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 A Defense-Not An Attack
Representatives of the motion picture indust should be foremost among those thoughtful men
and women who are waging a nation-wide fight product. Tempestuous individuals of the Thomas
Dixon mold should not be permitted to give to
this endeavor the appearance of an attack upon
motion pictures. yesterday communicated to a committce of the
General Assembly throung Senator Burgwin may
be taken, in our opinion, as fairly representative
of the sentiment that has inspired the demand for motion picture supervision: in this petetion there
is vigor, but there is also the moderation born of
sympathy. Members of the motion picture industry, we may assume, would seek the highest de-
velopnent of their business, a place of permanence
in publicesteem and the promotion of public good.
Manifestly, hhe present tendency oo motion picture
production is not consistently in the direction of Reaching millions daily, men, women and chil-
tren, the makers and exhibitors or motion pictures
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## close, and constantly growing relation between the type of pitcures that are shown on the motion pic- ture screen and the whole moral tone of the people, Children are drawing from the themes vividly de-

 picted day after day their very themceptions of dife,and society would be unmindulo of a sotemn trust
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principles of a growing generation.
The petition sent from Wilmington urges the
 business is one that may be entrusted to censors
of no other type. Sanely and conscientiously ad-
ministered, pubbic supervision of motion pieture

## profitableness of the industry concerned. The Hazards of Childhood

## It is often said that there must be special provi- dential arrangements for the safety of little chil- dren. so numerous are the hazards which accom- pany their footsteps. Gratefully conscious of the

we are, perhaps, too ready to assume that alld chil-
dren go about tin comparative security. A tabula-
tion announced by the Red Cross shows that accidin announced by the Red Cross shows that acci-
dents figure to an appalling degree among the
causes of deaths amomg children ; that 167 out of every 1,000 child deaths between the ages of five
and nine are due to accident, that between the
ages of ten and fourteen the ratio is 177 to each
1,000 . Deaths from accidental causes, in fact, lead in the tabulation, exacting a toll even greater
than that traceable to epidemic diseases. About
one-third of the accidental deaths are chargeable

## to vehiofes, the report shows.

aken in systematic, thoroughgoing fashion the
protection of children from the usual causes of protection of children from the usual causes or
severe accident. When we consider the pifificulties
often attendant upon the efforts of an adult to traverse city streets in safety we must marvel that
there are not many more fatal accidents among
the young. Thrown upon their own resources, the young. Thrown upon their own resources,
little children develop a remarkable degree of cau-
tion, a degreee, in fact, that often presents them as pathetic figures as they wait and watch for their
opportunity and then dash for another point of
safety. But sustained caution is not high among the mental attributes of childhood, and it is to to be
jeplored that there is so great need of it. Cities
must reco must recognize more clearly their responsibility
tor their little wards. The figures presented by
the Red Cross constitute an indictment of Ameri-


The McCoin Resolution
The people of the State will wath with interest
the course and results of Senator McCoin's resolu-
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in the experience of other American citios


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posal so thoroughly lacking in democratic qual thes will be eeriously considered byourrauperesenta.
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