

quarry for the townspeople who seem to have carried away all the visible masonry.' It is indeed almost unbelievable, as Mr. Armstrong puts it, "that no authentic plan or illustration exists of a building destroyed so recently as 1650, and which for 550 years had been as extensive and important as Sheffield Castle undoubtedly was."

INTERESTING FINDS.

The excavations made for the Co-operative Stores and the new market revealed something of the structure of the building, though only as far as the ground plan was concerned; while there were some finds of considerable antiquarian interest.

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ARMISTICE DAY.

There is little enough evidence—indeed, all the signs are to the contrary—that the great masses of the people wish to discontinue or even to modify the celebration of Armistice Day.

We have no intention whatever of introducing any Party note on this matter. We are quite ready to believe that those who would like to make the change sincerely believe that the best way to promote peace is to forget all about war—to abolish memorials and Armistice Day and everything else that can remind us of the tragedies of 1914—1918. But in our view their whole philosophy is wrong.

It is a perpetual reminder of what war is that we require and not an anæsthetic that will produce forgetfulness.

"NEVER AGAIN!"

We do know that we never stand bare-headed during the Two Minutes Silence without thinking of the tragedies that so nearly touched ourselves and so many of our friends. The mood so created is not in the least warlike, but rather of the "Never again" order.

No doubt the day will come when Armistice Day will not have quite the force and meaning it has to-day, but we are still a lot too near the tragedy to be able to ignore it.

in the Council will and give way to what obviously is the public desire.

SHEFFIELD CASTLE.

We have received a copy of the reprint from the Transactions of the Hunter Archaeological Society of Mr. Leslie Armstrong's paper on Sheffield Castle. The paper was the result of investigations carried out during the excavations that took place from 1927 to 1929.

For centuries there has been no sign of the Castle above ground. "The work of demolition," Mr. Armstrong says, "was so thoroughly carried out that very little was left standing and what remained became a

Sir,—I read with very great interest your account in yesterday's paper of the discovery of the foundations of Sheffield Castle.

Is it too late now for something to be done to preserve this relic of our ancient history?

When in Paris some years ago I saw in one of the public squares the foundations of one of the towers of the Bastille which were uncovered when excavating the "Metro" underground station in the Place de la Bastille. These had been carefully removed and rebuilt exactly as found. Could not something similar be done, and this masonry be rebuilt in one of our public parks?

I also saw a week or two ago a picture of a stone inscribed with the arms of the Cutlers' Company, which was, I understood, now built into the Barleycorn Hotel in Cambridge Street.

I am writing entirely from memory, so may be wrong, but I think there once stood at the bottom of Cambridge Street an old stone and timber building (of the same type of architecture as the "Bishop's House" at Meersbrook), just above the present corner of Messrs. Roberts' premises, and, if I am not mistaken, this was called the Barleycorn Inn. May not this stone originally have been part of this building which most probably was erected 300 years or more ago? Certainly before the date inscribed on the stone.—Yours, etc.,

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