In harmony with a call issued by the Executive Committee, the third annual Pure Food and Drug Congress of the United States, assembled in Washington, D. C., on March 7th.

Delegates to this Congress were appointed by the Governors of the several States; by the State boards of agriculture and health; by the agricultural colleges and experiment stations; by the national trade organizations, both by wholesalers and retailers; by the National Grange; by the State Granges and by various other organized bodies. Over five hundred delegates were appointed and about three hundred attended the meeting, thirty-five States and Territories being represented by delegates in actual attendance. The meeting was a thoroughly representative one in every particular.

The principal object of this Congress was to promote national legislation relating to the inter-state traffic in adulterated foods, to provide inspection of food products shipped abroad and to regulate the sale of food products in the Territories of the United States and the District of Columbia. Under the constitution the power of the Congress cannot go farther than this.

For many years agitation in regard to this legislation has been going on, and the fundamental principles of the measure agreed upon have been endorsed by the