

FOREWORD

able to do their duty so conspicuously well, and that their Alma Mater can rightly claim some share of the credit for their achievement.

THIS book has been prepared in honour of all who served, who gave so much of their lives in a cause which seemed to them so righteous that they never debated its justice. Canada was threatened, the Empire was threatened, these were reasons enough when the call came, and without hesitation, without reserve, they gathered to the standards of their race. For the great conflict Canada mustered a force which, while it exceeded in size the utmost expectation of her own people, took also a share which far surpassed our highest hopes and played a part, the importance of which could never have been foreseen. The achievements of Canadian troops were due not only to courage but to the training, the skill and the intelligence which organized and led, and the Universities of Canada contributed in no small way to that training, that skill and that intelligence. Surely here is a debt not lightly to be forgotten.

MORE even than it is an honour to the living, however, this book is a tribute to the dead, to those whose splendid souls, released in the flame of battle or in the cool hospital ward, have winged onward to a glory past all knowledge.

A TRIBUTE is all that we can offer them, for they have builded themselves a monument more enduring than any that the hand of man could raise. Their names stand in letters of gold on that great viewless roll whereon are graven too the names of Gideon and of David, of the warriors of Marathon and Thermopylæ, of Grenville, of Nelson, of Lincoln, of the mighty Saviour of Men himself, of all who have died for justice, for liberty and for righteousness.

IN that glorious company they have won for themselves a place. May we that remain behind prove worthy of having been their comrades.

