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WELLINGTON is having quite a little tussle over its war memorial. The project has been a long time in maturing, and the delay naturally gives various people time to develop brain waves and burst upon the public with some new idea as to the form the memorial should take. The committee at the outset decided against a utilitarian memorial, and in favour of a monument pure and simple that should serve no other purpose than that of reminding us of the sacrifice of those who went to the war and did not come back. Last year it secured a plan for a memorial embodying a group of statuary and a colonnade which was to be erected by the entrance to Parliament House grounds, and was to cost about £20,000. A campaign for funds to bring the subscription up to this figure was conducted, but the committee seems temporarily to have faded out of sight, and the exact result of its campaign dependent upon knoweth not.

LATTERLY there has been much correspondence in the Wellington press in favour of a carillon. Sydney University has a carillon, somebody tells us. Bells are beautiful, says someone else, their mellow notes floating in the evening air will ever be an inspiration, and so on. Bells will pall and become a nuisance, says someone else. Just where Wellington is getting to is not quite clear, but let us hope it will end with one

of those compromises dear to democracy. Satisfying monuments are rare, but it is to be hoped that Wellington, having taken such due time for reflection, will produce something really worth while.

IT is an old cry that New Zealand's University colleges are little better than night schools, and one cannot help wondering whether the pursuit of degrees as at present conducted is in the best interests of young people. Wellington, I hear, is in search of a benefactor, or benefactors, who will give it a hostel for its university college. At present a large percentage of the students work in the city during the day, rush up to the college for lectures as soon as work is over, and then trek home to cheap boardinghouses, long after the normal time for the evening meal, seeking such fragments of food as their landladies may have preserved for them, too often receiving a grudgingly served and pitiful apology for a dinner. This means that on lecture nights these young people, at an age when substantial food is needed, are done out of the chief meal of the day.

WORKING by day and studying for a degree by night means a big load on young shoulders, and it is not wide of the mark to say that to ask students to do it without proper food is a scandalous proceeding, and reflects very great discredit

on those in control of higher education—if a course of overworking and underfeeding can be dignified by such a name. It seems that in Wellington alone there are some hundreds of students attending Victoria College under these conditions. In America they seem to have devised a system by which students are enabled to earn enough money during their vacations to support themselves during the university terms. It would be interesting to know why such a system is not encouraged in this country. In any case it is a disgrace to leave students to a dingy and sordid existence in cheap boardinghouses. No university with the name can be run without having the students in residence. If there were a hostel at Victoria College meals and lectures could be made dovetail, and the university would become the students' home from which he could make his daily descent in the city to earn his way. Such a hostel in proper hands ought to be able to provide better fare and better facilities for healthy recreation than is possible under isolated boardinghouse life, and ought also to be self-supporting. At present we are going the right way about things to strew the country with mental and physical wrecks in the name of higher education.

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I HOPE you are saving up your pennies, dear Lady, for a visit to Dunedin next summer, for it is going to be quite "the thing to do" to visit the Exhibition: and by all ac-

counts it is going to be *some* show. Your Knave recently had the chance to see what progress that has already been made, and was amazed at the ambition displayed by the promoters. However, it was soon explained to him that this ambition was by no means a sign of vanity or of short-sighted optimism, but that their original schemes have had to be increased by sheer necessity; the demand for space has so far exceeded their original estimate that fresh ground has had to be obtained and their original bold plans extended.

It behoves us all to see that we spare no effort to make our *own* show a success, and as Dunedin is renowned for its hospitality there can be no doubt that when the southern city is "At Home" to the world, we can be assured of having a right royal time.

It is to be hoped that every province in the Dominion will spare no effort to yield of its best: for the setting will indeed be worthy.

Not only will the Exhibition be representative of every phase of New Zealand life and industry, but the relaxations of our lighter moments will be catered for in a way that has not been attempted before in the Dominion. I have been privileged to glance through some of the preliminary plans for the amusement and entertainment of visitors, and I can foresee that when we foregather in Dunedin the question is

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