

THE WILL TO LOVE.

I WANT to ask you, parents and teachers and, indeed, all of you who are present who have children, to consider the character of the world which is laid upon us by the circumstances of the present time. By common consent this war represents the end of an age. It shows that the principles which have governed Western civilisation are bankrupt; and that the historical conditions which have issued in this terrible catastrophe must be completely transformed. On every side the determination is expressed that this must never happen again. What is not so clearly apprehended is that, if this is never to happen again, we must create a new world. We have fostered the illusion that we could, by Arbitration Treaties and Hague Conventions, if not stop war, at least retard it and humanise its methods. But we are discovering to-day that that principle of national life of which war is the result cannot be moralised; that, carried to its logical end, it involves methods of ruthlessness and barbarism; and that, if this is