

acter, and come to be very little better than those societies which take no account of religion at all." What will remedy their deficiency is an association like the Men's League, which, promoting piety and the frequent reception of the sacraments, will infuse into the members, and through them into the organizations, the sap of Catholic truth, piety and morality.

Of course such an association will put the Local Director to a little more trouble and demand some sacrifice of time, zeal and effort; but how can there be Catholic organization of any kind without special pains on the part of the priest? Whatever religious life there is in our associations must flow into them from the priesthood. The Holy Father, too, has pledged to society, in the present grave crisis, the special assistance of the Church and her ministers. The recompense which these will reap from any special care they bestow upon the men will be rich and permanent. The benefit will promptly redound on the whole parish. The shortest cut to a fervent and regular flock and flourishing parish is through the men. Other influences may help, but theirs is the decisive word and act and example.

Our League places at the disposal of the pastors of souls a simple and elastic, though efficient organization, to take hold of the men of their respective parishes. Thanks to the good dispositions of the people and their willingness to co-operate with their clergy, the latter can, with little expenditure of time and zeal, lead their men up to the standard of Catholic manhood set forth by the Sovereign