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Dedicated to the men of Hove who joined the fighting forces of His Majesty the King in the Great War, and to the citizens who, at home and abroad, helped them and their comrades to win the victory.



Reading the King's Proclamation at the Town Hall, Peace Day, July 10, 1919

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Issued under the authority of the Heve War Memorial Committee

Hove Sussex The Cliftonville Press 1920 ".... the Powers militant
That stood for Heaven, in mighty quadrate joined
Of union irresistible, moved on
In silence their bright legions, to the sound
Of instrumental harmony, that breathed
Heroic ardour to adventurous deeds,
Under their godlike leaders, in the cause
Of God and His Messiah."

John Milton.

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Foreword

HAVE been asked to write a "Foreword" to this book; personally I think the book speaks for itself. Representations have been made from time to time that a record of Hove's share in the Great War should be published, and the idea having been put before the public meeting of the inhabitants called in April last to consider the question of a War Memorial, the publication became part, although a very minor part, of the scheme.

I should like to emphasize the fact that the "Roll of Honour" is its keynote. That Roll contains the names of Hove men and women who gave their lives for the Empire, and whose memory must never be allowed to fade. Without their sacrifice and the sacrifice of thousands upon thousands of others, not made in vain, this book would never have been written, for there would have been no history worth recording.

The rest of the book, besides the List of Distinctions gained, contains an account of the town's endeavour to do its share worthily in those dark and trying years. I have read through its pages and can testify to the care and trouble Mr. Walbrook has taken to fitly enumerate the

various phases of war work carried out by the citizens at home, so faithfully and under the inspiration of the highest ideals of civic and national patriotism.

Several names of individuals are set down, but many more are omitted; it may truthfully be said that probably some of the most self-sacrificing work was done by men and women unknown to their fellows, and away from the public eye.

All that need be added is just this, that no call was made to the people of Hove during those years that was not cheerfully responded to, and the town can hand on this history to the judgment of its citizens who shall come after, feeling that its record in the Great War is one of which it need not be ashamed.

A. R. SARGEANT, Mayor 1914-1919.

Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Hove. November 1st, 1919.