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Student Spiritual Leadership Groups Reports Progress St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Remarkable progress during the year is reported by the Students Spiritual Leadership Movement, conducted under the auspices of the Sodality of Our Lady. The movement has had two distinct phases of development since October: First the Spiritual Leadership Schools conducted during October and November by Father Lord at Milwaukee, Prairie du Chien, Scranton, Cleveland and Buffalo, with a total of 4,447 delegates attending. Local conventions, attended by 5,883 delegates, were conducted by Father Donnelly at St. Louis, Toledo, Omaha, Kansas City, Detroit, St. Mary's, Kan., and Denver. In addition a local convention, conducted by students at Chicago was attended by 249 delegates. During the course of the next year the Leadership Schools will be held in the South and along the East Coast. The local conventions are to be held in the far-western cities where last year the Leadership Schools were conducted.

Notre Dame Sports Calendar Crowded Notre Dame, Ind., Dec. 14.—Although the Notre Dame basketball squad opened its season by winning from Armour Tech of Chicago, Coach George Keogan is far from satisfied with the work of his men and, with a long stretch of difficult games ahead, is drilling them intensively in all phases of offensive and defensive play. Kente K. Rockne, director of athletics, has announced that the third annual Central Conference Intercollegiate indoor track meet will be held in the gymnasium here on March 9. Fourteen institutions participated in the meet last year, which was won by Notre Dame. Four dual meets with Western Conference squads and two intercollegiate carnivals are on the indoor track schedule as announced by Coach John P. Nicholson. The schedule follows: Indiana at Notre Dame, Feb. 3; Illinois at Notre Dame, Feb. 15; Northwestern at Notre Dame, March 2; Central Conference, March 15; Illinois Relays at Champaign, March 16.

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Indian's Poverty Shames America, Dr Ryan Asserts

Conditions Constitute Grave Threat to Nation, N. C. W. C. Official Tells Atlantic City Meeting. Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 15.—The overwhelming majority of the Indians are poor, even extremely poor and they are not adjusted to the economic and social system of the dominant white civilization. In dealing with the Indians, the Government in the main is handling a problem of great poverty. These sentences from the recent government report concerning the condition of American Indians formed the basis of an address delivered by the Rev. Dr. John A. Ryan, Director of the Department of Social Action of the N. C. W. C. today at a well attended conference at the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall hotel here to discuss the findings and recommendations of the government report. The two-day sessions attended by friends of the Indians closed today. A number of other prominent speakers gave addresses. "Neither health, education, morals, family life nor social conditions," Dr. Ryan said, "can be normal or satisfactory in any social group which is sunk in a condition of extreme poverty. "An extremely small number of Indians support themselves according to a minimum standard of health and decency. In part this is due to the fact that the typical Indian is neither industrious nor an effective worker; in part it reflects the lack of adequate natural resources and artificial tools. Much of the land upon which the Indians live is of little value for agricultural operations except grazing; much of the desirable land that they once had has passed into the possession of white men; in some instances the Indians have never lived upon the land allotted to them. Indian's Culture Lost. "These conditions would keep even white persons poor. They are intensified in the case of the Indian by the fact that he has lost much of his old culture and manners of life without having fully taken over those of the white civilization. He has not been trained to make the best of even the inadequate resources within his reach. His ability to obtain unearned income from leases of and sale of land, per capita payments from tribal funds and sometimes rations from the government, have greatly reduced his capacity for work and his desire to train himself for work. Ninety-six per cent of the Indians earn less than two hundred dollars per year on an average through their own efforts. "The Indian's lack of industrial capacity, Dr. Ryan said, was largely due to the want of intelligent governmental treatment and of advice which would be of the greatest assistance to them economically and socially. "The present condition of the Indians," he said, "constitutes a grave threat to the government of the United States. For many reasons the greater part of the reproach arises out of the mismanagement of the economic situation. Congress ought to face frankly the question whether it intends to maintain the Indians in idleness or to make them self-supporting. "Outlines Adequate Policy "A consistent and adequate policy," he pointed out, "should comprise two main objects; the economic education of the Indian and the provision of sufficient economic resources for him to work upon. "The Indians need to be taught not only how to work but to work prof-

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Mass and Communion Given For Notre Dame Team While Traveling Notre Dame, Ind., Dec. 14.—Something new in the way of providing members of the University of Notre Dame football squad with facilities for attending daily Mass and receiving Holy Communion while traveling was introduced when the squad made its recent trip to Los Angeles to meet the University of Southern California eleven. Before the squad departed, the Rev. Charles L. O'Donnell, C. S. C., President of the University, obtained a special dispensation from His Excellency the Most Rev. Archbishop Fumasoni-Biondi, D. D., Apostolic Delegate at Washington, which granted permission to have Mass said on the special cars which carried the players. Every morning on both the trip to the coast and the return trip, the train was stopped long enough for the Rev. J. Leonard Carroo, C. S. C., faculty representative, to say Mass and distribute Holy Communion to the men. So far as is known, this is the first time that any Catholic university athletes with such easy access to daily Mass and Communion while on the road.

Paulist Choristers Get Papal Blessing New York, Dec. 14. — Pope Pius XI has sent his special blessing to the Rev. William J. Finn, C. S. P., organizer and director of the Paulist choir, and to the choristers. A Papal Secretary of State, to Cardinal Hayes was delivered to Father Finn yesterday. It read: "Holy Father heartily grants Father Finn and his choristers apostolic blessing, occasion, silver jubilee their foundation. "Cardinal Gaspard." The year 1929 will mark the silver jubilee of the choir, said to be the only group of singers in the world who specialize in Palestrina and other Polyphonic music. They have traveled all over the world giving concerts and recitals and have appeared at the Vatican. In Paris they won first prize for their rendering of "The Palmes."

Statue Dedicated To St. Christopher Cleveland, Dec. 14.—A statue of St. Christopher on the lawn of St. Christopher's church, at Rocky River, a suburb has just been dedicated by Bishop Joseph Schrembs. The statue is the familiar one of the saint bearing the Christ child on his arms. The base on which the statue stands has this inscription: "Behold St. Christopher and go thy way in safety." The statue faces Detroit Road, main thoroughfare for automobilists.

New Cloyne Church Dedicated by Bishop London, Dec. 14.—At the opening of a new church at Cosham, Portsmouth, which is dedicated to St. Columban, first Bishop of the Cloyne diocese, Ireland, the celebrant of the Mass was Bishop Cotter and his assistants Father Timothy Twomey and Father T.A. Murray, all of whom were born in the diocese of Cloyne. The four other priests assisting in the sanctuary all were Irish—Canon O'Leary, Father F. Murphy, Father John Murphy and Father Hugh O'Connor, P. S. M.