

## THE WAR SPIRIT IN OUR NATIONAL LIFE

or the moral insight to choose for ourselves the ways that will avoid it. So long as we continue to believe that our good will come by way of self-assertion over against others, so long shall we have to meet in arms others who hold to the same tragic delusion.

A Europe without war must be a Europe in which each nation shall desire for all the other nations full liberty to express their genius and to exercise their vitality. It must be a Europe in which each nation will bend itself to reconciliation with all the others in a concert of life.

To bring such a state to pass will mean a very great spiritual achievement—one indeed so great that only those who believe that the risen Christ is eternally unconquerable will be able to believe it possible. But we shall have missed the lesson of this horror unless we let it set our hearts fixedly towards that spiritual achievement.

Once again, reform must begin at home. When we within our own Empire have learnt to live as one body, when our antagonisms to our own fellow citizens are reconciled, when we all desire each other's good—then, but not until then, shall we be ready for the greater world-wide unity into which war shall no more enter.