

Correspondence.

The Editor, "Progress," Wellington.
Dear Sir, -

Much has been accomplished through your paper towards the artistic as against the stereotyped class of buildings, but there is a point which I believe has been missed, I refer to windows. I would like to ask your assistance towards having some alteration made in the class of windows specified for buildings, for some of them are absolutely death traps for those who are called upon to clean them. (I believe windows are meant to be cleaned so as to allow light to enter). Perhaps it would be better to cite some cases in the city. There is a large 3-storied building, the top story windows of which will not open and the only way to clean same is to put a small platform over the roof and lower it down as required. There is a 4-storied building, the highest windows of which have a fanlight, the method of cleaning these is to unscrew the fanlight, and fall out on to the window sill, clean the window and jump up to catch the top frame and so return to the inside. There is a 5 or 6 story building nearly all the windows of which are on the pivot principle and if the specifiers of these would only try to clean them, they would very promptly refuse to order any more. The truth of these assertions can be proved at any time, and I will be pleased to show these buildings to any person interested in the matter. A letter drawing attention to this question was forwarded to the Association of Architects eight years ago; but so far no reply has been received.

Thanking you in anticipation of any help that you may be able to give,

Yours truly,
A. J. WHITE.

Building Notes.

AUCKLAND.

The Auckland Golf Club has sold 43 acres of its property to the Board of King's College for the purpose of erecting

a new group of buildings for boarders and day boys. A scheme entailing the expenditure of £60,000 is under consideration, and it is proposed to spend £40,000 at the outset and provide for 200 boarders.

The foundation stone for new offices for the Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board was laid last month. The building is being erected by Messrs Jas. Grevatt and Sons in Victoria Quadrant next to the Magistrates Court-house, and will cost £4,372. The cost of the land was £2,820, and the building will occupy a space of 30-ft. x 74-ft., and will be two storeys high containing spacious general offices, committee rooms, and charitable aid department on the ground floor, with a large Board room and the Dental rooms on the first floor.

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