

Letters from Listeners.**Thoughts on Wellington's  
Silent Carillon**

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have been rather interested in the opinions expressed on the campanile, and the following thoughts have suggested themselves.

**The Living.**—"We ask for bread. They present a stone." So the Digger the prime of his life sacrificed to the folly of war, cries out with all the bitterness of disillusionment, as monument after monument rises to the glory of the dead, and the living left to languish; those who gave willingly of their best, assured by the promise of a livelihood after demobilisation, so that their country would rest in the shadow of peace from the heat and turmoil of strife. What of the living?

**The Dead.**—"Forget not the supreme sacrifice, but raise thereupon symbols, so that for ever there shall be in thy sight a remembrance to check the insane folly of war." So the loved ones left behind to mourn, would give the concrete expression to their memories, and fulfil the wishes of the dead. As I stand on the steps facing the silent bells, these thoughts occur, and I plead for understanding. To the Digger, does not the thought suggest itself that, as much of the work of present times must of necessity be unproductive, could there be a more sympathetic outlet, always provided

the work of erecting the memorials wherever possible was given to Diggers?—I am, etc.,

Wellington.

OBSERVER.

**In Defence of 2YA's  
Wednesday Announcer**

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was more than surprised to see the attack made on Mr. Strachan by "Voice." The board have a group of first-class announcers, but letters like "Voice's" and "Oxford's" show that the best cannot please all. Mr. Drummond and Mr. Strachan have given 2YA a very personal touch, and have helped greatly in its popularity. While the announcer of the last two Wednesday nights has been quite good for one who is not a regular announcer, still the programmes were not the same—one missed the personality of Mr. Strachan. One also missed the novelty items which are heard so often. I am sure that 99 per cent. of the listeners recognise the value of 2YA announcers. I should also like to endorse the views Mr. Brown expressed in his letter re 3YA Rugby announcer. This gentleman could well study the 4YA Rugby announcer.—I am, etc.,

ATLANTA.

Invercargill.

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