

FOOD CONSERVATION.

At the invitation of Mr. Herbert C. Hoover, United States food administrator, representatives of the Northern, the Southern and the United Presbyterian churches met in Washington a few weeks ago to consider what the churches can do to aid in food conservation. The representatives from our Church were the moderator, Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells; Mr. George W. Watts, of Durham, N. C., and Dr. Henry Louis Smith, of Lexington, Va.

The following resolutions, presented by Dr. Wiley, of New York, and Dr. Smith, were adopted:

Resolved, That the representatives of the Presbyterian churches here present, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., the United Presbyterian Church of North America, and the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., beg to assure Mr. Herbert Hoover of our explicit faith in him and in his associates, and our deep and genuine interest in the great problem of food.

Resolved, That in view of the extreme shortage in the world's wheat crop and meat supply, and our own habits of wastefulness and in order to save that we may relieve present

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urgent distress and avert widespread famine and disaster in the immediate future, we heartily endorse the desirability and necessity of having one wheatless and one meatless meal each day, and commend it for immediate adoption to every household within the circle of our influence.

Resolved, That we bear public testimony to our deep conviction that the conversion of grain or other foodstuffs into alcoholic liquors, whether by ourselves or our Allies, is not only morally indefensible, but in this time of emergency criminally wasteful and doubly injurious.

Resolved, That we heartily approve and endorse the plan of a weekly report card upon food savings among the members of our churches and congregations and that we recommend its adoption by all our churches and congregations.

WORLD'S MEAT SUPPLY.

A total decrease of 115,005,000 in the world's meat producing animals is shown in a comparison of present with pre-war conditions. While the increase of cattle in the United States was 7,090,000 during this period, the total world decrease was 28,080,000. Sheep decreased 3,000,000 in the United States, and 54,500,000 in the world. Hogs increased 6,275,000 in the United States, but decreased 32,425,000 in the world supply, according to a statement issued by the food administration.

The demands made by war on the American meat supply are further shown in the growth of our meat exports for the year ending June 30, 1916, which were 1,339,193,000 pounds as compared with 493,848,000 pounds for a three-year pre-war average. These exports have chiefly gone to our Allies, whose capital stock of animals has decreased by 33,000,000 heads.

Although the European countries have drastically reduced meat consumption among non-war workers, this saving has been overcome by the greatly increased demands to supply men in the armies and shops, and the women who have taken up physical labor. This demand has been so great that Europe has been eating into its herds at an alarming rate, and this condition will continue to grow worse each day as the war progresses. This is a problem that America must meet, not only during the war, but after it has ended.

SHEEP OR DOGS—WHICH SHALL IT BE?

With wool at seventy-five cents a pound, what more valuable product can a farmer raise on his farm than sheep? Besides this as meat producing animals they are exceedingly valuable, and they do much to improve the land of the farm. The question is often asked, why the farmers of this country do not raise more sheep, for there are very few parts of the United States where they will not thrive with reasonable care. The answer to this question is a simple one—dogs. It is often said that the dog is man's most faithful friend, and there is a great deal of sentiment attached to him and his friendship. But, unfortunately, the vast majority of dogs have a stronger affection for sheep than they have for man. This affection is not satisfied, as in the case of man, with a close association. It is only satisfied by the association which insures the dog being outside and the sheep inside.

Almost any farmer will say that it is useless for him to try to raise sheep, as dogs will kill so many of them that there will be no profit in doing so.

Now that the demand for mutton and wool is so far beyond the supply,

the question ought to be seriously considered by the farmers and possibly by the government, whether it is not more important to raise sheep than to have dogs.

Of course there can be no objection to a man's owning a dog. But has he a right, even if he has paid a license tax, to let that dog run at large to the detriment of others. The farmer is not permitted to let his horses or cows or hogs run at large, nor even his sheep, for fear they will injure his neighbor's crops. Why should he be allowed to let his dog run at large and kill his neighbors' sheep? Patriotism, as well as profit, demands the raising of all the sheep possible.

Presbyteries

MANGUM.

The Presbytery of Mangum met with the First Presbyterian church of Clinton, Oklahoma, September 11, 1917. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Moseley, Jr., the retiring moderator.

Rev. W. A. Nisbet, D. D., was elected moderator; Rev. John Scott Johnson, temporary clerk.

Rev. C. M. Dellinger was received from the Presbytery of Pecos Valley, U. S. A., and was granted permission to supply the Arapaho group.

The pastoral relationship between Rev. W. T. Pearman and the Cordell church was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Holston.

The overture on changing the rule of discipline dealing with those who wilfully neglect church worship and ordinances was answered in the negative.

Rev. J. W. Moseley, Jr., was re-elected stated clerk for a period of three years.

Elder A. F. Davidson addressed the Presbytery on "The Tithe" system of church finances. Those who practice this system seem to be its most enthusiastic advocates.

Reev. H. R. McFadyen was selected to preach the next Presbyterian sermon on "The Sabbath."

The invitation of the Walters church for Presbytery was accepted. Sincere thanks for Clinton's sweet hospitality was extended. The Presbytery adjourned to meet during Synod at the call of the moderator.

J. W. Moseley, Jr., S. C.

POTOSI.

The Presbytery of Potosi met in the First Presbyterian church, Malden, Mo., September 4th. Rev. Dr. J. W. Tyler, superintendent of the mountain mission work, preached the opening sermon from John 1:41-45, including a very earnest appeal as to the needs of our mountain people. After the sermon the sacrament was observed, Rev. Lynn F. Ross conducting the service. Eleven ministers and nine ruling elders were in attendance.

Officers: Rev. J. F. Forsyth, moderator; Rev. Marvin L. Eaves, temporary clerk.

Corresponding Members: Rev. E. E. Reed, D. D., of Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.; Rev. H. F. McChesney, of the Presbytery of Louisville, and Rev. Dr. J. W. Tyler, of the Presbytery of Knoxville.

Visiting Brethren: Rev. Fred W. Matthews, of the M. E. Church, South; Rev. George W. Graham, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Mr. Crow, of the M. E. Church, South.

The majority of the Permanent Committees presented full reports of unusual interest. Much time was

given to the consideration of Westminster College and its work and to Home Mission work in Southeast Missouri.

On Wednesday afternoon Rev. Dr. E. E. Reed spoke on the importance of the Christian College, and made a strong address in defense of our Westminster College, of which he is the president, which was followed by a conference of all the members of Presbytery.

At the night session Dr. W. S. Dearmont, president of the State Normal College at Cape Girardeau, delivered an enlightening impressive address on Local Home Mission work, urging that it be vigorously prosecuted by both ministers and laymen.

Elmwood Presbyterian Home: Rev. E. O. Sutherland presented an overture to the Synods of Missouri, U. S. and U. S. A., requesting them to take under their care the Elmwood Presbyterian Home at Farmington, Mo., and control it jointly.

Assembly's Home Missions: The committee recommends: 1. That our pastors and sessions present the needs of this cause to the membership of their several churches in the most impressive manner and that each member be urged to make an offering of a definite sum, payable either weekly, monthly or annually.

2. That each church be urged to observe Home Mission Week, November 18th-25th, and at this time call for voluntary offerings.

3. That this Presbytery engage in intercessory prayer in behalf of the men on the battle line and those preparing to go and in behalf of the Executive Committee in its increasing obligations.

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