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This invitation to Devon is issued by the United Devon Association, an organisation recently formed for the purpose of improving the accommodation and facilities of the county of Devon as a place of residence and as a touring ground. It proposes, among other objects, to secure better means for reaching the West, and enjoying its varied and little-known attractions. It contemplates a gradual development of the means which will enable residents and visitors to move about with ease and comfort in the byways and open country, and on the sea coast.

The scenery and other attractions of Devon have afforded infinite pleasure to the comparatively limited number which has visited the West, but in these days of speedy transit, when the world is open to travellers, this Association is desirous of making better known the claims of the West to the attention of all who seek "new" pastures.

This organisation is recognised by the Lord Lieutenant of the county of Devon, by the principal county magistrates, as well as by the whole of the mayors of the boroughs, to whose exertions and co-operation it owes its existence.

This volume has been compiled by many loyal sons of Devon, to whom the thanks of the Association are due, and are here expressed. It is not possible to name all who have shared in making the volume what it is, but mention may be made of those who editorially and otherwise with pen and pencil have assisted: Rev. Canon Edmonds, B.D., Mr. Sydney Hodges, Mr. A. Gregory, Mr. W. Crossing, Mr. Edward Windeatt, Mr. F. P. S. Amery, Dr. P. Q. Karkeek, Mr. Thos. Wainwright, Mr. W. H. K. Wright, Mr. Walter D. Finch, Mr. Harbottle Reed, Mr. O Railing, Mr. J. Fairweather, Mr. A. S. Stoneman, Mr. E. H. Micklewood, Mr. J. Blampey, Mr. W. P. Ditcham, Mr. C. Jefferd, Mr. T. Vanstone, Mr. W. H. Puddicombe, and Mr. C. Vickery.

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For the purpose of working out the scheme the county has been divided into four sections, Central, Southern, Western, and Northern, and this volume deals with the towns and localities in accordance with this arrangement.

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