

COMMENTS.

The supreme duty of every citizen of the Empire *now* is the defence of its existence against a recrudescence of Barbarossan barbarism glutted with the lust of conquest, and without respect for its most solemnly plighted honor which is the foundation rock of civilization itself. We can *now* appropriately join in the chant of the great Hebrew psalmist: "Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight." The one who cannot should instantly depart for at least a neutral if not the enemy's country. The work of education however, must still go on; and we are so fortunate as to have the promise of the largest attendance in our history, not only in the common schools, but in our high schools.

The World Language. Now that we see the magnificent spectacle of peoples of many races and languages rushing from every quarter of the globe to aid the Briton in his fight for a world in which we can be free to govern ourselves under compacts, solemn treaties, and constitutions resting on words of honor on "scraps of paper" of neighboring peoples who will never treacherously dishonor a mutual pact, why should not even the grumpiest fossilized speller of "English as it is wrote" smile on the effort to make the spelling not only easy, but correct, so that all may learn the most effective and the universal tongue?

The Metric System. "*Nature*," London, 1st October, 1914, says: "The war is likely to lead to some readjustment of the trade of the world. The Decimal Association points out in a letter we have received that if British manufacturers are to secure any of the trade which Germany has hitherto carried on with neutral countries, they must be prepared to adopt metric measures of weight, etc. The association will be glad to help manufacturers and merchants who need assistance, and if there is a demand to arrange lectures under the auspices of chambers of commerce during the coming winter. Communications should be addressed to the secretary of the association at Finsbury Court, Finsbury Pavement, London, E. C., England."

The Interprovincial Educational Convention during the last week of August in Halifax was the most successful ever held. The attendance from New Brunswick was specially creditable. Dr. W. S. Carter, Chief Superintendent as President was the chief presiding officer. The chair was also occupied at some session by Chief Superintendent, R. H. Campbell,