

Christchurch; while in the Education Committee there are also two members residing in Auckland. Many proposals were brought forward for an alteration that would enable a local quorum to be held, and it was finally resolved on the motion of Mr. Atkins seconded by Mr. Crichton:—

(a) That the position of these committees be reported to the Auckland and Christchurch Members with the suggestion that they should arrange amongst themselves for one of their number in each centre to resign, so that a Wellington resident might be appointed for the purpose of forming a quorum.

(b) That this Council delegates to the Executive Committee the power to elect members in place of those who may resign under the forgoing resolution.

REGISTER OF STUDENTS & ARTICLES.

Under the provision of regulation Nos. 140 and 142, it is necessary for the Council to open these Registers. A draft of the headings was submitted by the Secretary and approved, and he was authorised to procure the necessary Registers and open them accordingly.

CORRESPONDENCE.

In reply to a letter from Mr. W. S. Gibson of Hawera, the Secretary was instructed to write saying that the Council has no power to vary the regulations governing articles of apprenticeship. In the case cited by Mr. Gibson there did not appear to be any hardship.

The American Institute of Architects of Washington wrote asking for particulars as to the method of making appropriations for the erection of public buildings and under whose control they were spent. The letter was referred to the Executive Committee.

A letter from the New Zealand Federation of Master Plumbers regarding the fixing of storage cisterns was referred to the Wellington District Branch for a reply.

Mr. W. P. Finch, a Fellow practising at Napier was asked for guidance as to the amount of prize money which should be offered in any competition. The secretary was to write to him intimating that the Institute had no power to fix the premiums payable in any competition and pointing out that no member was under any obligation to enter a competition. In the case cited it certainly appeared that the premium was very inadequate.

Mr. J. A. Louis Hay of Napier asked whether a member could act in conjunction with another person, not a member of the Institute, in the erection of a building. The Council decided that the Code of Ethics was against such an arrangement. To Mr. Hay's second query as to whether a member could retain his Fellowship if he paid deposits, received from contractors, with his private account, the reply was that any person guilty of such conduct would bring himself under the Criminal Law and, if convicted, he would be expelled from the Institute.

The Wellington District Branch wrote asking the Council to take steps to establish Technical School Classes, or supply a Syllabus for their guidance. It was pointed out that a Syllabus had already been prepared and that this was in possession of the Wellington Branch. The Secretary was asked to

look up a previous report of the Education Committee and supply the Wellington Branch with a copy, and at the same time to supply the Auckland Branch with a copy.

The Otago District Branch wrote enquiring as to the liability of an Architect for the payment of $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. to the contractor when no tender was accepted. The Secretary was instructed to reply that no liability can be attached to the Architect as Section 35 of the General Conditions of Contract especially provides that such Commission shall be paid by the Employer.

A letter was received from six practitioners resident in Wanganui complaining of the action of an Associate Member employed by the Wanganui Education Board, in that the member practised privately in violation of Regulation No. 30, and further, it was believed that in such practice he did not adhere to the Institute's Scale of Charges. The statement of complaint showed that the member was not only fully employed by the Education Board, but also enjoyed the services of a qualified assistant. It was further alleged that this assistant shared with the member the fees earned by such private practice. In accordance with the provisions of Regulation No. 29 a copy of the complaint was ordered to be sent to the member and that the case be enquired into by a Committee consisting of Messrs Chatfield, Atkins, and Crichton.

The Secretary read a letter from the General Manager of the State Fire Office, in reply to an enquiry as to the result of the recent Competition, in which the Manager stated that an award in this private competition had been made, but he had no authority to make anything public.

After full discussion it was moved by Mr. Chatfield and seconded by Mr. Crichton:

That this Council records a vote of censure on those members who acted contrary to the instructions of the Council by entering the competition for the State Fire Insurance Building, such competition being in contravention of the Regulations of the Institute.

LIFE HONORARY MEMBER ELECTED.

The Otago District Branch wrote recommending that Mr. F. W. Petre be elected a Life Honorary Member of the Institute in view of his long connection with the Institute, and the valuable services rendered by him to it. It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Chatfield, that Mr. Petre, of Dunedin, be elected a Life Honorary Member, and the nomination form required under Regulation 6 was thereon completed by the members present.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Mr. Allen C. Ford, of Dunedin, recommended by Messrs. Hooper, Walden & Wales, Mr. Ford having regularly served Articles was duly admitted as an Associate Member. Mr. Ford is now a Sergeant in the 16th Engineer Reinforcements.

Mr. Arthur Ball, of Christchurch, recommended by Messrs. Clarkson, Ballantyne & Penlington, was admitted as an Associate Member. Mr. Ball is a Private in the 17th Infantry Reinforcements.