your spirit. I am well assured that is what God gives—that is the fruit of his spirit in our life. That old, subdued, noncombative, nondemonstrative kind of religion that is so much lauded in the churches is not the kind that belongs to God's army and kingdom. The spirit of God working in a person's heart makes him strong and sure. I feel like saying to Charles, 'Swing out and put on strength and majesty.' I want to see him become a fighting man—if you choose to use the term—for Christ and his cause.

God is very patient and good-natured. He purposed to get possession of mankind; but frequently he failed to do so till men and women are on their death-beds, and were, and stripped of their glory. He is working differently with us. He wants to get hold of men and women right in the prime and pride of their strength and glory.

If we can find out the way to give ourselves to God entirely, while we are in full possession of our vigor of life, we shall be so much more worthy of him. It is a splendid sight to see strong men and women, young men and women, right in the pride of life, wholly subdued to God, and that work wrought in their spirits which is frequently only wrought in a person when on his death-bed. I believe it can be done; that we can give ourselves to Christ, and that he is strong enough to take possession of us with all our powers, and make everything draw us toward God. "The joy of the Lord is our strength." I am ambitious and pray that there may be no weak and feeble ones among us. I want to see all stand up strong in the joy of the Lord.

Charles has a good deal of trouble and temptation, or has had, about love &c. The question is, what is the cure for that experience? It is freedom from idolatry, and the attitude that takes the joy of the Lord instead. There is nothing else that can make people truly happy. You may swing around the whole circle of creation, and revel in the beauty and glory of the outward world, but you never will be happy till you get where the joy of the Lord works in your life. Until this is done you cannot love in the true way—in the way to worship God and do good. To me there is a great deal of meaning in that expression, "The joy of the Lord is your strength." Get the joy of the Lord in your heart and you will trample on temptation, and digest and cast it out.

Mr. Woolworth:—We see there is a heaven of fellowship that is open to every one that will walk in the light. We need not feel poor or starved, for we can have fellowship with this church and with the church of the first-born in the New Jerusalem, every day and hour. I believe that is what we are invited to.

Mr. Hamilton:—Charles was in my room the other day and I had some conversation with him. I told him I thought he needed more vigor of faith and life. He seems to be tempted some yet. Sometimes it seems as though his life was pitched on the minor key. There is a certain child-like simplicity I have seen about Charles lately, that I have liked very much.

Mr. Woolworth:—Charles has impressed me as being in a somewhat negative state. I should think he had faced around in the right direction, but he does not seem to have got in motion yet. There does not seem to be very much enthusiasm for the cause. I don't know but it is working in his heart. I judge it is. I wish however he would give it more expression. I think in that way he would kindle the fire and get into a more positive state, and have more of the missionary spirit. I think there is a good deal of native power and ability in him.

At the request of Mr. Marshall, Secretary of the Vermont Agricultural Society, a report has been made out "The Oneida Community: its Buildings, Manufactures, Agriculture &c.," to be submitted for publication in the forthcoming Annual Volume of Transactions of the State Agricultural Society.—Mr. Pitt, who made out the report, yesterday delivered it to Mr. Marshall. Mr. M. was much pleased with it, and stated, he should either

forward it at once by mail, or deliver it when he attended the annual meeting of the Society in a few weeks. It may also be mentioned, that Mr. Marshall in one of his previous reports made a brief but favorable mention of the Community, which was published in the Annual Volume for 1862.

GOVERNMENT OF THE TONGUE.

I have thought a great deal about this subject lately, and have often wondered why we could not testify on the right side as well as the wrong. I know that I use my tongue very recklessly, and it is with a great deal of difficulty, that I am able to control it; but I know if we stop and confess Christ, that he will help us to overcome this great evil. I desire to let Christ's spirit come into me, when I am talking, and keep him constantly in mind; if we do this, we cannot have anything but good thoughts, and we shall not be likely to talk in a light frivolous way. I have worked myself into a very bad state, just by gossiping with folks that I knew would not do me any good. I felt very much discouraged this evening, when one of my companions came along and spoke to me, and I answered back in a sharp disrespectful way. I was very sorry; I did not have any right to use my tongue so, it does not belong to me, but God, and I ought to use it to please him. I remember when I was a little girl, that the folks told me when I got provoked, to fill my mouth full of water, so that I could not say anything, but I think confessing Christ is a great deal better, and I mean to do it. I pray that sometime I may be able to testify boldly for the truth, and let my tongue go in that direction.

FLORENCE.

Yesterday's temperature—

7½ A. M., 28. 12 M., 32. 6 P. M., 26. Mean 28½.