

Very satisfactory reports have been received regarding the progress of Mr. Selwyn Baker, the rehabilitation bursar who is now undergoing a two years' course of training in carillon playing at the Carillon School, Malines, Belgium, the only school of its kind in the world. Though he had only then received six months' tuition, he had already participated in various carillon recitals, and on one important national occasion had substituted for a skilled player, giving the entire programme. Mr. Baker is expected to qualify in July, 1949, and upon doing so should be ready to take up his appointment as official Carillonist here soon afterwards.

Further representations have been submitted to the Government during the year regarding the completion of the National War Memorial.

The Management Committee wishes to record its satisfaction at the action of the Board of Trustees in maintaining the Carillon apparatus in thorough-going order, and in having much-needed repairs and improvements carried out within the tower. These latter have included the sealing of the clavier chamber against water coming in from the upper bell chamber; overhauling and repairs to the elevator, and protecting it against the weather; and the substitution of copper mesh for the wire mesh over the louvres and other openings, which had completely eroded away on account of atmospherical conditions. The result of the remeshing has been to provide greater safety for visitors, and to prevent pigeons and other birds getting into the tower. Much, however, still requires to be done to finish the interior of the tower, which on account of the financial stringency prevailing at the time of its erection was only completed in its exterior form, leaving the inside to be completed at a later date. The most urgent of these requirements is the replacement by proper stairways of the present "ladders" giving access to the various chambers.

ERNEST E. MUIR, Chairman.

JOHN G. OSBORNE, Hon. Secretary.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1948

THE CHAIRMAN,

I beg to submit the following financial statements relating to the year ended 31st March, 1948 :—

- (1) Receipts and Payments Account.
- (2) Income and Expenditure Account.
- (3) Balance-sheet.

J. R. DEAL, Treasurer.