

## KENTUCKY

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### Influenza in Louisville—Opening of School of Religious Instruction Is Postponed—Anniversary Services at the Cathedral

LOUISVILLE, like most of the large cities, has suffered from Spanish influenza, and the close proximity of Camp Zachary Taylor with its more than sixty thousand soldiers makes extra precautions necessary. Accordingly the state board of health, on October 7th, ordered all places of amusement, and public gatherings, including schools and churches, closed until further notice. Many hoped that the ban would be lifted by Sunday, but since it was not, the Bishop issued a letter urging that "a churchless Sunday be not made a Godless Sunday".

Dean McCready, as president of the Louisville Ministerial Association, also issued an appeal from the ministers of the city for worship in the home about the family altar, led by the father or mother as priest or priestess of the household. The epidemic having shown some abatement, particularly at Camp Taylor, it was hoped by many that services would be held on Sunday, October 20th, but the local health board announced on Saturday morning that vigilance must be increased rather than relaxed, since the disease was apparently increasing among the civilian population, and announced even more stringent rules; however, the board announced that it was never intended that the churches be closed entirely, so as to forbid individuals going in at all times for private prayer and meditation; only public services and meetings are forbidden.

OWING to the health regulations the Church School of Religious Instruction was prevented from opening as announced at the Cathedral House on October 9th, but it is hoped to begin the weekly services on the first Wednesday evening that the authorities permit. In addition to the three courses announced, a class in teacher training, with special reference to the *Christian Nurture Series*, has been arranged to be conducted by the Rev. James M. Maxon. This will be the fourth consecutive year of the school, and prospects are excellent that it will break former records.

BISHOP WOODCOCK has been rendering most efficient service in connection with the Liberty Loan campaign, being one of the special speakers who toured the state in its interests. Both city and state have raised considerably more than their quota.

SPECIAL SERVICES were held in the Cathedral on Sunday, October 6th, commemorating the first anniversary of the Very Rev. Richard L. McCready, Dean, and the Rev. F. W. Hardy, senior canon. Bishop Woodcock delivered the sermon at the morning service, and in the afternoon, after choral evensong, an address was delivered by the Rev. Lloyd E. Johnston on The Cathedral and the Diocese, by the Rev. John S. Douglas on The Cathedral and Missions, and by Chaplain Major Alfred A. Pruden, head of the School for Chaplains at Camp Zachary Taylor, on The Cathedral and the Army Chaplain.

THE BOARD of guardians of the Orphanage of the Good Shepherd (for boys), Louisville, is being congratulated upon having secured a most capable new matron in the person of Mrs. Martha McNeil, who took charge October 1st. Although a former member of Christ Church Cathedral, Mrs. McNeil has been absent from the diocese for some time serving in one of the government Indian schools and elsewhere in the West, and her former experience will prove most valuable.