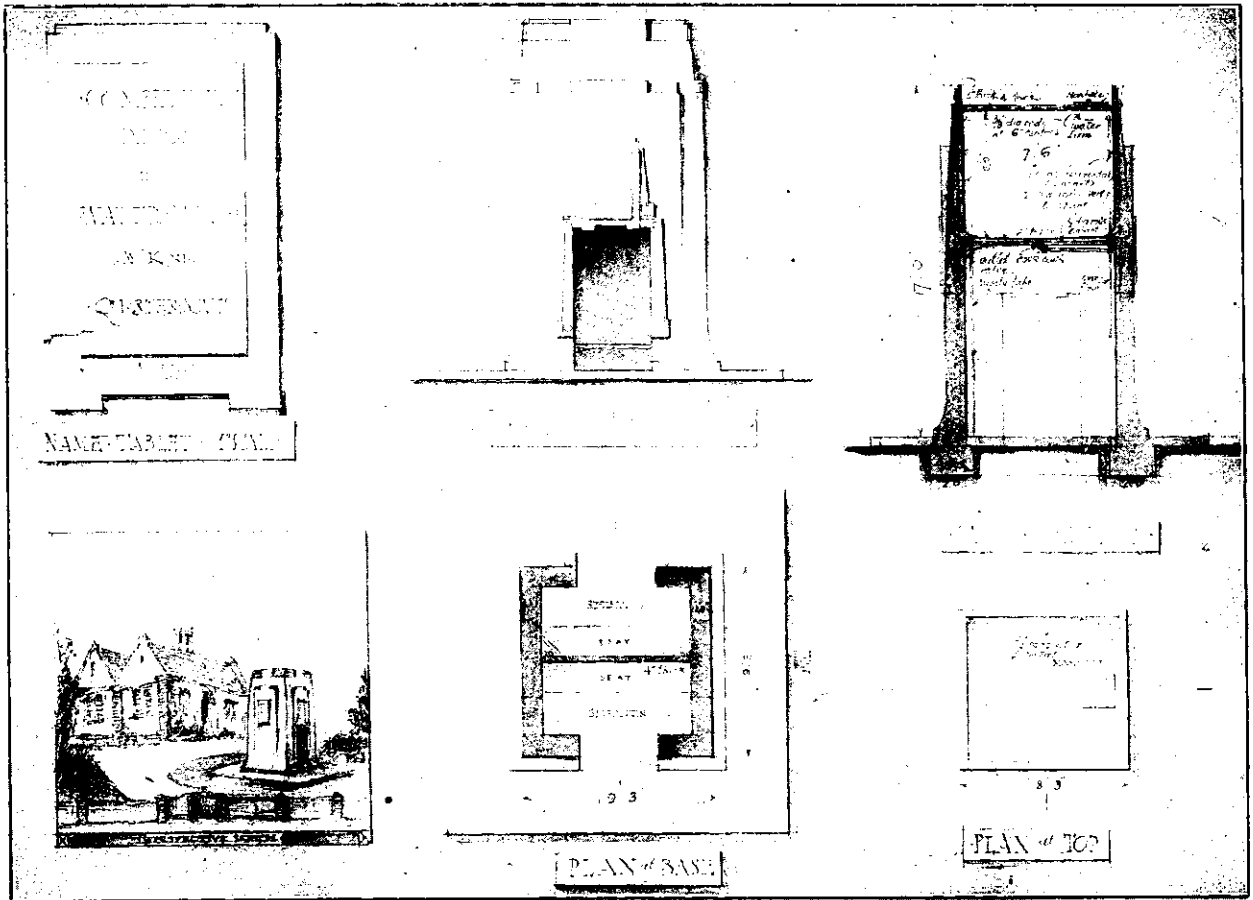


Competition for Water Tower in form of Memorial.

The competition set by the Christchurch Education Board for a Soldiers' Memorial in the form of a water tower drew eight designs, which have been adjudicated upon by Mr. W. M. Page, architect, of Wellington. A prize of £3/3/- was offered by the Education Board, and the adjudicator very generously gave his fee, £2/2/- as a second prize. The winning design "Konk," is by H. L. Hickson, Wel-

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"The difficulty confronting competitors must have been to determine whether it was a water tower or a soldiers' memorial that they were called upon to design, and it is interesting to note that four competitors call it a "water tower," two call it a "memorial water tower," and two a "soldiers' memorial in the form of a water tower." The competitors have been further embarrassed by reason of the conditions stating that consideration will be

of the question was dealt with. The First Commissioner of Works in speaking in support of a movement to establish a central body of advice in connection with the erection of war memorials said he hoped it would succeed in saving the country from the erection of unsightly objects intended at memorials, and that "*utilitarian buildings for this purpose should be discountenanced in favour of artistic monuments.*" If the First Commissioner of Works entertains this view it should be easily comprehended by the average person that a water tank is not a very high or suitable form for a memorial to take. If a water tank is what is wanted let it be a water tank and do not make any attempt to make