



## M301

### Introduction

In 1896 the wealthy Edinburgh-based whisky distiller, Andrew Usher, gifted £100,000 to the City of Edinburgh for the construction of a city hall, with a capacity of 3000 people, and in which music would be performed and enjoyed. Difficulties over securing a site delayed the project; the design competition was not announced until April 1910. Sir Aston Webb was assessor with the City architect, I. A. Williamson. <sup>1</sup> The final site was in the heart of the city, between Castle Terrace and Lothian Road. 130 entries were received. The winners, with a classical Beaux-Arts design, were Stockdale Harrison and Sons and Howard H. Thomson of Leicester. <sup>2</sup> The completed building was officially opened on 16 March 1914.

**Authorship:** Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh appear to have submitted a design for the competition: Alexander McGibbon was paid six guineas on 9 November 1910 for 'Usher hall', presumably a perspective. <sup>3</sup> No further information has come to light to determine what if any involvement Mackintosh had in the submission.

**Cost from job book:**

**Status:** Unbuilt

### Chronology

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### Description

### People

**Clients:**

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**Contractors:**

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### Job Book

The job books of Honeyman & Keppie (later Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh) are now held by The Hunterian, University of Glasgow and include four volumes related to the Mackintosh period. The books were used by the firm to keep a project-by-project, day-by-day record of contractors, suppliers and expenditure. The name of a project and/or client is usually at the top of the left-hand page, followed by information about tradesmen who tendered. The name of the measurer (quantity surveyor) is usually at the top of the right-hand page, followed by information about payments to contractors and suppliers. All of the data for M301 is entered in the tables below.

Page numbering is not consistent in the job books. Sometimes a single number refers to a double-page spread and sometimes each page is individually numbered. Here, each image of a double-page spread is identified by the number given at the top of the left-hand page. (Images of all of the pages from the four job books can be found at [Browse Job Books, Visit Book and Cash Book.](#))

The following information about M301 has been extracted from the job books:

Job book:

**Measurer:****Tenders:**

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted

**Payments (trades):**

Name	Type	Payment out sum
		<b>Payment date:</b>

**Payments (suppliers):**

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum

## Documents

## Images

## Bibliography

## Published

## Notes:

1: *British Architect*, 73, 15 April 1910 p. 268.

2: *British Architect*, 74, 29 July 1910, p. 57.

3: *The Hunterian*, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie / Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh / Keppie Henderson cash book, 1889-1917, GLAHA 53079, p. 137.

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