

# BELL TOWER OF REMEMBRANCE

## WAR MEMORIAL FOR WESTOWN

Designed to house a historic bell that was presented to the district from Plymouth, England, a Bell Tower of Remembrance has been decided as the war memorial for the Westown district of New Plymouth and its school. A committee will this week launch a campaign aimed at raising approximately £600 to cover the cost of construction.

The bell which the tower will house came from St. Michael's Church, Plymouth, which was destroyed by enemy action during the second World War. The bell was sent to the Westown district by the Lord Mayor of Plymouth on behalf of the parishioners of St. Michael's and the citizens of Plymouth City.

It is more than 100 years old, engraved with the Plymouth coat of arms and inscribed.

At a public meeting held in the suburb it was decided that to have a joint memorial for the school and the district. A committee was appointed of which Mr. F. V. Powell is chairman. It was also decided that the memorial should take the form of a bell tower which would be built in front of the school.

The tower, which is illustrated on this page, has been designed by Mr. M. G. B. Harvey, A.I.A.A., architect to the Taranaki Education Board, who has given his services in an honorary capacity to the campaign.

Target of the appeal is approximately £600 and it is not intended to seek a Government subsidy on the amount raised. Personal appeals, first by letters and later by canvassers, are to be made to residents in the district in an attempt to raise the entire amount by "direct giving."

Construction of the tower will begin soon and it is hoped to have it ready for unveiling and dedication early next year which will also be the school's jubilee year.