

SPECIAL ACCOUNT, ACT 220, LAWS 1915

Farm Appropriation

Balance Refund to State Treasurer, July 1, 1916.....	\$1,078 52
Amount unexpended	3,500 00
Appropriated, 1917	750 00
Refund from R. R.	3 32
	\$5,331 84

Disbursements

Construction, supplies, etc.	\$1,081 84
Purchased real estate	4,250 00
	\$5,331 84

FIRE LOSS, BARNS AT STATE FARM

Received from insurance	\$6,000.00
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Disbursements

Expense for hay, grain, etc.	\$1,757 83
Construction of new barn	1,227 52
Balance, State Treasurer	3,014 65
	\$6,000.00

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To the Superintendent of the Vermont State Prison:

Since the last report of the chaplain there has been a decided decrease in the population of the institution. While in other lines of religious work an increase is an indication of success, here we are encouraged by the large number discharged and the consequent shrinkage of the number in the institution. This we believe is due very largely to the present demand for labor and resulting rise in wages. Another factor which may contribute to the improved conditions is the lessening of the liquor traffic throughout the State. The subject of the relation of liquor to crime is one of which many people grew tired long ago, and yet those who are in personal contact with men and women in prison know that liquor is at least an important factor in most crimes, if not their cause.

The services in the Chapel are well attended and much interest is shown by the men. We have been favored by a number of clergymen and laymen who have assisted at the services. Several times entertainment companies who had engagements at the Windsor Town Hall and also the Chautauqua gave the men selections from their programs. The Chaplain