

PROMOTERS' PAGE.

Dear Messenger,—Please be so kind as to answer the following questions: "Are the badges to be blessed and distributed to the Associates from the altar-rail, or is it only the men's badges that are thus blessed and distributed? Can Promoters receive the badges at their meeting, and then give them around to their Associates? Have I to collect in all the badges I have given to my six circles of Associates, and after getting them blessed give them out again?"

We answer, it is not necessary that the badge be blessed to gain the indulgences attached to it. It is sometimes blessed and conferred for sake of solemnity when a large number gather in the church to join the Holy League, as is usual at the close of a *Triduum* or *Mission*, when the people are well prepared. It is thus blessed and given a the rail to the men at the inauguration of a branch of th Men's League. In all cases, those who have thus publicly received the blessed badge have to give in their names to a regular Promoter and receive a certificate of admission, if they have not already done so.

A solemn blessing of the badges may conveniently take place at the ceremony of reception of Diplomas and Cross by Promoters. The Associates have only to come to church with badge visibly worn, and stand up in their place while the priest reads the blessing and sprinkles the holy water.

2. The resolution for the month of June, this year, ought to be to help the rev. Local Directors to celebrate the Tercentenary of St. Aloysius, by securing a large attendance, especially of men and boys, at the General Communion of the 21st, and at the evening ceremony and Act of Consecration, also at the *Triduum* or *Novena* preceding it, which is necessary for the special Plenary Indulgence. Promoters may gather and hand to the local Secretary the names of children to be enregistered in the lists to be deposited in the tomb of St. Aloysius at Rome.