

Before the work can be started, the proposal will have to be sanctioned by a poll of the ratepayers.

Messrs. Greenstreet and Anderson were also the successful competitors for designs for the workers' houses in Huxley Street, four of which are just finished, completion of the other four being expected in a month's time. Thirteen competitors entered for this competition, the prize being £50, and, of course, the commission to proceed with the work.

### Auckland Architectural Students' Association.

It is gratifying to learn that the Auckland Architectural Association is again active. This very useful body of young architects was originally formed in 1913. In the beginning the Association had only a handful of members, but as soon as other students realised the good work these few were doing the ranks rapidly grew, and for a number of years very good progress was made. During the period of the war the ranks were sadly depleted, and activities dwindled accordingly. In the present period of reconstruction the Association has started afresh, and at a general meeting of Auckland students, held in April, it was unanimously decided to form a vigorous body. A new set of rules was adopted, and is now in the printers' hands. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Patron: Mr. W. H. Gummer.

President: Mr. Carter.

Vice-President (also Secretary and Treasurer): Mr. Kissling.

And a Committee of five:

As Honorary Members a number of practicing architects were elected.

The name of the body was changed to the Auckland Architectural Association.

This year's proceedings were opened with a paper by the President, Mr. Gummer (who is really the father or elder brother of the Association, and to whom members owe no little depth of gratitude for his generous interest), the subject being, "The Education of the Architect, the Student and the Public." The paper was full of interest, and was keenly listened to by about 15 members. On Monday, May 9th, an *esquisse*, set by Mr. M. K. Driffin, was begun. The subject, "A Music Pavilion," was commenced on this night, and took three nights to complete, being judged on Friday, May 25th. Fourteen members were at work on the subject—a number of competitors which in itself augurs well for the future of the Association.

The Association now consists of over 20 members, with the prospect of many more joining its ranks, and we hope that students in other centres who have no Student Clubs will see their way to forming one.

The Secretary (Mr. Trevor G. Kissling, c/o Mr. Daniel B. Paterson, 23 Shortland Street) will be only too pleased to send a copy of the Association's rules or any other information to persons interested.

### Guild System of Building.

#### SUGGESTIONS TO BUILD WORKERS' HOMES IN CHRISTCHURCH.

The Christchurch City Council recently considered a proposal for the adoption of the Guild system in the erection of workers' homes, which was received from the New Zealand Building Trades Federation, who wrote offering their services for the purpose of erecting homes under the Guild system, and pointing out that the system had proved itself a great boon to municipal authorities in England and Scotland, where houses were erected showing a saving to the tenants of 25 per cent. on contract prices. The Federation also asked the Council to appoint three representatives to meet a similar number from the Federation to discuss the matter.

Cr. E. McCombs gave notice to move at the next meeting that application be made to the Government for an advance of £10,000 for housing, and that the Council consider the matter of erecting the houses on the Guild system.

Cr. H. T. Armstrong suggested the matter should be held over until Cr. McCombs' notice of motion came on at the next meeting.

Cr. H. Hunter said there was no occasion to hold the matter over. He moved that the request be complied with, and that the Works Committee should be asked to appoint the delegates. The Guild system had been followed by the Wellington City Council for the construction of a large tunnel work. The Guild system meant the co-operation of all the unions, and it was believed that good work could be done if the system were adopted in Christchurch for the erection of the homes.

Cr. D. G. Sullivan said the Guilds in Great Britain had proved themselves capable of building houses cheaper and more rapidly than private enterprise. He believed that in the adoption of that system was to be found the solution of most of the industrial problems of the day.

Cr. W. H. Winsor said he was convinced that no body of workmen could do the work 25 per cent. cheaper than a builder could.

Crs. C. P. Agar, W. H. Winsor, and H. T. Armstrong were appointed to represent the Council at the conference, and further consideration of the question was left over till the next meeting.

During April, 49 building permits were issued in Christchurch, representing a value of £34,780. In April of last year the permits totalled 36, of a building value of £23,225.