

## New President

News of his nomination as president of the House of Deputies had just come to the Rev. Canon Theodore O. Wedel when this picture



was taken as he sat with the Washington delegation in Symphony Hall.

He was elected to that office on the afternoon of September 8th by a vote of 436 to 168. On the motion of Dr. Clark Kuebler, president of Ripon College, the election was made unanimous.

Dr. Wedel is the son of a Menonite minister, the Rev. Cornelius H. Wedel, who was president of Bethel College, Newton, Kans. "Ted," as he is most affectionately called by his new and old friends, was born in Halstead, Kans. He received his undergraduate work at Bethel Academy. From that point he began a brilliant collegiate career, attending Oberlin College where he received the B.A. degree. Three years after he received the M.A. at Harvard he completed his graduate work at Yale with the Ph.D. in English.

A new milestone in the life of

this young professor began with teaching assignments at the University of Texas, Yale, and Carleton College. For ten of the 14 years at Carleton, Dr. Wedel was head of the Department of English. In 1929 he was ordained deacon, and in 1931, priest. In 1930-31 he studied at Marburg University, Germany. In 1940 he received the S.T.D. from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary.

Another milestone in the life of the president of the House of Deputies began in 1934, when he was appointed to be secretary of College Work on the National Council. He served in this capacity until 1939, at which time he became director of Studies at the College of Preachers and Canon Chancellor of the Washington Cathedral. In 1943 he was appointed warden of the college.

Canon Wedel's first interest in the Church came when he played the organ at the Episcopal chapel in Newton, Kans., where he was later confirmed. During World War I he served as an officer in an artillery outfit. These years found him to be an avid squash and tennis player. His present hobbies often include detective story reading, studies in poetry, and travel. In 1917 he married Elizabeth Cornelia Ewert, now deceased. While at National Council he married Cynthia Clark, who was at that time a professional Church worker and director of Religious Education. Canon Wedel is the father of two children. Mrs. Wedel is well known to the Church in her own right because of the positions she holds in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council.

The Wedels often work as a team in conducting Church conferences.