Christchurch Architectural Students Association

The Annual report of the Committee of the Christchurch Architectural Students' Association for the Session ending September 30th, 1916 took place last month.

The first general meeting of the second session of the Association was held on March 25th, 1916. The following were elected to the Committee:—Messrs G. W. Haines, Honorary Secretary; H. G. Cotterill, Chairman; R. S. D. Harman, Hon. Sec. Design; H. S. Clarkson. Mr. S. L. Blackburn was elected Hon. Photographer to the Association for the Session.

At present the Association consists of 16 members and 11 Honorary Members, and 1 Life Member, as against 11 Members and 8 Hon. Members of the previous year.

The following Members and Hon. Members have volunteered for Active Service:—Messrs G. Cheekley, L. D. Bestall, W. M. Lawry, A. Ball, A. Postgate, W. H. Trengrove, R. S. D. Harman, D. Hall, A. D. Reese, M. K. Macleod, F. S. Candy, and W. V. Wilson. Messrs Checkley, Bestall and Lawry are now at the Front.

It was decided that the Session should extend from March to September, and that six design subjects should be set during the year.

The following gentlemen have set design subjects:—Mr. M. J. Guthrie,—A Small Sports Pavilion: Mr. J. G. Collins,—A Week-end Cottage; Mr. A. D. Reese,—A Tea Kiosk; Mr. W. A. P. Clarkson,—An Ingle Nook; Mr. T. D. Brown,—A Telephone Call Box; Mr. G. A. J. Hart,—A Cabman's Shelter and Newspaper Kiosk.

A fine response has been made to all these competitions by the members, and the adjudicators have expressed pleasure at the quality of the work and progress made. Aesthetic design, neat draughsmanship and sound construction have been the points the assessors have laid great stress upon.

At the third meeting Mr. Herdman Smith, Director of the School of Art, gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Relief Decoration." Mr. R. Speight, Curator of the Canterbury Museum, gave a most instructive lecture on "New Zealand Building Stones," illustrating the lecture by numerous specimens which he brought with him. At the fifth meeting Mr. W. F. Robinson touched upon the subject of "Estimating." He explained the various methods and pointed out the defects of each and his lecture was much appreciated by all those who were present.

Two volumes of the Building World, kindly contributed by Mr. Robinson, which have been bound, and also the Studio Year Book for 1916, now adorn the shelves of the library. Mr. M. J. Guthrie generously offered a prize of half a guinea to the student gaining the highest number of marks in the competitions. The committee thanked the local Branch of the New Zealand Institute of Architects for the use of their room, and gratefully acknowledged the support and interest shown by those

Members of the Institute and other gentlemen who have done much to make the meetings successful and instructive.

INCOME:			
To Members Subscriptions	2	10	0
" Hon. Members Subscriptions.	1	0	0
"Subscription for Magazine	0	9	0
" Balance from last year	1	15	$4\frac{1}{2}$
	£5	14	41
EXPENDITURE:			
By Postage	-0	11	3
" Photographic Material	0	7	9
, Subscription for "Progress".	0	7	7.5
"Subscription for "Building			_
World'	-0	9	0
" Binding 2 Vols. "Building			
World''	-0	7	6
" Studio Year Book	0	6	0
Presentation Outfit	-0	6	θ
" Balance in hand	2	19	3
	£5	14	4.

On behalf of the Committee, E. W. HAINES, Hon. Secretary.

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