

The teachers can do more than anyone else to help their pupils, according to their age and capacity, to see why the cause upon which we are united is just; to feel, if they cannot fully understand, the meaning of liberty and of that free national life which every country, whether great or small, is right to cherish and defend. The pupils can be shown that we are involved in war by stern necessity, that we are fighting in the cause of peace and against the spirit of aggressive domination which is the great enemy of peace. They can learn to be neither unduly exultant nor unduly depressed, to be proud of their race and country without arrogance, to be specially considerate and generous to others in need or distress. In particular, they can be reminded of our duty of courtesy and forbearance towards foreigners of whatever race, living peaceably among us. They can be brought to realise how hateful war is in itself and in the desolation and suffering it involves, so that in the full vigour of a national spirit they may hereafter become workers for the concord of nations, and lay the foundations of enduring peace.

—*Address to the teachers of Great Britain by*
MR. PEARSE, *Minister of Education.*