

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

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For

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Will you kindly pardon me for addressing you personally? A few days ago the Chatham City Council referred to me certain correspondence, in which Mr. H. Wisely Bragg of your city asked for a photo and particulars of Chatham's tribute to its glorious dead. I forwarded the same to him, having been authorised to do so by the Rev. W. G. Bolles (a member of the Committee) S. Oliver being out of town for a few days. I was much surprised on Saturday morning last to receive a telephone ^{message} call from Mr. Bolles to cancel the order as he had been informed that the whole thing was just a scheme of the publishing Co. to sell a few extra papers on Armistice day. I resented the insinuation - and remarked that General Currie would never put his stamp of approval on any doubtful scheme. Never mind he said "Cancel that order."

I did not do so but I motored to S. Oliver's office and showed him my file of papers. Apparently he was much annoyed and asked "How much will this thing cost?" which I estimated roughly at from \$12⁰⁰ to \$22⁰⁰. he instructed me to go ahead, bring the ^{aff} to him and he would give me his personal Cheque for the amount.

During the erection of the Monument we were accustomed to such cautions as the foregoing, but for the satisfaction of everybody I would like a word from you as to the truth or falsity of such a statement.

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