

their own cause. They make the very name of peace suspected in the eyes of all right-thinking men, tainting it with all manner of meanness. If peace is only to be a method of escaping obligation, excusing desertion, making money and avoiding discomfort, then the remoter it is for us, the better. These men, utterly oblivious of the lessons of history, utterly heedless of the necessities of the present, can see only one thing, that war is wrong. On this they harp night and day. If war is wrong, there may be other things that are more wrong: dishonor and cowardly irresponsibility.

War is not an end: it is a means to an end, justice. We believe it is a bad means, but until a better has been found, war must and will go on. Meantime it is a thousandfold better that war should continue than that justice should perish from the earth. This the peace advocates will not see. They would have the great and peace-loving nations disarm, with the result that the earth would be over-run by the vicious and the predatory nations.

Those persons and those newspaperers who cry, "Peace, peace," where there is no peace, who carp at every budget, make light of national dangers, shun responsibility, object to the cultivation of the military qualities in our boys, throw every obstacle they can in the way of that noblest method of defence, a citizen army, these persons and periodicals pride themselves on being the only true and orthodox apostles of peace, yet they are, in my judgment at least, its gravest menace. Let us unite with them - where we can unite, in strengthening The Hague Tribunal, in urging arbitration, in educating public opinion to choose the better way, but let us also refuse to run before we walk, and in that vital matter of national defence let our lights be burning, and our loins girt and we ourselves like men who watch for the coming of their Lord, confident when the time is ripe, but not before, "He will make wars to cease, unto the ends of the earth."

Desirable for Boys

Military instruction is desirable because it teaches the boys discipline and leads them to respect the law, not as a restraining force, but as a guiding principle.— James L. Hughes, LL.D., at the St. Thomas Canadian Club.