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CRUSADERS' DAY.

A LEAGUE OF YOUTH AND SOCIAL PROGRESS.

The world to-day is for the young, and the latest League is the League of Youth and Social Progress, which aims at including the young manhood and young womanhood of the Nation, whatever their religious or political opinions, their class or sex. Its central office is at 4, Temple Gardens, on the site where Crusaders lived in bygone days, and the proposal to observe the first Sunday in the New Year as Crusaders' Day in churches and chapels of the country received the warm approval of the Prime Minister, who urges the members of the League "to go forth as men imbued with the spirit of the Crusaders."

The founder of the League, which aims at creating a new social Order on the basis of fellowship, justice, freedom and peace, is Mr. J. Aubrey Rees, and the ten points through which it hopes to unite men and women of good will in a national fellowship, and to inspire them with a vitalised social consciousness, are as follows:—

THE TEN POINTS OF THE LEAGUE.

"1. That love and not hate is the fundamental truth on which hangs the well-being of the world, and that reliance on brute-force is incompatible with the highest social good.

"2. That human nature, under whatever garb, is at heart sound and good.

"3. That all men and women can be encouraged to pursue unselfish ends, and that it is a finer thing to love one's fellowmen and to seek to bring beauty and happiness in human lives than to love one's possessions or to harness one's sympathies.

"4. That extravagance, sloth, waste and

selfishness are sins against the Commonwealth, embittering human relationship, intensifying the spirit of hatred and prolonging national discord.

"5. That the mass of people have not had the opportunity for self-expression or of participating in the richness of life.

"6. That bleak and solitary lives, squalid surroundings and monotonous toil, generate industrial unrest, social antagonism and national insecurity.

"7. That barbed-wire entanglements of prejudice or custom must be removed if they impede the attainment of justice or freedom.

"8. That sacrifice and service are demanded from all citizens, but that the higher the position and the greater the wealth, the larger the measure of sacrifice and service demanded.

"9. That the privilege to generate joy is not bounded by the frontiers of one's own family or one's own class.

"10. That, given the vision to see, the faith to believe, the will to endure, and the courage to act, the unconquerable spirit of man can, in response to the call of the Divine Spirit, begin to build here and now the City of God."

On Sunday last the Lord Mayor of London attended in state the afternoon service at St. Paul's Cathedral, when the sermon was preached by Archdeacon Holmes, and other well-known clergy and ministers also preached during the day on the ideals of the League.

Its ideals are admirable, and it is proposed to carry them out through the medium of three National Councils, educational, reconstructional and political. The political Council, which consists of young Members of Parliament, will promote the ideals of the League through legislative channels. We shall watch with much interest the development of the League, which, if it fulfils the hopes of its promoters, may become a great force for good.

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