

"WHOSE GOD IS THE BELLY."

(From The Presbyterian Witness.)

In his letter to the church of Philippi, the apostle Paul refers to certain persons "whose god is the belly." We fear the members of this cult are still alive on the face of the earth and that some of them are among us to-day. We are in the midst of a great struggle for our dearly-bought liberties, the issue of which depends upon the endurance and self-sacrifice not only of our soldiers at the front, but of every man and woman in the nation. We have been assured by competent men who have made an expert study of the question that we are threatened with a world famine by reason of the great number of men in all the belligerent countries who have been withdrawn from production since the beginning of the war, and that unless we practise the strictest economy, especially in the use of certain food products, such as wheat, meat and sugar, there is grave danger that our soldiers may not receive a sufficient supply to keep up their strength. And yet in the face of this peril and the sacrifices being made for them by our brave boys at the front, there are those among us who are apparently unwilling to deny themselves any luxury in the food line which they once enjoyed. . . . The sacrifice involved in a meatless or a wheatless meal or in giving up rich cake for a while for the purpose of conserving the supply of sugar is so paltry in comparison to the sacrifices and sufferings of the men at the front that it brings the blush of shame to be compelled to acknowledge that there are any among us, bearing the name which has come into such world-wide honour, who are not willing to deny themselves even to this small extent. Our boys lying out in the trenches in the cold and mud and rain, enduring the unspeakable horrors of shell and poison gas and liquid fire, in hourly peril of their lives, may go hungry, but these devotees of the belly god must have their meat and wheat bread and cake as usual!

CHECKING WASTE OF FOOD.

Reports are being made to Canada Food Board and all Cases Investigated.

The Toronto Street Cleaning Department, is submitting regularly each week to the Canada Food Board a detailed statement of all foodstuffs being destroyed at the municipal plants in that city and investigation is made where necessary to determine whether the destruction is the result of wilful waste or not. It is noticeable that since the reports started coming in there has been a decided drop in the amount of food destroyed.

On several occasions exhaustive investigation has been made and it has been found that, with a few exceptions, waste has been the result of unavoidable deterioration. A few instances of waste were found to be due to fruit and vegetables freezing in transit during the very cold weather. They were then kept until a later period to make sure that they were unfit for consumption.

In addition to submitting the regular reports to the Food Board various inspectors of the Medical Health Department report

any holdings of perishable foodstuffs wherever waste is apt to take place. The most recent case is that of eight hundred barrels of apples in storage in Toronto. They were sorted over, the good ones being sold and the decayed ones sent to the incinerator.

In Montreal several investigations have been made by the Medical Health Department and satisfactory explanations were received with the exception of a few cases, where every effort is now being made to dispose of the foodstuffs before further deterioration.

SYNOD URGES CONSERVATION.

The Anglican Synod of Huron in annual session at London unanimously adopted the following resolution: "That in view of the widespread shortage of food and urgent needs of the Allied nations of Europe and of the fighting men at the Front, this Synod pledges itself by every means in its power to support the Government in any measures it may see fit to take to promote the greater production and conservation of food."