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A letter (of which the following is a copy,) has been addressed to the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives at Washington, and also to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

We are not very confident that either of the requests preferred will be granted; but as a prominent Revenue Law official of New York City gave it as his opinion that they were reasonable, and further said that the Oneida Community is entitled to a 'voice' at Washington, it has been thought best to forward the following letter to the officials first named:

Oneida, N. Y., Jan. 14, 1867.

"Permit the undersigned, (a firm of two hundred persons extensively engaged in preserving fruits and vegetables), to call your attention to the fact, that the Internal Revenue Law, as at present amended, imposes excessive taxation upon fruits preserved in glass bottles, as compared with those preserved in tin cans.

"By Schedule C., section 170, the stamp tax for 'every can, bottle, or other single package, containing meats, fruits, vegetables,' &c., is rated according to the weight of said can or bottle 'with its contents.'

"By a subsequent provision, 'Tin cans used for pre-

served meats, fruits, vegetables, &c., are exempted from the manufacturers' *advalorem* tax. But glass bottles when used for precisely the same purposes are still subjected to this *advalorem* tax.

"As the Law now stands, and is construed, the same quantity and value of fruit which in a tin can requires only a one-cent stamp (because with the can not exceeding two lbs.) requires, if preserved in a heavy glass bottle, a three-cent stamp, (because exceeding with the bottle three lbs.,) in addition to the five per cent. *advalorem* tax previously paid on the bottle by the manufacturer.

"We beg permission to urge, that this unequal taxation bears heavily upon those who are engaged in preserving fruits in glass, and to pray that such changes may be made in the Internal Revenue Law that the tax required on fruits preserved in bottles, shall be the same as that required on the same fruits in cans. This would result from having the stamp tax imposed upon the *contents* of can or bottle, instead of upon the can or bottle *with its contents*, as at present; and by making the can as well as the bottle subject to the manufacturers' *advalorem* tax.

"If this request cannot be granted, then we would further urge that the present exemption of tin cans from the manufacturers' tax, when used for preserving purposes, may be extended to glass bottles when used for the same purpose for which cans are exempted."

Very Respectfully,

Oneida Community,

By WM. A. HINDS.

DEAR FRIENDS:—Dr. Carpenter called here yesterday, and the favorable state of my case caused him to hope that I am cured. If so, I accept it as the work of the Lord, and take this method to thank him publicly for it. In the early part of my affliction I confessed Christ alone my physician, and when the Community proposed having me go to the doctor about it, it gave me trouble, lest in submitting my case to the doctor I should not be trusting it with the Lord. I felt that I would rather die than not to trust him, and told Mr. Burt so. He represented to me that I had a Christ of my own, independent of the Community, and I think that was so. I looked at the matter, and came to the conclusion to take the Community as Christ to me, and I told him I would do so. I have ever since, through his grace, been obedient to their advice as unto the Lord, and have been blest by his presence and support in so doing.

In one instance, dreading a surgical operation which was about to be performed, I committed myself to Christ in the matter, and all dread of it passed away, and quite a strong desire to have it done took its place. It was soon over, and my heart became thankful. Then followed a manifestation of the presence of the Lord in the faith, joy and loving heart he gave me. He manifestly alleviated my pain, and made it easy to bear; and when I think of the cure done on me, I can give the glory of it and the praise to none but the Lord. The doctor is but his instrument.

WM. JONES.

Our home boarding-house has furnished the past year to our employees, exclusive of the persons engaged in preparing them,

Meals,	22,315.
Cost according to the Books,	\$4,271.20.
At Willow Place—Meals furnished,	22,813.
Aggregate cost,	\$4,315.54.
Meals for hired men,	13,421.
Women,	2,354.
Community folks,	5,946.
The fewest in any month was in February,	678.
The most in November,	4,729.
Cost per week at Willow Place,	\$3,97.
At the home boarding-house,	\$4,04.

A man by the name of Mallory, from Rochester, staid here last night. He is the gentleman who manufactured the paper boxes, that we had last fall for packing grapes. He came we understand, to engage us to buy of him again, another year.

It is clear and cold this morning. The mercury stood at 5 o'clock, 14 deg. below zero.

Yesterday's temperature—

7½ A. M., 10. 12 M., 14. 6 P. M., 8. Mean 10¾.