MEMORIAL TO KING GEORGE V.

Unveiling Ceremony at Ballarat.

BALLARAT, Friday .- Constituting a notable addition to Sturt-street sculpture, the new King George V. memorial statue was unveiled in the presence of a large gathering at 2 p.m. to-day. The memorial, in granite, with the bronze figure of the King in the full robes of the Order of the Garter, occupies the east end of Alexandra-square.

Mr. Victor H. Greenhaigh, the designer of the statue, which was modelled in Ballarat and cast in Italy, is an instructor at the Ballarat Art School, In the work he has achieved a splendid likeness of his Majesty. The base was constructed by Mr. F. W. Barrow, who ans been associated with many Ballaret memorials over a long period of years. An ornate drinking fountain has been placed on the west side of the monument, and seating has been arranged on the 36 ft. wide granite flanks of the base.

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More than 2000 school children, with detachments of scouts and guides, surrounded the memorial to-day, and opened the ceremonial by singing the first verse of the National Anthem and saluting the flag. The mayor (Cr. J. H. Trekardo) called for cheers for the King, the Empire and the Commonwealth, and these were lustily given. Cr Trekardo in his address paid a tribute to the sculptor.

Cr. M. Marlin, chairman of the memorial committee, in performing the unveiling, referred to the late King's personal association with Ballarat in the visits here of himself and his sons. King George V., he said, had ruled in kingly fashion, with the greatest love for his people and Ballarat was proud to nave his memory perpetuated in such a way.

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Dr. C. N. Button said he regretted the mability of the Hishop of Ballarat to attend and speak. The day, he said, reminded them that they were both Australians and Britishers. Never had they a monarch who was more deeply loved than George V.