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PROVINCIAL CEREMONIES.

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At the Armistice commemoration in Edinburgh, His Majesty the King was represented by the Prince of Wales, who laid a wreath from his father on the stone of Remembrance. The morning was grey and misty fog formed a pall which keyed well with the atmosphere of the solemn ceremony. After the impressive formalities, the procession of soldiers, sailors, members of the British Legion, blinded and dis-abled ex-service men, and war widows, with the Prince in their midst, attended a short commemorative service, conducted by Dr. Warr, in St. Giles' Cathedral. Later in the day His Royal Highness visited the British Legion Club for Unemployed.

Manchester's tribute compared well in impressiveness with any in the country. Here the boom of a gun was replaced

by the single stroke of the Town Hall clock bell, a change which I think is peculiarly proper. On behalf of the citizens of

Manchester, the Lord Mayor laid the first wreath on the Memorial.

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At Whitby, the memory of those who lost their lives at sea is celebrated with a reverence as deep as the sea over

which it takes place. The Whitby

life-boat leaves the harbour in silence, followed by other boats

which carry the loads of the bereaved relatives. About two miles

from shore, with gulls hovering curiously above, the boats

heave to. A cross of poppies, and a wreath of flowers is cast on

the waters. Canon Sykes of

Whitby performs the ceremony. It is

followed by a memorial service, which, out on

the restless waters has a peculiarly emotional quality,

not quite the same as those

similar ceremonies ashore. The impressiveness is heightened

by the sight of ancient Whitby Abbey, rising from the mainland,

pointing like a sacred finger towards the sky.

Thus does provincial Britain honour the brave.