

## REVIEWS

JOHNNY APPLESEED, A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS. The Swedenborg Press, Paterson, New Jersey. Fourth edition, pp. 76; price \$1.00.

The work contains several articles by different writers, including Johnny Appleseed in American literature; his religion; contemporary interest in him, and the story of his life. Particularly interesting are the account of Johnny Appleseed in American Literature by Prof. Price, a recognized authority on the subject, and the Story of his Life by Mrs. Ophia D. Smith, an eminent historiographer of Ohio who has given what is the most authentic of all the stories of Johnny Appleseed's life.

During his life, Chapman established only one New Church society—namely, a small society at Newville, Ohio, not far from Mansfield. The town no longer exists.

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JOHN CHAPMAN, "By Occupation a Gatherer and Planter of Appleseeds," by Kenneth Dirlam, Mansfield, Ohio: illustrated, 36 pages; price \$1.00. Mimeographed. The subtitle is Chapman's, or, to use the name by which he is most widely known, Johnny Appleseed's description of himself as given in a legal document.

In and around Mansfield in Richland County, Johnny Appleseed lived and worked for over twenty years. The publication of the present brochure by the Richland County Committee is therefore a labor of love, and the result of that labor is eminently instructive and interesting. The work is confined to Johnny Appleseed's activities in Richland County, and includes several stories which the tellers have heard from their parents or grandparents who actually knew Johnny Appleseed.

Particularly interesting are the many illustrations—one which is probably an authentic picture of Johnny Appleseed, besides a number showing him at work. Then there is a picture of a gnarled apple tree, still bearing fruit, which was planted by Johnny Appleseed a hundred years ago, and another unique painting showing Johnny Appleseed at work; it is a mural in the Johnny Appleseed Coffee House of the Mansfield Leland Hotel; besides many other interesting pictures.