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## EVENING MEETING.

Mr. Woolworth remarked that they had a pleasant time burying Florilla this morning. Every one appeared cheerful and light-hearted; and the whole thing seemed to him more like a picnic than a burial. He believed it was more pleasing to God than long, doleful faces, and the shedding of a good many tears; and also more in keeping with real faith and the spirit of the resurrection.

F. A. Marks invited criticism. He was believed to be improving. Mr. Thacker thought he lacked in attention to details, and was rather deficient in mechanical skill. It was hoped he would not seek to do too much work with his own hands, but rather devote himself to planning and directing. Some thought his men lost time last summer in hunting for him. A more perfect organization of business would avoid this evil.

*George E.*—I have had considerable experience for the last two or three weeks that has been very interesting to me, and rather new. I was never sick before; that is, I was never really prostrated. I found the great lesson I was learning was to be thankful for suffering. When I was reduced clear down to the

lowest, it seemed to me I got nearer to God than ever before; and I could say from the bottom of my heart that I thanked God for suffering, or anything that produced faith and turned my heart in that direction. This experience has made me feel very much in earnest to know God for myself and seek him every day. Until my late experience I never realized the meaning of Paul's saying: "When I am weak then am I strong." I realized what it was to be strong in the spirit when the flesh was weak. I hope I shall have any kind of experience that is necessary to keep me humble and soft.

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Yesterday, Mr. Thacker, Abram and others laid out the ground and set the stakes for the new preserving-house that is to be. The following item about it was handed to us:

If you would like to know where to think of the preserving business this year, you may conceive of it as in a building 30 feet wide, 84 feet in length,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  stories high, standing near, and parallel to, the old corn-house hill, where we as children were wont to slide on hand-sleds. The east half will rest on a wall enclosing a cellar, and the west half will be open as a place to husk corn, &c. The east half of the first floor is to be used for preparing fruit; the west half for storage of fruit and a packing-room. The chamber will be occupied for a can-shop and store-room for cans.

The engine-room will be on the south side even

with the east end. The bath-room immediately west of it.

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The water wheel at the saw-mill has for some months needed repairing. Some of the buckets were broken which caused a great waste of water. Yesterday, Mr. Kinsley and Daniel Knowles made a successful attack on this job. They removed all the old buckets replacing them by new ones. Mr. Kinsley says it was a pretty cold operation as most of the work had to be done standing in the water, but they have the pleasure of knowing that they are now utilizing all the power.

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George E. has quite recovered. He dismissed Mrs. Hatch (who has lately waited on him) last evening, and begins this morning to go to the dining-room with the rest of us. Little Cosette who has been quite sick is looking bright and smart again. Mrs. Lynde, Mr. Perkins and several others who have been numbered on the sick list, are improving. Most of the folks that have been afflicted with colds are getting over them, and the prevailing tone is one of health.

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The carpenters have commenced work on the dry-room that is to be over the engine-room, and made on an improved plan. Yesterday, they tore down the bedroom and moved the great water-tank into the

south-east corner of the room. Mr. Kelly says they expect to go right along with it now, and finish it as soon as they can. Will put up the partition to-day.

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A little more moving yesterday! George E. goes from the vestibule into the second left-hand room in the lower sitting-room. Mrs. Easton and Annie Kelly who have roomed there heretofore, go into the east chamber of the middle house, in the place of Miss Frank Hillerman and Mary Whatley. Miss Frank has gone in the reception-room at the old house and Mary will move into what was once called the "snug-gery." Mr. Bristol and John Conant moved from the Tontine to the south garret of the old house.

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Mr. Ira Kirkland, road commissioner, came with his men yesterday and worked at repairing the bridge. Mr. Worden thinks they were quite expeditious and will in all probability complete the work to-day.

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It is snowing again this morning, and the children seem to be enjoying it highly. We saw ten of them harnessed up and drawing one sled.

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Mr. Thayer has finished seed-sowing in the forcing-house.