

# POPE DENOUNCES THE 'NEW PAGANISM'

Cardinal Pompili on His Behalf  
Issues a Pastoral Letter At-  
tacking Recent Developments.

## GIVES WARNING TO PARENTS

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ROME, Jan. 15.—Cardinal Basilio Pompili, Vicar General of Rome, representing the Pope, has issued a pastoral letter denouncing the tango and also certain newspapers, theatrical performances, and fashions, which, he declares, are perverting souls. The Cardinal says:

"The tango, which has already been condemned by illustrious Bishops, and is prohibited even in Protestant countries, must be absolutely prohibited in the seat of the Roman Pontiff, the centre of the Catholic religion."

He urges the clergy courageously to raise their voices "in defending the sanctity of Christian usages against the dangers threatening and the overwhelming immorality of the new paganism."

He warns parents that if they do not protect their children from corruption they will be guilty before God of failure in their most sacred duties.

The Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ, discussing the suspension of the Abbé Jules Lemire, the only priest who is a member of the French Chamber of Deputies, by the Bishop of Lille, says that this does not imply the Holy See's disapproval of a republican or of the republican ideas possessed by Abbé Lemire, but disapproval of his rebellion against episcopal authority. The suspension of the Abbé was the result of differences which arose over his political programme.

Owing to the very severe weather and the abundant snowfall, special measures have been adopted to protect the Pope from the rigors of the Winter season.