

M089 Extension to Dovehill Public School

Introduction

A self-contained, three-storey extension to an 1870s–80s Board School, providing classrooms, cookery and laundry rooms, workshops and teachers' rooms.

Authorship: This is one of over 270 jobs carried out in the office of John Honeyman & Keppie (Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh from 1901) during Mackintosh's time there. Mackintosh undoubtedly worked on many of these, but there is no specific evidence for his involvement in this case.

Alternative names: Great Dovehill Public School; Little Dovehill School.

Alternative addresses: Bell Street Graeme Street

Cost from job book: £3505 8s 0d

Cost from other sources: 'about £3280'¹

Status: Demolished

RCAHMS Site Number: NS56SE 851

Grid reference: NS 5996 6485

Chronology

1875

Boys school opened in Little Dovehill, in premises leased by the School Board of Glasgow. Temporary school for girls and infants opened in Graeme Street (later renamed Bell Street).¹

1877

23 August: New Dovehill Public School opened on S. side of Graeme Street, between Great Dovehill and Little Dovehill, accommodating 1066 boys and girls.²

1884

21 August: Borrowing for an extension sanctioned by the Scotch Education Department.³ This appears to have been an addition extending S. from the 1877 building, along the E. side of Little Dovehill.

1893

October: John Honeyman & Keppie appointed architects for a further extension.⁴

November: Plans approved by Scotch Education Department.⁵

1894

22 February: Plans approved by Glasgow Dean of Guild Court.⁶

7 March: Tenders accepted by School Board of Glasgow.⁷

16 March: Old buildings on site being demolished.⁸

10 April: Foundations under way.⁹

31 July: Roofed.¹⁰

1895

16 February: 'School building finished', but work continuing on toilets, etc.¹¹

26 April: Extension opened.¹²

After 1979

School demolished.

Description

In 1875, as part of its provision of school accommodation in Glasgow's poor and densely populated East End, the newly established School Board of Glasgow leased a building in Little Dovehill for boys, and fitted up another in nearby Graeme Street (later renamed Bell Street) for girls and infants. ¹ These arrangements were only temporary, however, and in 1877 the Board opened a new, purpose-built school on the S. side of Graeme Street, between Little Dovehill and Great Dovehill. ² Designed by James Thomson ³ in a plain classical style, it provided accommodation for 1066 boys and girls on two floors.



On 21 August 1884, the Scotch Education Department approved the borrowing of funds for an extension. ⁴ This appears to have opened in May 1887, and was probably the matching wing along the E. side of Little Dovehill, shown in old photographs and on the O.S. map revised in 1892–3. ⁵ Finally, in 1893, John Honeyman & Keppie were appointed to design a further addition, at the S. end of the Little Dovehill wing. ⁶



Honeyman & Keppie's extension follows closely the pattern established by Thomson in 1877, and unlike Martyrs Public School, commissioned just over a year later, there is little about it that is either distinctive or original. As with both Martyrs and Scotland Street schools, the School Board handled the tendering process, though Honeyman & Keppie were asked to supply a list of potential contractors. ⁷ Only the successful tenders are recorded in the architects' job book.

The new addition was the same height as the earlier phases of the school, but the fall of the ground meant it had three storeys. There was a workshop at basement level, with rooms for teaching laundry and cookery on the ground floor, and two classrooms on the first floor. Fireproof construction (concrete on rolled iron beams) was used between the basement and ground floor, timber between the ground and upper floors. A staircase separated the new rooms from the existing S. wing, with teachers' rooms on each landing. The extension had its own entrance, and was described at its opening as being 'for all practical purposes a self-contained annexe'. ⁸

The school was still standing in 1979, ⁹ but has since been demolished.

People

Clients:

- The School Board of Glasgow

Contractors:

- George Adam
- John Allan
- John Anderson & Son
- William Cowan & Son
- John Forbes
- William Forbes
- Hunter, McWilliam & Co.
- Archibald Love & Sons
- Robert Mason
- John McOwat & Son
- Alexander Thompson

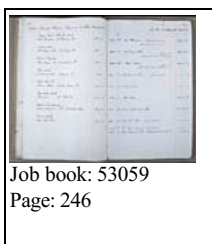
Job Book

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 M089 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 M089 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: The School Board of Glasgow

Measurer: John Allan

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Alexander Thompson	digger, mason and brick work	138 Pollokshaws Road	no data in job book	£1728 10s 0d	yes
William Cowan & Son	wright work	95 Bishop Street	no data in job book	£599 0s 0d	yes
Robert Mason	plumber and gasfitter	104 Sauchiehall Street	no data in job book	£155 0s 0d	yes
John McOwat & Son	slater work	98 London Street	no data in job book	£44 14s 0d	yes
William Forbes	plaster work	167 West Graham Street	no data in job book	£64 6s 11d	yes
John Forbes	granolithic work	158A Bath Street	no data in job book	£515 8s 4d	yes
Hunter, McWilliam & Co.	heating and ventilating	18 Milton Lane	no data in job book	£154 12s 4d	yes
Archibald Love & Sons	painter work	no data in job book	no data in job book	£28 4s 3d	yes

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Alexander Thompson	digger, mason and brick work	Payment date: 7 May 1895 £1758 8s 3d ¹
William Cowan & Son	wright work	Payment date: 2 July 1895 £775 15s 3d ²
Robert Mason	plumber and gasfitter	Payment date: 4 July 1895 £206 8s 9d ³
John McOwat & Son	slater work	Payment date: 28 June 1895 £45 18s 4½d
William Forbes	plaster work	Payment date: 27 March 1895 £69 13s 2d
John Forbes	granolithic work	Payment date: 7 May 1895 £409 5s 4d
Hunter, McWilliam & Co.	heating and ventilating	Payment date: 27 March 1895 £184 13s 7d
Archibald Love & Sons	painter work	Payment date: 28 June 1895 £43 6s 9½d

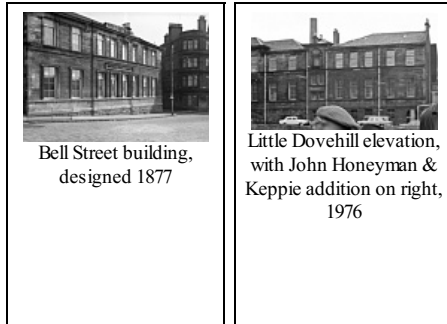
Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum

George Adam	'wrot iron gate & grills'	20 November 1894	£8 5s 0d
John Anderson & Son	'spiked rails at windows'	27 March [1895]	£3 13s 6d

Documents

Images



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- 22:** *Glasgow Herald*, 7 February 1979, p. 8.
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- 24:** Includes £176 15s 3d for 'extras as per note in schedule'.
- 25:** Includes £51 8s 9d for 'extras as per note in schedule'.

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