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EVENING MEETING.

In reference to the return of Grace Mills to the Community several expressed themselves as sympathizing with Mr. Noyes's view of the subject. Mr. Hamilton observed: "I am not afraid of her corrupting our girls. If she comes here on probation and doesn't do well then she can be returned."

Mr. Woolworth:—One thing looks hopeful in the case. She seems to have had a deliberate purpose. We heard through Ellen six months ago that Grace would be glad to come back; so it does not seem to have been a mere impulse of the moment.

Mr. Bolles:—I think it would be quite a victory over the Mills principality if one of his children could be snatched from him and saved. Visitors from this part of the country ask a good many questions about Mr. Mills. I am in hopes before Mills goes into hades, the Lord will force him to take back what he has said about us.

Mr. Hawley:—I don't think he will ever go to hades until he does do it.

Mr. Colles:—I owe Mills a special grudge. There was a particular devil's providence through Mills, calculated to break off my connection with the Oneida Com-

munity.

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But considering the result I don't know that I ought to owe Mills any particular spite.

Mr. Kinsley:—I was thinking you should be thankful for that experience.

Mr. Bolles:—I am thankful to God but not to Mills.

Mr. Hamilton:—In a good many respects I think Mills was made a means of grace to us. He may see this himself sometime, and turn around and go the other way out of spite. I have read about a very good man who had a terrible vixen for a wife. He was a Methodist, and once some of the brethren of the church were condoling with him on his hard fate, in having been matched with such a woman, when he replied, that it had been the greatest blessing of his life, as she was a means of grace to him, in keeping him in the right attitude. She happened to hear about it and said, she wasn't going to have him go to Heaven over her back, and turned around and made a very good woman.

The remainder of Mr. Meeker's article was read, which caused great laughter in the Hall. Considerable conversation about Mr. M. and the article followed.—*Mr. Hamilton* said, "In regard to Meeker's article and what he says about my talk with him, I didn't take notes and don't know as any one else did; but he has'nt given a very good representation of what I undertook to tell him. I attempted to say that the social theory was not the great object we were aiming at, but that we were seeking to do God's will and promote the best

interest of society, and that we could live as Shakers or as married people as a matter of expediency. But I guess he must have been a little sleepy."

Mr. Hatch :—I don't know but everybody else likes his piece, but it seems to me he doesn't represent things at all truly. He represents Homer's criticism, so that persons wouldn't be apt to take it at all as it was given.

Mr. Pitt :—He admitted when he went down to the reception-room, that he was asleep during most of the criticism.

Mr. Hamilton :—If he has much to do with us we will invite him to submit to criticism, and see how he likes the performance.

Mr. Bolles :—I have a great objection to his sacrilegious way of turning everything into a joke, as though we were put up here to be laughed at.

J. R. Lord :—I think it would be well to have his article pretty well criticised if it is going to be printed.

Mr. Hamilton :—I see in this, one of those Providences where everything is overruled for the best.

In looking into my past experience I can see that I have sometimes deviated from full sympathy with Mr. Noyes and others. For instance, when we were building the Factory at Willow-Place, I had some doubts as to the propriety of making so large a debt, particularly in going to Utica for brick to finish building. Whether

I was under the influence of Mr. Carr's spirit in that thing or not, I will protest against every spirit among us, that is not in sympathy with Mr. Noyes as an inspired man in financial matters.—In the debate with Mr. Carr before he left, Mr. Hamilton said that our preparation at Willow-Place, was a stepping stone, to other facilities in business. I see that I have been short-sighted, and it becomes me to take a humble position among my brethren, and look to God for wisdom and inspiration to direct in future.

CORNELIUS HIGGINS.

Mr. Goakes has a cow which has produced the last year besides what they have used in the family,

230 lbs. of butter, sold at forty cents per. lb.,	\$92.00.
42 lbs. at thirty-three cents per. lb.,	\$13.86.
323 qts. of milk, sold at six cents per. quart,	<u>19.38.</u>
Whole amount,	\$125.24.

CORRECTION.—In the statistics given yesterday, instead of \$4.04 as the cost per week, of board at the home-boarding-house, it should have been \$4.02.

Yesterday's temperature—

7½ A. M.,—9. 12 M., 10. 6 P. M., 2. Mean 1.

