

PROMOTERS' PAGE.

We commence in this number the serial life-sketch of Christopher Columbus, for his fourth centenary celebration, dwelling chiefly on the religious and devotional aspect of his life. We trust our Promoters will show themselves active in making it widely known and imitated, as this is the object of the League campaign for the present year. To make room for this as well as other valuable contributions which come to us every month, we have added eight additional pages to our *Messenger*, leaving it henceforth *little* only in form and convenience, but rendering it truly large in the number, and especially the contents of its compact pages.

We do not intend adding to the trifle for subscription, so the gain shall all be to the Associates. We count on the enlightened zeal and activity of Promoters in spreading the *Messenger* more and more, to meet the additional sacrifices, by no means inconsiderable, thus entailed. The *Messenger*, rightly speaking, belongs to the Promoters, as the organ of *their work*, the devotion which they have at heart, and which they have pledged themselves to make known and accepted. They will find in it, too, the most convenient instrument for their work.

It cannot be reasonably expected of Promoters to preach sermons and give theological *disquisitions* on the nature of the devotion, and the reasons for practising it. They have only to open the way and obtain a hearing for the *Messenger*, and he will do the rest where he meets the proper material for the League. "The great means," says the official Handbook, "by which the members of the Holy League are maintained in that spirit of union and fervor which has brought down so many blessings of God upon the Apostleship, is the magazine published under the name of the *Messenger of the Sacred Heart*. It is almost a necessity for the Associates to read or at least glance every month over this journal of the work, so as to learn its progress, share in its life, and reap its fruits and consolations."