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EVENING MEETING.

Mr. Woolworth:—I was interested in what Mr. Noyes said about improving our meetings and rising out of routine. I think we are liable to fall into some stereotyped formulas, especially in our criticisms, that are unedifying.

A. L. Burt:—I remember Mr. Tinsley used to say a good deal about our use of "I do;" and many times he would get up quite a labored speech just for the sake of avoiding that form, and showing what he could do, and then afterwards say something about it. I much preferred to hear our folks say "I do", than to hear *him* talk fifteen minutes.

Mr. Campbell:—I have an impression that busiffulness has more or less to do with these set phrases. It is said "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." When we get freedom to talk out of the heart, perhaps we shall have more variety of expression.

Mr. Hamilton:—It is a good time now to take a new departure, and get room in the first place, to enlarge our hearts towards God. We must trust him to inspire us, and he will enable us to rise out of routine. It is a good time to look to God to give us new inspiration about many things. Mr. Woolworth and others will

be called on to take charge of the meetings. The inspiration of God if we look for it, will start new things and awaken new interests. There is a great deal of material and a great deal of life and power here in the Community, if it could be waked up, brought out and made the most of. One good thing about this elocutionary drill that we are having is, that it is breaking up egotism and getting persons free to do just what they can. I appreciate it very much in that respect.

Mr. G. W. Reeve from Berlin Hights, came here yesterday forenoon, and left after meeting last night. He had business at Buffalo, and finding that he should be obliged to stay there over night, he chose to come on here, though he could stay only a short time. He went over to Willow-Place, and looked round as much as he could, in the little time he spent here. He seemed quite pleased, and claimed to be one with us, though he confessed that he was not fully settled on all the doctrines we hold, but he hoped to be.

John Heyl started yesterday for New York, sent by the Bag-department for the purpose of getting some ideas in reference to the new styles of bags, frames &c., that may help him in getting up new, and as much as possible, original styles for our trade. We pay his expenses, and he is to spend a week in looking round among the Bag manufacturers, wherever he can gain admittance.

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Our meetings close now, precisely at 9 o'clock, unless something very important prevents. We had gradually departed from our original practice of holding them one hour only. Mr. Hamilton called attention to the subject a few evenings since, and it was decided that we should in future, be particular to break up at 9 o'clock.

Passing through the children's room this morning as they were taking their breakfast, we asked the mother *pro tempore*, what we should say about her children?—Nothing, she replied, except that they are every one well; perfectly so.

They have commenced reading, in the Bag-bees, "Felix Holt," a new novel by the author of "Adam Bede." Mrs. H. C. Noyes is the reader.

It rained some yesterday and last night, and this morning every tree, twig and shrub are covered with ice.—It is also very slippery.

The CIRCULARS came last night, and glad were we to get them.

Yesterday's temperature—

7½ A. M., 23. 12 M., 29. 6 P. M., 26. Mean 26.

