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"Children of the Empire: Why are we fighting? Because the British Empire does not break its promises, nor will it allow small nations to be bullied."

This is a quotation from the message sent by Field-Marshal Earl Roberts to children in all parts of the British Dominions, on his 82nd birthday, in response to a request from the League of the Empire for a statement of the reasons for the war that young children could understand. The message is published by the League in the October number of the Federal Magazine, and also

printed, with a portrait of Lord Roberts, and flags of the Allies, on a wall-card (12 $\frac{1}{4}$  x 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  in., price 2d.) which is for sale at the offices of the League of the Empire, 28 Buckingham Gate, Westminster, London, S. W.

The *School World* for October prints a letter from Mr. Joseph Pease, Minister for Education, addressed to "My Colleagues in the National Service of Education," which should appeal to teachers throughout the Empire. The following words seem to us especially worthy of our most careful attention:

"Especially can pupils of every age be trained to feel, as the teachers must be feeling, that this is above all a time for the most exact, punctual and willing discharge of every duty of daily life at home or at school. Our daily work, whatever it may be, must be carried on with the same steadiness and devotion, the same resolve to be contented with nothing but mastery in the task assigned, as are expected from our comrades and fellow-country-men on service at sea or in the field. We must be worthy of them. Readiness to spend and to be spent in the common cause is the great lesson of war, and if it is thoroughly learned in our schools today, it will be a source of strength to our country for generations to come. Let us stand together; let us demonstrate the solidarity of all who work for education, and manifest, in the most constructive and most fruitful of the services of peace, the fraternity of the fighting line.

The attention of New Brunswick teachers is called to the official notices on page 123, and to the report of the High School Teacher's Association on page 111, of this issue.

In answer to a request from Nova Scotia for help in Grade XI literature, notes on *Julius Caesar* will be given in our December number.

Teachers who are planning their Christmas programmes will welcome Mrs. Lawrence's helpful suggestions for Christmas music.