

Patrolman Charles H. Finch, on the sick list from an injury received in January last, who applied to the Board for some special duty, was assigned until otherwise ordered, as a mendicancy officer, as suggested in the foregoing letter, pending further consideration of the subject.

Moving Pictures.
St. Stanislaus Hall.

In the matter of Moving Pictures on Sundays at St. Stanislaus Hall, as referred to in the proceedings of June 12, 1912, a communication, as follows, was received:

To The Commissioners of the Police
of Baltimore City.

Honorable Sirs:-

The petition of Rev. Francis Pyznar, Rector of St. Stanislaus Church, respectfully represents:

1. That for some time past he was permitted by the Board of Police Commissioners to conduct on Sundays at the Parochial Hall on Aliceanna street near Ann, sacred and religious moving pictures.

2. That the object in conducting these moving pictures were for the purpose of keeping young boys and girls from the streets, to uplift them morally and religiously.

3. That the petitioner was notified by Captain League of the Eastern District to discontinue the moving pictures by order as the petitioner understands - of this Board.

Your petitioner therefore respectfully requests for the reasons which actuated this Honorable Board in withdrawing the permit to carry on these sacred and religious moving pictures, and respectfully hereby applies for the reconsideration of the same and for permission to conduct the same as heretofore, because it is for the benefit of the community wherein it is held, and without admission, except voluntary donation for the Church. And further, the petitioner hereby respectfully asks, if he be refused at this time, an opportunity at a later period to show cause why he should not be denied the right to carry on these sacred and religious moving pictures.

Very respectfully yours,

REV. FRANCIS PYZNAR, Rector,
St. Stanislaus Church."

In this connection Reverend Francis Pyznar called upon the Board and explained in full the arrangements under which these pictures had been shown at St. Stanislaus Hall.

The Board told Father Pyznar that any exhibition of motion pictures, though of a religious or other proper character, to which an admission is charged, whether by compulsory contributions at the door or inside, or otherwise, and the employment for pay of collectors and the operator of the picture machine, would constitute a violation of the law and could not be allowed.

On the contrary, if the admission to such exhibition be entirely free without the exaction of contribution outside or in, and if the