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 it inevitable. This week the state board of health, on October 7, 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, October 10, but that day Mayor Hill 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 bidden name of Jesus. At his side, at the altar, led by the father or mother as priest and the priestess of the household. The epidemic having shown some abatement, particularly at Camp Taylor, it was hoped that services would be held on Sunday, October 10th.

On Saturday morning, 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 decided that the churches be closed entirely, and 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, on Sunday, October 9th, but it is hoped to begin serving the children 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 Bureau, was announced 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 men who toured the state in its interests. Both Bishop Woodcock and the Chaplain 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, the address was given by the Rev. Lloyd E. Johnston. Services were held at the Cathedral and the Diocese, by the Rev. John S. Douglass on The Cathedral and Missions, and by Chaplain Major Alfred A. Proctor, head of the Army 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 McNeill, who took charge October 1st. Mrs. McNeill has been the Rev. Philip McCready, who is now in charge of the Christ Church Cathedral, Mrs. McNeill 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.