

## AN APPEAL TO REVEREND PASTORS AND LOCAL DIRECTORS.

**I**N view of the importance which the Sovereign Pontiff, in his late Encyclical, attaches to Catholic Men's Associations, having their "foundations laid in religion" and "paying special and principal attention to piety and morality," we invite the special attention of Reverend Pastors and Local Directors to the Men's League of the Sacred Heart.

Being a purely spiritual association, it cannot pretend to cover the field and reach the aims set forth by the Holy Father for the workmen's guilds, namely, to "help each individual member to better his condition to the utmost in body, mind and property." But what falls within its scope is to lay the religious foundation, to promote the "piety and morality," to help the members "to look first and before all to God." "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His justice, and all these things shall be added unto you," is the motto which Leo XIII., after Christ himself, sets before the men of our day. "Thy kingdom come" is the motto which the Holy League keeps on the heart, in the mind, and before the eyes of all its associates, and what is the Morning Prayer and Offering but the direction of the intention "first and before all to God?"

Next, our Holy Father insists that in all such associations, religious instruction have a foremost place, and that all "be warned and fortified with special solicitude against