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The Spread of the Apostleship of Prayer.

WERE one asked to point out what is the most disheartening and dangerous symptom among Catholics of the present day all over the world, one would not be far wrong in saying that it is the neglect of prayer. Indifferent Catholics do not pray at all, "good" Catholics pray as little and as carelessly as possible, pious Catholics shorten and ease up their devotions on the principle of following the line of least resistance. To be sure, there still are some really saintly people among us, and these are saintly just because they make much of prayer and meditation. But the fact remains that there is all over the world, even among God's chosen people, a lamentable neglect of honest, humble, fervent, persevering prayer.

To take only one every-day instance, how many people are there who never fail to spend at least a quarter of an hour after each Communion in prayer or thanksgiving? How easily, on the slightest excuse, do monthly communi-