THE ANTI-POVERTY SOCIETY’S AID FOR THE UNITED LABOR PARTY.

The Academy of Music was crowded to its utmost capacity last night when Miss Munier gave the signal for the opening anthem—Gounod’s “Unfold, ye Portals!”—at the twentieth regular Sunday night meeting of the Anti-Poverty Society. Every foot of standing room was occupied, even to the crowding of the orchestra platform. And several hundreds had to be turned away from the doors.

Dr. McGlynn, James Redpath, James P. Archibald, Miss Munier, and the chorus were received with bursts of applause, graduated from fortissimo to pianissimo, in the order named. Dr. McGlynn announced James P. Archibald as the Chairman of the evening. Mr. Archibald confessed that, like his predecessor of the preceding Sunday, the Chairmanship was to him an ordeal. But he waded into the usual Chairman’s speech with a directness and confidence that bespoke familiarity with his position.

He said the Anti-Poverty Society was a powerful adjunct to the United Labor Party, which would fire the first gun of the Fall's campaign at a grand ratification meeting to be held in Union-square Saturday night. The campaign was, however, going to cost money, and now, if they could, he wished them to increase their contribution in their aid. The propensity of the audience to explode with applause upon the slightest provocation led some of them to applaud even this request. “During the collection,” the Chairman said, “Miss Munier and the chorus will otherwise entertain you.” After having been thus doubly entertained, Mr. De Cenci, a tenor singer, creditably sang a solo.

Then Dr. McGlynn was introduced with the usual pyrotechnics. He said he had some practical things to say before entering upon his lecture. The object they had in trying to increase their funds by a fair to $20,000, $30,000, $40,000, or $50,000 was to aid the United Labor Party as much as they possibly could with the sinews of political warfare in the aggressive preliminary campaign they proposed to carry on this Fall throughout the State. Every city of over 5,000 population was to be treated to two United Labor Party mass meetings during the campaign. This would make about 480 speeches, which would be delivered by Henry George, (the mention of whose name created a furor that lasted several minutes,) himself, Judge
Maguire, of San Francisco, during October; the Rev. Mr. Pentecost, the Rev. Mr. Lincoln, of Painesville, Ohio; Victor A. Wilder, their candidate for Controller, and others that the larger trades unions had resolved to send out at their own expense. Thus it could be seen that the plan of campaign was pretty well mapped out. But their party, which was a real workingman’s party, with some unique peculiarities, such as collections and fairs, which they had borrowed from the church, needed money. And so they were going to hold a fair, in which the women were expected to do all the hard work and the men to patiently and quietly and cheerfully empty their purses.

The fair is to begin on Monday, Sept. 26, and last for two weeks, somewhere, the place to be announced in a day or two. A meeting of ladies was announced for the largo meeting room in Cooper Union tomorrow evening. All ladies willing to co-operate were invited to be present. Contributions of anything from a paper of pins to a stuffed elephant or a train of cars were solicited. There was nothing small about the Anti-Poverty Society and they would therefore not put a limit on the contributions. The fair was also intended to be educational of the affairs of the society. He remembered, in the days when he was Pastor of a church, that a fair served the good purpose besides that of raising money, of making the members acquainted with each other, and of getting strangers in and introducing them to the principles of the society by some thinly disguised political speeches.

Chairman Archibald then read the notice of a meeting next Sunday night at Miner’s Eighth-Avenue Theatre, to be addressed by Dr. McGlynn, and at which an admission fee of 15 cents would be charged. At the Academy of Music the Rev. H. O. Pentecost would speak next Sunday evening.

Chairman Blakeley, of the State Central Committee, and Henry George were called to the footlights and indulged in a few inspirational remarks. A challenge debate was announced to take place at 17 West Twenty-eighth-street tomorrow night, upon the question, “Resolved, that all Taxes Should be Levied Directly Upon the Land,” the affirmative to be supported by the New-York Literary Association, the negative by the McAdam Political Science Club. And then they sang a song and went out.