

## CARDINAL SPELLMAN VISITS W. N. C.



During the week of July 10th there was held in Asheville the national convention of the Catholic Daughters of America, a 47-year-old organization of Catholic women from all of the 48 states and territories. The occasion was a notable one for Western North Carolina and was marked by the presence of many bishops and other members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. The most renowned of these was His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, whose energy, graciousness, and deep interest in North Carolina will be long remembered. Due to Mr. Harry H. Straus' inability to attend a reception in honor of Cardinal Spellman, His Eminence visited Mr. and Mrs. Straus at their home in Biltmore Forest on July 13th to wish him a speedy recovery and to thank him for his many generous donations to Catholic charities.

In the keynote speech of the convention Cardinal Spellman stressed to the delegates the importance to America and the world, of people who constantly cultivate faith in God and who live this faith in their daily lives.

Mr. Straus was so deeply impressed with the timely and inspiring address of Cardinal Spellman that he feels the following selections from his address will be of interest to all our readers:

"Faith is the heart-beat of men, the life-blood of nations, the blessing of grace that binds men to God Who alone can save us or we perish from the earth! And we who are heirs to our loving Lord's faith have the bounden duty to prove we are love-worthy of kinship with Christ, not by lip alone, but by spending ourselves in daily deeds of holy living; for words unripened by loving works must ever fall as fruitless as the rain on city streets. And, it is equally our bounden duty to bring to this soul-sick, self-blinded, unbelieving world of men today, the faith that only the God-

Man can give: the truth His apostles through Peter were commanded to teach, the Bread of the Angels entrusted on earth to His priests.

"Beggared of faith men grope in the black-fog of misery. Anguish torments them day and night. They lose the joy of living, but cannot lose the fear of dying as with faithless minds and tortured hearts - mournful strangers to their Lord God - men deny, defile and befoul Him, refusing His strengthening embrace in the Sacraments' soft-flowing graces. . . .

"I call, not alone upon you, devoted Catholic Daughters of America, but upon every loyal citizen of every State within our nation which you here represent, publicly to avow by your words and works as an eternal enmity to all evils spaw-

