

ment both to the teachers to instruct and to the pupils to perfect themselves in the training desired."

None know better than the educational authorities of the several Provinces that unless, and until, the people generally are fully convinced of the value and importance of this work, only a small percentage of the benefits inherent in the project will be realized. The purpose of the Canadian Defence League is to carry on a non-political, educational campaign until the system is a part of the work of every school in Canada, and all youths between the ages of 14 and 18 are regularly and systematically receiving this instruction. The Strathcona Fund will provide for the teachers and pupils, but the men of Canada need to aid in providing the funds for the platform campaign by which the public will be reached, and brought to realize the importance of this opportunity.

Develops the Nation's Manhood

Will not the benefit be one that will affect all classes in this country? Will it not eradicate some of the worst faults in the body politic, checking our idleness and selfishness, alleviating the bitterness of party strife, bringing classes together, purging the hopeless squalor and misery of our slums, and blowing fresh currents of pure air through the lungs of the nation? I read the jeremiads of Mr. Keir Hardie and Mr. Lloyd-George about the destitution which exists in our midst, the dark depth of poverty which no ray appears to illumine, the thousands of disconsolate degenerates who go under in the struggle. Well, I think universal training would be a rare light in the darkness to these submerged classes, a strong hand of hope to lift them out of the mire. And even for the better-off, the healthy, hardy, and strong, would it not have a message? I see before me a typical gathering of the industrial manhood of England. I ask: Would any of you be the worse for the recognition in his early youth, (supposing him to have passed it,) of his duty to the country to which he belongs? Is there any one of you who would not be the better had he learnt some lessons of discipline and self-sacrifice and manly exercise on the drill-ground or the shooting range or in the camp? I submit to you that you would thereby become better citizens and finer men.

Unless the great mass of the manhood of the country wants this thing we shall not get it; and when the mass of the people wants it, you may be sure that the statesmen will give it to you.—LORD CURZON.