

porate will grow so greatly in usefulness as to fully merit the sacrifices members are now asked to make.

The New Zealand Federated Builders' Association wrote asking for a conference with the Institute for the purpose of revising the General Conditions of Contract. While this was agreed to, it was first decided to set up a special committee to consult with the branches for the purpose of framing a preliminary report as to what amendments, if any, the general body of members desired, so that the Council when meeting the Builders' Federation may be unanimous as to the desire of its members on any point that is to be discussed.

Special committees were also set up to make a general revision of the wording of the scale of charges and the regulations regarding architectural competitions. The most important Committee was the one entrusted with the revision of the Syllabus of Training and Examination. All these committees are required to prepare their reports as speedily as possible for submission to a special meeting of the Council in accordance with Regulation No. 187, so that amendment may be made as soon as possible. Another drastic change made by this meeting was in the method of dealing with offenders against the Code of Ethics. Hitherto the Council of the Institute has, upon a report by the Discipline Committee, constituted itself sole judge in any case brought against one of its members. It is now deemed wiser for the Council to divest itself of this power and by a small amending Act transfer the right of trying cases to the Supreme Court of New Zealand. Of late there have been very few cases of misconduct on the part of members, and it is believed that the new method will have so much publicity attached to it that it will act as a marked deterrent in the future. Apart from this the new method is one which commends itself to all the members.

The question of the existing building restrictions was also considered. It was agreed that while the war was in progress some control of all material within the State was essential, and so the public submitted to what, in other circumstances, would not have been tolerated. It was considered that the time has now arrived when all these restrictions both as regards building and materials, should be swept away in the interests of the public, and so that trade may resume its normal flow. It was unanimously resolved to ask the Government to remove all these restrictions at once, so that the public be no longer hampered by what has proved an utter failure.

Generally speaking the meeting, which lasted three days, was marked by a desire to face all the problems placed before it in a thoroughly business-like manner, and the tone and general attitude of the members was such as to inspire great confidence in the future of the Institute. The members of the Hawkes Bay Branch proved themselves admirable hosts and did everything possible for the comfort and convenience of the delegates.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. C. R. Ford, Wanganui; Past Presidents, Messrs. Wm. C. Chatfield, T. Mahoney, C. J. Brodrick, P. Y. Wales, W. A. Cumming, Chas. A. Lawrence, J. Louis Salmond; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. B. C. Chilwell, J. H. Burr, T. H. Battle, W. Crichton, E. J. Greenstreet, L. D. Coombs, C. J. Brodrick; Elected Members—Auckland: Messrs. Savage, Gummer and Morran; Hawkes Bay: Messrs. Greig and Davies; Taranaki-Wanganui: Messrs. Ford and Duffill; Wellington: Messrs. Swan, Page and Munnings; Canterbury: Messrs. Hart, Penlington and Murray; Otago: Messrs. Hooper and Mandeno; Southland: Mr. E. R. Wilson; Ex-officio Members, W. Fielding, Hon. Treasurer, and W. Gray Young, Hon. Secretary.

The officers of the District Branches for 1921 are as follows:—Auckland: Mr. B. C. Chilwell (Chairman), Mr. K. W. Aimer (District Secretary). Hawkes Bay-Gisborne: Mr. J. H. Burr (Chairman), Mr. H. A. Westerholm (District Secretary). Taranaki-Wanganui: Mr. T. H. Battle (Chairman), Mr. C. R. Ford (District Secretary). Wellington: Mr. Wm. Crichton (Chairman), Mr. S. Fearn (District Secretary). Canterbury: Mr. E. J. Greenstreet (Chairman), Mr. H. St. A. Murray (District Secretary). Otago: Mr. L. D. Coombs (Chairman), Mr. H. Mandeno (District Secretary). Southland: Mr. J. Brodrick (Chairman), Mr. C. H. Roberts (District Secretary).

Competitions.

The competition recently inaugurated by the Auckland University has not yet been settled. It was decided to have the plans which were delayed through the shipping trouble in Australia dealt with equitably, and in consequence to postpone the adjudication of the competition.

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Twenty-one competitive designs for the memorial to be erected in the grounds of the Auckland Grammar School in memory of old boys who fell in the war have been received by the Secretary of the Old Boys' Association. Designs were sent in from all parts of the Dominion, and one was sent from Sydney. The memorial is to take the form of a monument, and is to cost £2,500 to erect.

The designs have been placed on view at the Board of Governors room in Victoria Arcade. At the annual meeting of the Old Boys' Association a committee comprising the headmaster of the school (Mr. J. W. Tibbs), the newly-elected President of the Association (Mr. H. Turnbull), and several prominent old boys, was appointed to select the most suitable design.

The Minister of Education said in Dunedin that the cost of building was from 25 to 30 per cent. less in the South Island than in the North Island.