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It has been remarked that promoters who have been punctual at meetings and zealous in paying the monthly visit to associates have been first in with subscriptions, and have experienced no difficulty in obtaining them. Associates, excepting a few of the ungrateful, are found prompt and willing to give when they have been well attended to throughout the year. If they are slow, or refuse altogether, to renew their subscriptions, in most cases it is because they have been left weeks and perhaps months without Rosary tickets or *Messengers*.

2. Now is the time for promoters to examine their conscience on the manner in which they have attended to the interests of the Sacred Heart for the year 1890, especially that portion of them confided to their zeal, and which they undertook to provide for. They have a great deal to be than ful for. Their humble efforts have been rewarded with such results ! But, if we all had been more exact in the observance of the rules of our office and charge, and the instructions given for their perfect fulfilment, what a harvest, if not of souls, at least of deeds, would have been gathered into the Lord's barn-floor! Let us begin to be as we should like to have been.

3. It may not be out of place at this season of the year to recall a piece of strong advice lately given by the Director General of the League, to certain Spanish Local Directors who had allowed their centres to fall into a decline : "If on examination they found themselves unable to fulfil their duties, they would render a great service to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by asking to be relieved and replaced." We consider this piece of sound advice is particularly applicable to the Officers and Councillors of the several local branches, on whom more than on Local Directors it depends to keep the centre in a flourishing condition. It is bad enough to neglect the interests of the Sacred Heart without be mosts of influence those who would advance them with zeal and energy.