

## The Right Kind of Soldier Memorial

Ludvig Hareland sends us from Duluth the following editorial clipped from the Duluth Herald. It will be remembered that we have printed in these columns Mr. Hareland's ideas as to a suitable memorial for the Griggs county soldiers.

Minnesota plans a state memorial to its boys who have served in the great war. It should have such a memorial, and it should not stint in building it any more than its boys have stinted their gift of service and sacrifice at the call of their country.

What kind of a memorial? A committee appointed by the governor to investigate and advise him and the legislature is working on that question now, and will soon make a report.

The issue lies between a building that will be purely a memorial only something to look at as a reminder of the military service of Minnesota's sons, and a building that will at once be a memorial and something that, in itself, will serve the public use, as the men it commemorates have served.

Can there be more than one answer to that question? By all means the memorial should be a building not only beautiful to look upon, and therefore fitted to what it commemorates, but a building that will be of large public use and benefit, that the people may be reminded of what it seeks to remind them not only by its appearance, but by the service it will yield to them as long as it stands.

No cold, stilted structure, tomb-like and useless no matter how beautiful, should be built as a memorial to men who have given the noblest service soldiers ever render-

tered in 1918, North Dakota now has forged to the front with one automobile for every 9.3 inhabitants.

With the average family in North Dakota numbering six, there is one car for every family.

"North Dakota has not yet reached the motor truck era," says J. E. Kaulfuss, assistant state engineer. "When it does, the highways should be ready to furnish modern transportation, which is the very life of civilization."—Fargo Forum.

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ed to mankind.

The memorial should be in the Twin Cities because they are central and because there are more people there, of course. And the plan suggested by the alumni of the state university is by all odds the best: to put the building on the university campus, and to make it take the form of a memorial auditorium, for the use of the university and the public. The university needs such a building, and the state will soon have to build it anyway. Moreover, placed there it would be situated so that rooms in it could be set apart as headquarters for the various organizations of veterans of the great war that will be formed, and as a meeting place for them.

All soldiers' memorials should be something that will always be of public service, because they are erected to commemorate a great service. In no way, we feel sure, could Minnesota better meet this need than by building its soldiers' memorial on the university campus and by making it a building that will be of the widest possible use to the soldiers and the public. The fact that one-sixth of Minnesota's soldiers in the great war and one-third of its officers were men of the university is an additional reason for making this decision.