

Our 41st. Competition

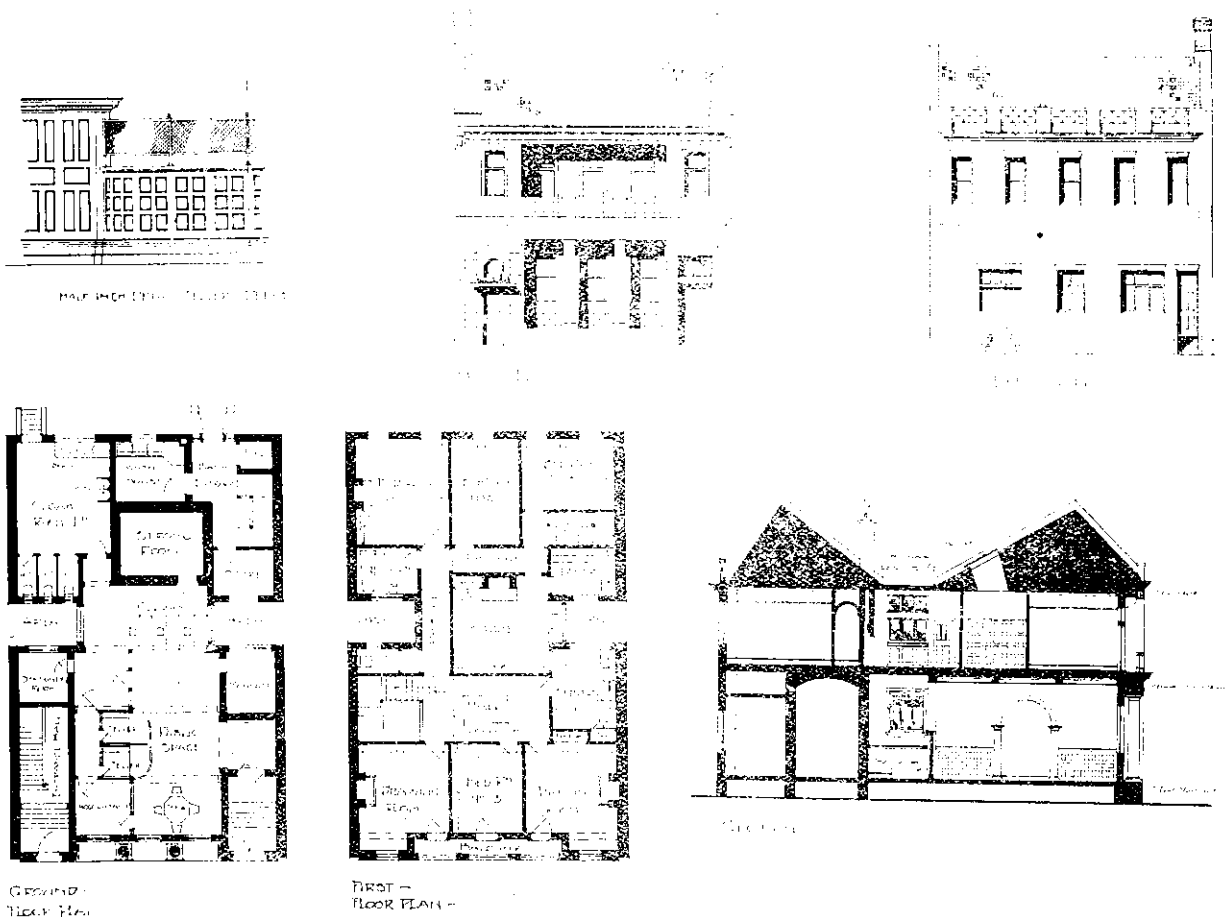
Won By G. W. HAINES ("XXX,") Christchurch

Only two designs were sent in for this competition viz.:—"April Morn" by N. Wallnutt with Messrs. Mahoney & Son, Auckland, and "XXX" by G. W. Haines with Mr. J. S. Guthrie, of Christchurch. The judge, Mr. Wm. H. Dunning of Dunedin reports as follows:—

"This competition was the means of bringing out only two competitors, which is very disappointing as

etc. Enough attention has not been given to lighting, the light areas being far too small. By extending them it would have made the strong room, cloak room and back entrance in better proportion and have given the necessary light. The first floor is well arranged with the exception that the passage leading across area is badly lighted, but could be easily overcome. The elevations are well drawn though somewhat domestic in treatment. It is a pity a little more of the half-inch detail of fittings was not shown, also more attention paid to the drawing of these.

"APRIL MORN" has a well drafted set of drawings, although his method of setting the building back from the boundaries on both sides does not give



Winning design "XXX," by G. W. Haines with Mr. J. S. Guthrie of Christchurch

it is a subject which should call for good competition. After carefully considering the two sets of drawings, I would place them in the following order:—"XXX" and "April Morn."

"XXX" has shown a good deal of originality in his planning, but has failed to grasp the problem in many points. The Banking Chamber is well arranged, but the Manager's room is far too small and would require access to the staff, as having to cross the public space is not desirable. This could have been obtained by making the side wall in the shape of a bay carried out in wood to harmonize with the fittings; the other side of entrance being treated in a similar way and fitted with a table for writing cheques

the best result; it necessitates the majority of light being obtained from very narrow right-of-ways. The Banking Chamber, though spacious, would not be well lighted at the back, although the manager's room, strong room, and lavatories, are well arranged. The private entrance should have been nearer the front, and outside back entrance brought in under cover. The central corridor on first floor is badly lighted, and the same thing applies to all rooms opening on to right-of-ways. The elevation has been carefully done and would look well in execution. The half inch detail drawings of fittings have also been well thought out."

Signed WILLIAM H. DUNNING.