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A Good Plan.

Supplementing the splendid work of the White List of the Catholic Theater movement, the Philadelphia Center has established an innovation in the shape of a White List of moving picture houses.

The city has been divided by parishes and committees assigned to attend the movie houses in each parish and to suggest to the proprietor the wisdom of eliminating any objectionable pictures of films that may appear.

It would appear that such a plan, if persisted in and the committees are earnest and diplomatic in their supervision, should prove exceedingly efficacious.

Possibly, such a plan might work well right here in Rochester where moving picture shows have secured as good a foothold as the jitneys.

Not Leave Rome!

The secular cable papers recently carried a cable despatch to the effect that Pope Benedict XV. was planning to leave Rome and that a refuge had been prepared for the Holy Father in Spain.

A special despatch to the Catholic Standard and Times disposes of the rumor in short fashion: "To Spain, they say, if Pope is going," cried the man in the street, the other evening, folding up his paper.

id: "Don't be a fool. The advice was good, and it was taken by the man in the street all over Rome. A little irony in the Catholic newspapers soon killed the mendacious report which had been industriously circulated by parties ever and always hostile to the Vatican.

No indeed, Benedict XV. will not stir from Rome, war or no war. Never for a hundred years has the Chair of Peter been more firmly fixed in the Eternal City, and at no time this past century have the powers of Europe surrounded with such marks of deep respect the Papal throne.

Were anybody to ask me at present "What of the night for Italy?" I should feel embarrassed. It is true, I believe that the Pope felt much worried recently about all the annoyance Italy's intervention in the European war could not but cause to the Holy See.

A Negro Tribute.

One of the most influential Negro publications in this country is the New York "Age." Its editor recently quoted from the Catholic Directory figures showing the remarkable growth of the Catholic body in the last twenty years and then added: "These figures will alarm a great many good people, who will see in them the ultimate downfall of the Republic and a lot of other dire disasters."

"For our part, we should like to see more of the Catholic spirit instilled into our great Protestant and other denominations. The Catholic Church in this country is that religious body in which wealth, social distinction, class and race count for the least.

"The humblest, poorest and most ignorant immigrant entering New York can go into the great Cathedral on Fifth avenue and feel that he is welcome. Any one in such circumstances would hesitate for some time before entering a rich Protestant church.

"It is almost impossible to think of a Catholic priest preaching race discrimination or urging his congregation to go out and lynch somebody.

"But they haven't got it." German Jesuits. An exchange publishes some private letters received in this country giving information of the members of the exiled members of the exiled Society of Jesus.

Says the Milwaukee Catholic Citizen: "That Sir Edward Carson, who dined and wined with the Kaiser brothers are connected, directly or indirectly, with the army, and this number may soon be augmented. Of the priests, twenty-four are military chaplains, while forty-five have been assigned to minister to the sick and wounded in the military hospitals and barracks. Eight scholastics and forty-nine lay brothers are soldiers in the line. As in France, these men have exercised a remarkable influence for good in their companies. Not only have the negligent Catholics been brought back to the exercise of their religion, but conversions of non-Catholics to the Church have been reported. Many have distinguished

hemselves for acts of conspicuous bravery. The Iron Cross has been bestowed upon nine of the priests and upon one lay brother.

A well informed Catholicity is very desirable these days. But it is almost impossible to have a well informed Catholicity without a strong and well supported Catholic press.

Reading the Church Progress one gathers the impression that when the secular press of St. Louis gets on one side of a public question, the people generally take the other. Why is this so? We recall that, as a rule, if the entire daily press of New York City unites in opposition to a particular candidate for municipal office, nine times out of ten, that candidate is elected. Such a record does not speak well for the ability of the press to size-up popular opinion.

Men who seek to nullify the constitutional guarantee of religious and political liberty are seeking to tear down the bulwarks of the Republic and should be sternly repressed.

One of our contemporaries has a keen sense of humor. It opines that "as specimens of fine diplomatic phrasing—the art of saying what one does not mean—the letters of Mr. Bryan and President Wilson can scarcely be surpassed.

Bigots are not confined to any one nationality. They blossom out wherever there is any trouble. Taking advantage of the anti-German feeling in England, the Orangemen vented their spite on the Catholic shopkeepers, many of them Irish, in a cowardly manner. So violent were these Orange disturbances that the Catholics in Waiworth and other sections were obliged to abandon processions which had been scheduled. We do not notice that these bigoted Orangemen are rushing to enlist for the European war with the avidity displayed by his majesty's Irish subjects.

Whether traceable to the war or not, there is a marked outburst of Catholic faith in Holland. Pilgrimages are frequent and at last a new Catholic church has been dedicated by the Bishop of Haarlem for some time before entering a rich Protestant church.

Home Rule should be put in force in Ireland right away if for no other reason than to prevent miscarriages of justice such as recently happened in a Dublin court. The non-Catholic father, broke his ante-marriage agreement and tried to bring up his son as a Protestant. He died and the Catholic mother at once made arrangements to have the boy placed in a Catholic school. Protestant relatives kidnapped the boy and then haled the mother into court. The judge censured her for trying to preserve her son's faith and actual

went so far as to appoint a Protestant clergyman as guardian of the child!

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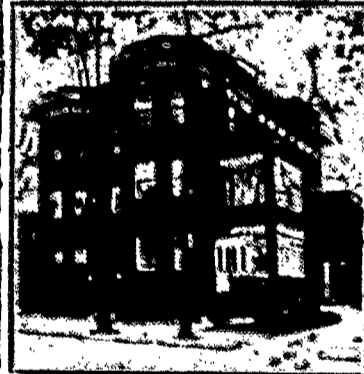
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