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FRIDAY.

NOTES OF LAST EVENING'S CONVERSATION.

Mr. Hamilton.—I like very much indeed what Mr. Noyes said at New York about working with the heart and communing with God, I will read it again.

“I have been threatening to criticise the Community for not having enough activity and industry, but now I feel more like criticising them for not having the true kind of activity—activity of the heart. I don't know but there is fully enough of outward activity—employment of the hands, at present.

“We insist upon it that our agents shall make returns to us regularly of their sales and business prospects, and we all ought to make returns to God in the same way, and learn to be receptive to his orders. Every man who wants to grow, ought to have a time of meditation and talking with God every day. Activity in that direction is more important than activity of the hands in business. That was the activity Christ had.”

Mr. Woolworth.—I feel that this is something all of us will consider indispensable, sooner or later, as much so as going to the table. We shall not have to force ourselves to it, either, any more than we do to the table. We shall feel hungry and unsatisfied without such a season of communion every day.

Mr. Hamilton.—I cannot help feeling that there is a

great lack in the Community on this point. All bad experience can be traced to this want of reflection and talking with the Lord. We think we must go to the dining-room three times a day, and then when we get up in the morning we must wash our hands and face and comb our hair, and look in the glass to see that we are tidy and presentable. But these are unimportant things compared with washing our spiritual faces. We must find out the way to daily wash ourselves from the spirit of the world. A neglect to do so may be as offensive to the Lord as it would be to us to have people go along months without combing their hair or washing their faces.

There is one Lord and one spirit; and the more we get into this habit of meditation and falling back on God, and communing with Him, the more harmony we shall have. We shall see more beauty and happiness in everything, and find ourselves thinking and acting in unison.

Mr. Pitt.—I believe that talking with God in the way Mr. Noyes recommends, is the true foundation of success in business, and in all that we do.

Mr Woolworth.—I think it is the only way we can be successful in this great warfare with evil and the plagues of the world.

O. H. M. is having good success in his Ohio trip—sends home many bag orders, and makes no complaint about the dullness of business. The following letter was received from him on Wednesday :

DEAR FRIENDS:—James says, “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the

world is enmity to God." James must have had deep spiritual experience, or he could not have seen the broad line between the world and the truth. The world is adultery—the lust of the flesh is the ruling dynasty.—Men are haunted day and night. They commit adultery in the streets. How far must such be from God. They are classed with liars, unbelievers and murderers, who shall have no part in the kingdom of God. I have been particularly impressed in meeting the world, this time, with the adulterous spirit which prevails. Men stare at women as they pass in the streets. Look at the advertisements in all the city papers—doctors advertising to cure private diseases. This is the world. In contrast with this picture, I have thought much of the doctrine of male continence. It seems like a resurrection thought, one which causes thankfulness and gives hope. Waiting on the Lord is a blessed privilege. *Gloria in Excelsis* for male continence, civilization, patience and victory!

Yours in Christ, O. H. M.

There is a good deal of activity in the bag-business now, and a demand for work in the afternoon bees. Last evening Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Woolworth called the attention of the family to the importance of helping as much as possible in the bees, at the present time. It is a good ordinance for every one who can attend the bees to do so, for it pays not merely in dollars and cents, but in personal experience.

RELIABLE AGENTS.

Extract from a letter of Mr. Noyes to W. A. H.:

I see clearly that all our great projects of a world-wide Purchasing Agency, sustaining a world-wide Daily and a world-wide radiation of missionary work, depend ab-

solutely on our raising up an army of *conscientious, reliable, faithful Agents*. This is the great want of all commercial business enterprises. Hobart Herrick says that if he could get *reliable men* to work for him as agents, he could control the whole flour trade of the country. He cannot get them; but we can, and will. Our moral and social machinery was invented on purpose to manufacture *good men*, and we will have them and plenty of them too, to manage the biggest complication of business for body and soul that the world ever saw.

Who can read the above without saying in his heart,
 "AMEN—IT CAN AND SHALL BE DONE?" W.

G. D. A. arrived yesterday to take W. G. K.'s place on his silk-selling route, Mr. K. being somewhat disabled by his former trip. G. and Edwin Burnham go to Oswego to-day.

D. Abbott arrived home this morning. He was successful in his business. He found the tin can machine quite satisfactory, and engaged one for \$225. He was very lucky in meeting Mr. Miller at Cincinnati. Mr. M. had been looking into the merits of the machine and had made arrangements to have the machine at work, so that he could observe its operations, just in season for Daniel's arrival.

Mr. Knowles is quite sick—was taken down immediately after Mrs. Knowles's departure. He has suffered very severely with pain in his head and side.

METEOROLOGICAL.

April 19.

6 A. M. Mercury 60 deg. 12 M. 66. 6 P. M. 68.

Pleasant. Southerly wind, and signs of rain during the day.