

wrong opinions and false teaching." This end our Holy League efficaciously reaches by means of the literature it diffuses. Reverend Pastors have only to consider the wide circulation of the little *Messenger* and read the intention for each succeeding month, named by the Vicar of Christ, explained by the Director General, and applied to the circumstances of different countries by the Central Directors, to understand with what solicitude the members are warned against wrong opinions and false teaching. This end is reached also by the meetings which furnish Reverend Pastors an opportunity to touch questions of actual interest having a bearing on religion, and thus correct also wrong opinions and false teaching.

Finally, the Vicar of Christ demands of the working-man "to reverence and love Holy Church, the common mother of us all, to obey the precepts and frequent the sacraments of the Church." These are the direct aims of the Holy League and the objects of its practices, also to promote Christian virtue among its members, especially to "keep them out of the reach of those vices which eat up not merely small incomes, but large fortunes, and dissipate many a goodly inheritance."

We have amongst us different Catholic men's associations, conferring many benefits on members and their families; but it is to be feared that not all the branches live up to the standard laid down by the Pope in his Encyclical. Certainly he demands something more than a nominal communion with the Church, or a minimum of Catholic practice, that they "lose not their special char-