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FOREWORD

THE spell of the mountains has led men to the commission of many follies. It has now driven me to the length of writing and publishing a book.

Last summer I was, like many others, hungering for the Alps, and to console myself for absence from the objects of my desire I set to work to revise my notes and diaries, and to put them into something like a connected form.

My narrative tells of no "record" climbs, no notable achievements. It is but the simple story of the wanderings of a middle-aged (alas! I should now say elderly) mountaineer in various parts of the Alps, from the Engadin to Dauphiné, and from the Oberland to the Graians. But I have, myself, derived so much pleasure from following (in print) the footsteps of others on ground with which I am familiar, that I venture to hope that the following pages may give a measure of enjoyment to some, whose memories, like my own, love to linger round the mountains. Perhaps, too, others, who have seen them only from a distance—or even never seen them at all—may care to follow a climber among the snowy peaks and glaciers, and to learn the secrets of his joys.

Of the illustrations (which will give to the book its chief interest) the greater number are from photographs by my friend Mr. Alan Greaves, who, on service in France since

the autumn of 1914, has, nevertheless, found time to give me much valued assistance and encouragement. For the views of the Arolla district, the Western Graians, and those from the Tête Blanche, I am indebted to my friend Dr. Fuller England, of Winchester, who has been most kind in placing his photographs at my disposal. I have also to thank Mr. G. D. R. Tucker, and another kind friend, for photographs which are here reproduced, and Mr. G. P. Abraham for permitting me to include three from his well-known series.

W. E. DURHAM.

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