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"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.—Eph. 6:12.

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OUR MISSION.

The sepulchre of a buried Christ in the infidel hands of the Saracen was a theme, on the lips of Peter the Hermit, which aroused all Europe in the eleventh century. The flower of the Anglo-Saxon homes followed Richard the Lion-hearted, in the third crusade, to deeds of sacrifice and valor, which have been the very inspiration of English romance.

"The Templar Quarterly" preaches a new crusade. It declares the truth that the religious Pharisees and political Sadducees have excluded the living Christ from the potential activities of practical life, and buried him amid ecclesiastical formalism, and that the Saracen is enthroned in industrial power; all this not in far-away Palestine, but in our beloved Christian Canada.

"The Templar Quarterly" proclaims a holy war against the infidelity and atheism, which keep Christ out of industry and politics; it cries to the faithful and brave to unsheathe their swords and battle for the reign of Christ in every realm of life.

Social Reform means the application of the principles taught by Christ to the conduct of society, the operations of industry, and the functions of the State. Social Reform means "Do unto others as ye would have others

do to you"; it means, "An injury to one is the concern of all"; it means Co-operation in place of competition; it means "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none"; it means The Brotherhood of Man; it means The Kingdom of Heaven among men. True, many Social Reformers fail to discern the person of Christ because of the selfish, grasping hypocrisy which flaunts itself in the name of Christianity and intervenes to hide His brightness; but their work is the very essence of His gospel. The social problem is the call of the State to become Christian.

Social Reform aims to drive out the Saracens of monopoly, who wield an industrial despotism, who rob the people of their God-given heritage and drive them to starvation, pauperism, vice and crime. God has provided plenty for all in this favored land, and Social Reform teaches that under Christian laws all would have equality of opportunity and all would have plenty.

Social Reform aims to drive out the Saracens of corrupt politics, who are the servants of the Saracens of monopoly; and by wicked legislation enthrone these despots upon special privileges, where they may plunder the people. In the hands of a few are vested a monopoly of the land, a monopoly of transportation, a monopoly of currency, a monopoly of trade, a monopoly even of debauching the people with drink. The result is a wide and fearful impoverishment, growing worse and worse day by day, which will speedily reach as bitter and cruel a slavery as ever bound any people of any time.

But the axe of truth is laid at the roots of social falsehoods, and the people who have heard Christ's gospel and possess a free ballot will not for ever be deceived by corrupt politicians, by grasping monopolies, by partisan organizations and by a venal press. The truth and inspiration of the gospel will fire noble men with a passion for social righteousness to lead a greater crusade that will drive the Saracen hosts from our fair land and establish Christ the rightful ruler of society.

"The Templar Quarterly" comes out to play an humble part in this great work of Social Reform. It comes not to bring peace, but a sword. Its keen thrusts of caricature may offend the susceptible and pious Pharisee and annoy the calculating and political Sadducee, but that is not their purpose—the aim is to arouse the "common people" to throw off the unholy yoke and become free men.

CHRISTIAN SOCIALISM.

"Each for himself and God for all"
Was not the motto of Christ and Paul,
But "Each for all and God for each"
Was the doctrine they ever strove to teach.
God listens, helpless to earth's sad moan,
While each one lives for himself alone;
But "God for each" is for ALL the best,
For the man God abeth will aid the rest.

SOCIAL REFORM GEMS.

The Practical Application.

"Truth is the summit of being; justice is the application of it to affairs."
—Emerson.

Change the Face of the World.

"Whoever introduces into public affairs the principles of primitive Christianity will change the face of the world."—Benjamin Franklin.

He Discovered the Remedy.

"If the doctrines of Christianity, which are found in the New Testament, could be applied to human society, I believe the social problem could be got at."—Louis Kossuth.

Who is a Christian?

"He is a Christian, though he may or may not be religious, who makes his love for man the law that is sovereign in his life; who organizes to save, rather than to be saved, from whatever wrong he sees devouring the life of the world."—Rev. Geo. D. Herron, D.D.

From Within or Without?

"The church needs to rise to a broader conception of its social mission; and unless the friends of the church bring about a reformation from within, we shall have a revolution forced upon us from without."—President W. Dewitt Hyde.

The Call for Volunteers.

"Say to men, Come suffer; you will hunger and thirst; you will, perhaps, be deceived, be betrayed, cursed; but you have a great duty to accomplish; they will be deaf, perhaps for a long time, to the severe voice of virtue; but on the day that they do come to you, they will come as heroes, and will be invincible."—Joseph Mazzini.

Brings Deliverance to the Captives.

"I would have the church become the incarnation and representative of Jesus in bearing away the sins of society; in being rejected by the proud and selfish and mighty, that it may bring deliverance to the captives of social tyrannies and preach the gospel of the kingdom of God to the people."—Rev. George D. Herron, D.D.

The Paradox of Our Civilization.

"Industrial slavery cannot long exist with political freedom. Either the spirits of men will be crushed, as under the tyrannies of ancient times, and they will become unfit to remain free even in name, or they will resent the yoke of oppression, whatever its form, and demand with their ballot that they shall be free, not only in name, but also in fact."—Henry L. Call.

The Opening Vista.

"Now men are coming to see that beyond and above this individualism there is something higher—mutualism. Sometimes it is called socialism, sometimes communism. This new life, where service is the universal law, is but the coming in of the life of God upon man."—Phillips Brooks.