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YESTERDAY'S ITEMS.

BUSINESS MEETING.

Mr. Burt was appointed to make arrangements to have some one take Mr. Kellogg's place in driving the Willow Place team.

A Mr. Thomas wishes to get maleable iron of us for 400 traps. There is no objection if he will take what iron he wants all at once.

Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Burt and J. D. Conant were appointed to look into the matter of modifying the heat in the ironing room and have what can be done to effect that object accomplished.

Mr. Hamilton was appointed to make arrangements for buying the right to lay down all the patent walk we wish to on our domain.

The question of renting a portion of the Burt house to Mrs. Goaks, mother of Mr. Goaks, was referred to the rent committee.

The bell question was reconsidered. The Mansion House bell is to remain where it is, and the bag-factory bell is to be removed to Willow Place.

The following communication was presented to the meeting last evening :

DEAR FRIENDS:—Since coming to the Community I have been feeling under a good deal of condemnation on account of my old life, but God finally gave me courage to reveal it to Mr. Hamilton, and since doing so I have felt a very great relief from the devil's condemnation.

As I look back on the snares into which I have been led by the devil I feel thankful that God has at length enabled me to escape. My prayer is that I may not be led into temptation and that God will give me strength to resist evil in all its forms.

I confess my separation from my old life and my hatred of it, and my desire to be clothed upon with the life of Christ. I wish to disown all sympathy with the spirit of the Mr. Royce who bored Mr. Noyes with his talk a few days since. H. R. PERRY.

Mrs. Perry, who has been in some trial and judgment lately, and manifested some tendencies to fanaticism, was very sincerely criticised in the meeting. A report will be sent in MS.

This was the hottest day of the season, thus far, the mercury in the thermometer at one time in the afternoon standing at 95. deg.

On Saturday 449 qts. of black caps were picked and 46 qts. of other varieties. Yesterday 271 qts. of black caps were picked. Notwithstanding we have had but little rain for the past two weeks the raspberries have been finely developed. They begin now to show the need of rain, and the hot weather will probably bring us a shower ere many days.

An immense bee was held before breakfast to gather strawberry leaves. It was more numerously attended

than any bee this season, and more leaves were secured than were gathered last season. Mr. Aiken, general-in-chief, proposes to hold one more bee.

A corn-cutter was ordered on Friday, by Mr. E. F. Edgett of Newark in this state. If it works well he says he shall want one or two more.

The Tontine printing-office was moved from the garret to the second story room formerly occupied by silk; the silk and hat business having been moved to the second story of the south wing of the store. This is a very pleasant and desirable change. The low ceiling of the room in the garret made it a very warm place to work in summer, besides the light was rather insufficient. We now have a light and airy room, with high ceiling and three large front windows. We are also one flight of stairs lower down, which is by no means an unimportant item. We rather think our office compares favorably now with the far famed one at Mount Tom. At least we hope to merit more fully hereafter in the quality of our JOURNAL the commendation of our Circularian brothers and sisters.

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BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS.

Some persons are satisfied with a front-yard containing a few trees and rose bushes; others are not content unless they have also a small and well cultivated garden; others still desire to have two or three acres of ornamental grounds and gardens; while another class aspires to have a large farm well cultivated, and ornamented with thrifty orchards. Communities are somewhat noted for having rich and well cultivated lands, and some of them aspire to ornamented grounds on a large scale. The O. C. might perhaps be reckoned of this number. But if this object is attained, should it satisfy

us? No. That would indicate, it seems to me, a sort of Community selfishness, and would not be in harmony with the real spirit of our institution. Let our interest in beautiful surroundings by no means be confined to our own domain; but, on the contrary, wherever we go in this wide world let us do all we can to stimulate the love of improvement and beauty in our neighbors. I confess that I feel a growing purpose about this Oneida valley. I am not content that this Community should have pleasant grounds, fine gardens and fruitful orchards. I want to see this whole valley of several thousand acres all under the highest cultivation—one great garden, devoted to the greatest variety of fruits, vegetables and cereals. A beginning is already made in this direction. Many neighbors stimulated by the example of the O. C., are raising strawberries and other fruits extensively.— Let us encourage this movement and help it onward.— Let this valley in a few years roll out the strawberries and other fruits by the thousand bushels per day. Even this season, over one hundred bushels of strawberries have been harvested in a day within an area of a couple of miles. Ten years ago we should have thought it impossible to dispose of that quantity, and the idea of raising so many at least Quixotic. Let us not be content until we can ride or walk for miles in any direction from our home, and be ever surrounded with thrift, improvement and beauty.

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METEOROLOGICAL.

Thermometer, July 14.

6 A. M. Somewhat cloudy. 12 M. 81. 6 P. M. 81.

July 15.

6 A. M. 80. 12 M. 92. 6 P. M. 85.

The day was perfectly clear and ended with an unclouded sunset.