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## THE BEAUTIFYING OF THE CAPITAL.

When a great departmental building or other public work is to go up at Washington, D.C., they are in the habit of giving some thought to the matter. A recent example is afforded by the procedure in connection with the proposed Lincoln memorial. The preliminary planning was handed over to the National Fine Arts Commission, and its report, just published, reveals painstaking and intelligent study of the various problems involved. To plan an impressive monument in a city that already held the Capitol and the Washington obelisk can have been no simple task, but the commission has discharged it admirably. It is important, says the report, to give to a building of such significance complete and undisputed domination over a large area, together with a certain dignified isolation from competing structures, or even from minor features unrelated to it. The site recommended, therefore, is

on the main axis of the Capitol and the Washington Monument. "Without being so high as to bring the memorial into competition with the obelisk, this site is visible from a distance, with no danger of obstruction by buildings which are or may be erected upon private property." The same artistic appreciation marks the recommendation regarding the type of memorial. "It should not include a dome, and should not be of great height, but rather characterized by strong horizontal lines." We recommend the report to those who clap another storey on the Parliament Buildings and set about "decoration" of our new river front with so light a heart.



ALL FOR EACH AND EACH FOR  
ALL.

As a member of the Third Division, I would like to voice what I believe to be the sentiments of a large proportion of my class, namely, that the Association need not look to their support of Superannuation until the examination problem has been disposed of. The latter should be made the main plank of our platform, and the Third Division will not, if I am any judge of the situation, consent even to Superannuation being put before it.

Yours truly,

It seems to *The Civilian* that clearness of understanding is not the strong point of the above letter. To dispute as to whether superannuation or the third division question is the most important to the Ottawa service, and should, therefore, be placed first on the programme, is in our opinion waste of time. The fact is that the association, which represents the whole of the service, demands a solution of both questions, and as they are wholly distinct and not in the slightest degree incompatible, we should all work for both. There need be no question as to which should be given precedence in the discussions of the association. They should both be given precedence—in the