

In the long and elaborate report of that Commission one paragraph stands out like a flag on a hill top:—

"What the worker requires is not a mansion, nor anything wildly elaborate, but a good, comfortable home, with modern conveniences, close enough to his work that he will not have to fight his way to work and home again on a street car before and after his day's toil."

Nine types of houses were found necessary to fill the bill: Single family houses. Two family houses. Single family houses with rooms for lodgers. Lodging or apartment houses for men. Lodging houses for women. Residential cafes for men and also for women, tenement and boarding houses. The single family houses were to be wholly or semi-detached. No house to be more than two rooms deep. Materials, as far as possible to be local, so long as they were permanent (brick, terra cotta, stone, concrete, and all with fire-resisting roofs). Every house to have a basement. Closets and built-in cupboards in every room; gas for cooking; electricity for lighting and heating; baths, with hot and cold water services.

The great dread was that the element of hurry would result in the rapid creation of huge barracks, but it was not so. Each village was effectively town-planned with an artistic and effective arrangement of the houses, open spaces and parks for the benefit of the children.

The result has been the creation all over the country of numerous model communities, beautiful to behold, convenient and comfortable to inhabit, and more permanent in character than the "additions" any American city has ever before known.—*Architecture*.

New Zealand Architectural Students in London.

Mr. Horace L. Massey, of Auckland, who was a frequent competitor in Progress Competitions before he enlisted, has sent us the following letter:—

C/o. Architectural Association,
35 Bedford Square,

London, W.C. 1, April 20th 1919.

Editor, Progress:

Dear Sir:—Having at last settled down to studies again, I thought that perhaps you would be interested in the movements of the New Zealand students that are at present in England. As you have no doubt heard, the New Zealand Government have offered facilities for the study of architecture and other branches of professions to New Zealand soldiers while in England. This is really fine, and it is great to see how the New Zealanders have stormed the Architectural Association. There are at least fifteen students like myself at the Architectural Association, and the Principal, Mr. Robert Atkinson, is very pleased with the

keenness of all, and I think I can safely say that at present the New Zealanders are holding their own.

Three of us at this school have been very lucky in being awarded New Zealand Expeditionary Force scholarships of three years' duration at £200 per annum, viz:—Morgan, Armstrong, and myself.

The following are the names of all the New Zealand students at the Architectural Association:—Lieut. K. Draffin, Auckland; Sgt. H. Grierson, Auckland; L/Cpl. Bartley, Auckland; Staff Sgt. A. Morgan, Auckland; Cpl. E. Marr, Auckland; Pte. H. Massey, Auckland; Pte. Lockley, Auckland; Cpl. E. W. Armstrong, Gisborne; Capt. Greenish, Wellington; Lieut. Morton, Wellington; Lieut. Baker, Christchurch; Lieut. Harman, Christchurch; Lieut. Gordon, Otago; Gnr. G. Reid, Otago; Sapper E. Miller, Otago; Sgt. W. Trengrove, Christchurch. Other men will be joining at the beginning of next term.

Most of the above men will be returning to New Zealand within the next few months, but one or two like myself, will be staying on for a year or two. The chance is ours now so I intend to avail myself of the opportunity before returning to good old New Zealand.

I want to thank you so very much for your kindness in sending me the copies of "Progress," for it has helped me to keep in touch with things architectural at home. I would like to receive a copy each month.

I will be receiving my discharge at the end of this month, and so will be out of the Army at last. Warmest regards from—

Yours sincerely,

HORACE L. MASSEY.

Improvements at Dargaville.

We are informed by Mr. Basil Hooper, A.R.I.B.A., of Dunedin, that the illustrations published in our last issue by Mr. R. Hammond, of the suggested improvements at Dargaville, which were shown at the recent Town Planning Conference, were drawn by Mr. Hammond while a student at the Architectural Section of the Dunedin School of Art.

ATTAINING DISTINCTION.—WIFE OF PROFITEER—"Are you quite certain I've had the very latest form of influenza?"

DOCTOR—"Quite, madam, quite. You coughed exactly like the Countess of Wessex."—"Punch."

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INDIAN GIVER.—Queen Mary sent a beautiful bouquet that had been presented to her to a soldiers' hospital. To show their appreciation, the inmates commissioned one of their number to stand at the hospital gate the following morning, holding the gift, when the queen passed. He did so—with rather unexpected results. Queen Mary, seated in her car, saw the soldier standing there, bouquet in hand, and assuming that he wished to present it to her, she reached out and took it. After she had thanked him, her car passed on.