

PROMOTER'S PAGE.

The crusade proposed this year to the zeal and activity of Directors and Promoters is the religious celebration of the Centenary of Columbus. Last year the interest and enthusiasm centered around the tomb of St. Aloysius in Rome. This year all eyes are turned to America, which has been the theatre of Columbus' exploits, and which has reaped the first fruits and after-fruits of his discovery. Accordingly the General Director of the Holy League has laid the burden of the Columbus Centenary celebration on the vigorous and energetic League centres of North and South America. Our own Canada cannot afford to remain a stranger to the movement as being among the first to receive the Gospel light, and one of the first and the richest of the missionary fields of the New World.

Our special aim ought to be to stamp a religious character on the centenary. Hence we must know something about the religious and interior life of Columbus. We ought to read his Life—one which will let us into the great thoughts which inspired his genius, to the motives which impelled him, and the virtues which sustained him in the execution of his project. Such a one is Father Knight's. We ought to enlighten others on his true character. We shall begin in the next number of the *Messenger* a serial life sketch, which our Promoters will do well to spread far and wide.

This year's crusade is to be carried on particularly for the benefit of men. Columbus was a model man, husband, father and genius. We shall induce as many men as possible to enter the Holy League, to frequent the Holy Table, especially at the general communion, which will likely take place in June, in thanksgiving for the discovery of America and the blessings, unspeakable and countless, which we have derived from it.