DEAN OF CHICHESTER ON THE WAR.

MAYOR AND CORPORATION ATTEND THE CATHEDRAL.

SOME OF THE GOOD EFFECTS OF THE WAR.

The Mayor and Corporation of Chichester attended the Cathedral in state on Sunday morning to commemorate the centenary of the Great War and the Dean took the opportunity of delivering a sermon on the effects of the war. The service was well attended with some of the good results of the war having been brought about.

Among the scarlet robes and gold chains of the Mayor (Councillor S. A. Garland) and his aldermanic colleagues, Mr. H. R. Cutten and Mr. H. Fair, who sat as the civic representatives of the city at the west entrance, the National Anthem was played on the organ. During the service, the Mayor delivered a powerful address on the effects of the war, pointing out the contributions made by the city and the country.

The service concluded with the singing of "Rule Britannia" and "Land of Hope and Glory," which were followed by the sounding of the last post. The Mayor and Corporation then left the Cathedral, as the bells chimed in the background.

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The war had called us out of ourselves. That was a good thing—a great thing. It had brought before us how, in the midst of all our disputes and our party strife, we are all Englishmen determined that England should maintain her place in the future as she had done in the past. It had emphasized the fact that in spite of imperfections—and that was a very important thing—we were at heart a God-fearing and a religious people. Strengthened them by these thoughts, strengthened by this glorious hope, they might still go forth until the great task that lay before us would be done—until victory, to which we all looked forward with such confidence, had at last been won.

The Doc concluded with an appeal for generous support to the collection, which was shared between the Belgian and the French Relief Funds.

The service ended with the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop (Dr. Ridgway), who afterwards celebrated at the choral celebration of the Holy Communion.