

WOMEN MAY BE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ELDERS

PHILADELPHIA, May 27.—Admission of women to ordination as ruling leaders of the Presbyterian church is a question that will be submitted to a referendum vote of the entire denomination in the United States if the recommendation of a commission which has been studying the subject for the past year is approved by the Presbyterian general assembly which opens its annual sessions here tonight.

A survey, taken by the commission of the official relation of women in the church, in which the opinions of leading ministers, elders and women was obtained, led its members to these conclusions:

"That the scriptures did not forbid either women elders or women preachers; that three other denominations ordain women to the ministry but that few women avail themselves of the privilege; that four other denominations did not have women preachers and are not inclined to have them; that the evidence shown is favorable to women as elders but unfavorable to women as ministers; that of the Presbyterians canvassed 60 per cent favored women as elders, 48 per cent favored women as ministers, while 31 1/2 per cent opposed any change in the present usage of the church."

An elder in the Presbyterian church occupies a spiritual office but does not preach. He assists the minister in his religious duties and, as a presbyter, is a member of the governing body of the church endowed with the function, among others, of maintaining denominational doctrine and administering discipline. For centuries the office has been filled exclusively by men.

Last year, three Presbyteries, it was said, made overtures to the general assembly. One from the Presbytery of Columbia river asked that women be made eligible to ordination both as ministers and ruling elders. Another from the Presbytery of Dallas, Tex., asked that a committee be appointed to investigate the whole question of enlarged opportunities for women in the church and the Presbytery of Saginaw, Mich., urged that they be ordained as ruling elders. The moderator thereupon appointed a commission to inquire and report, composed of the Rev. S. Hall

Young, chairman, the Rev. Edgar W. Work and Rush Taggart, all of New York, the Rev. William Barrett of Bellfontaine, O., and John T. Manning of New Haven, Conn.

The commission said it found that the Methodist Protestant, the Congregational and the Christian churches ordain women to the ministry but few availed themselves of the privilege. Four other denominations, the Lutheran, Baptist, Episcopal and Methodist Episcopal, it was said, "do not have women preachers nor does there seem to be any particular inclination in these churches to accord them this office."

"In practically all of these seven churches," said the report, "women are admitted to every other official position in the church except the ministry. They serve on official boards, are trustees, deaconesses, etc., and there is a growing tendency to admit them to official equality with men in the matter of council and oversight in the government and service of the church."

Those opposed to any change in the present usage in the Presbyterian church were quoted by the commission as arguing that ordination of women would lower the dignity of the office, afford an excuse for men to shirk their duties, retard or defeat the union of Presbyterian churches in the United States, keep men from church and countenance and accelerate a "dangerous feminist movement."

Arguments quoted in favor of the change include statements that it would accord with the spirit of the age and with women's civil equality, that women and girls composed the majority of the membership of the church and did more work than the other sex and that they were "entitled to the honors as well as the labors."

The commission declined to express any opinion on the merits of the question, stating that it was divided, "a majority having expressed themselves as conservative."

RUSS MONEY TOO CHEAP TO TRIFLE WITH

ON BOARD UNITED STATES DESTROYER, BLACK SEA, April 25. (By Mail).—Russian money is one of the cheapest of Russian products. It is literally dispensed in bales. The old-fashioned pocket-book no longer is sufficiently large to carry one's daily or weekly supply of rubles, of which one American dollar will buy about 4,000. In normal times the ruble had an exchange value of about half a dollar.

There is a colony of millionaire Russian refugees in Yalta, a Black Sea port, who have to keep their currency in trunks, boxes and barrels. The kopek has long since disappeared as a standard unit in Russian money. In Yalta, smaller denominations of rubles scarcely exist. People brandish 5,000 and 10,000-ruble notes as though they represented only a few farthings.

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There were upward of 20,000 Russian refugees in Yalta when the correspondent visited the city but the majority of these were well-to-do and able to take care of themselves. In anticipation of Bolshevik invasion many of them were preparing to leave for Constantinople, France and England. Those who were temporarily short of money were peddling their diamonds and jewels at a fraction of their cost. Every second store in the town was a clearing house for valuable furs, rugs, trinkets and other personal possessions. Sebastopol, the chief city of the Crimea, had 35,000 refugees but most of them were satisfied to remain as they felt Sebastopol was comparatively secure from the Bolsheviks. There seemed to be ample food for the population but the hospitals were short of vital necessities.

In the area north of Novorossisk, running as far as Kuban, there are said to be 500,000 refugees who were forced to flee from their homes in Kursk, Poltava, Kiev, Kharkov and other cities. Throughout the towns of southern Russia there is a general prevalence of typhus, due to overcrowding, lack of soap, scarcity of physicians and indifference to cleanliness.

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NEW ORLEANS, May 27.—"General" Lee Christmas, for 26 years a prominent figure in Latin-American revolutions and from whose adventures G. Henry wrote many tales, has decided to retire.

"El General," as he is best known in Central America, was in Guatemala throughout the recent revolution there and gave valuable services to Americans who were in peril.

So at 57 years of age, Christmas, a native of Memphis, has taken up his abode in New Orleans and says he is through with the adventures which come to those who rove through Latin America.

Lobsters are very sensitive to cold and light, being accustomed to the and the obscure light of the ocean bottom. Exposure to strong sunlight is soon fatal to them.