

# M112 Hall and beadle's house for St Paul's Church Mission

## Introduction

St Paul's Church Mission occupied a converted school building of c. 1871, close to the High Street in the oldest part of Glasgow. In 1895–6, John Honeyman & Keppie added a new hall at the rear and a simple dwelling for the beadle (a church officer).

**Authorship:** The unusual design of the hall roof trusses suggests Mackintosh's involvement. He may also have been the draughtsman of the original drawings from which the surviving designs were copied.

**Alternative addresses:** 33–39 College Lane

**Cost from job book:** £1635 13s 0d

**Status:** Demolished

**RCAHMS Site Number:** NS56NE 2015

**Grid reference:** NS 5977 6524

## Chronology

### 1894

29 November: Opening of fund-raising bazaar for 'new mission halls in connection with St Paul's Parish Church'. <sup>1</sup>

### 1895

June: Drawings for addition made by John Honeyman & Keppie. <sup>2</sup>

27 June: Drawings approved by Glasgow Dean of Guild Court. <sup>3</sup>

15 August: Building work in progress. <sup>4</sup>

### 1896

27 January: Described by Glasgow Dean of Guild Court inspector as 'finished'. <sup>5</sup>

April: Reception for Rev. James Paton and Mrs Paton in 'the new Parish Halls, Shuttle Street'. <sup>6</sup>

### 1977

24 March: Measured drawing of roof truss made by Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland. <sup>7</sup>

### 1979

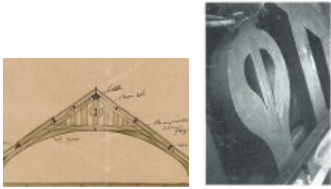
Demolished under Dangerous Buildings procedures. <sup>8</sup>

## Description

St Paul's Church Mission seems to have been converted from the former St Paul's Parish School, first listed at this address in the *Post Office Glasgow Directory* of 1871–2. In the 1888–9 directory it is named 'St Paul's Parish Mission' for the first time. It is identified as a 'mission hall' on the O.S. plan revised in 1893 and published in 1895. <sup>1</sup> A simple, two-storey, oblong building abutting the pavement, it had a central gable with a bellcote, and matching entrances at each end. In 1895–6, John Honeyman & Keppie added a new hall at the back. The addition was larger than the original building, and attached to its N.E. corner was a three-storey, tower-like structure, with male and female toilets on the ground floor and living accommodation for the beadle (a church officer) on the two upper floors. Both the original mission building and the addition were demolished in 1979.

Built of brick, the new hall was lit from above by areas of Pennycook's patent glazing in its open timber roof. There was a platform at the S. end and a shallow gallery supported on cast-iron columns at the N. John Honeyman & Keppie's drawings show seating for 423, including 53 in the gallery. Not surprisingly for a church hall in one of the poorest parts of the city, it was a plain building, the only unusual feature being the roof. On the sectional drawing approved by the Glasgow Dean of Guild Court, the central posts of the trusses swell outwards in the middle, where a circular opening is punched through to reveal a vertical iron

tie rod. The executed design was a more subtle variation on this: there was the same swelling form, but the opening was changed to an inverted teardrop, split in two. <sup>2</sup>



This has parallels elsewhere in Mackintosh's work of around the same date: there are similarities with the contemporary trusses over the central hall of Martyrs Public School, which are decorated with a bulbous swelling in the same position, and with the piercing of the staircase balustrades at Ruchill Free Church Halls and the Glasgow School of Art. However, to judge from a photograph taken during demolition in 1979, the St Paul's trusses were heavier and less elegant than those at the Glasgow School of Art and Queen's Cross Church hall. When the building was demolished, similar trusses were recorded in the former school, suggesting that John Honeyman & Keppie did some re-roofing here when they added the new hall. The job-book entry bears this out, with its references to payments for a 'new roof in Hall' and 'jobbing in old building'. Following demolition of the mission hall, the trusses are said to have been transferred to Bishop's Mills, Old Dumbarton Road, Partick, to be reused in the residential conversion of this mid 19th-century industrial building. <sup>3</sup>

The payment dates in the job book are not consistent with the dates given in press reports and in the records of inspections carried out by the Glasgow Dean of Guild Court during construction. It seems likely that the date 1897 at the top of the job-book page where payments are recorded is incorrect.

## People

### Clients:

- Rev. James Paton and St Paul's Kirk Session

### Contractors:

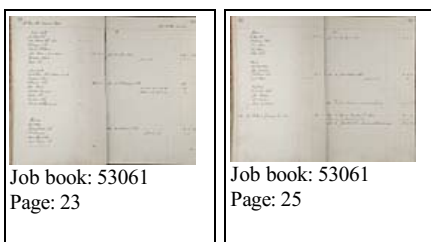
- Bennet Furnishing Company
- James Cormack & Sons Ltd
- John Gibbon
- James Hutcheson
- John McOwat & Son
- E. C. Morgan & Son
- John Orr & Sons
- George Rome & Co.
- John Walker
- Archibald Watson & Co.

## 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 M112 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 M112 has been extracted from the job books:



**Client:** no data in job book

**Measurer:** John Walker

**Tenders:**

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
James Goldie & Son	mason	no data in job book	no data in job book	£470 6s 0d	no
John Paterson & Son Ltd	mason	no data in job book	no data in job book	£421 12s 4d	no
E. C. Morgan & Sons	mason	no data in job book	no data in job book	£441 0s 0d	no
Daniel McCallum	mason	no data in job book	no data in job book	£435 0s 0d	no
John Gibbon	mason	7 Ward Street	no data in job book	£415 8s 10d	yes
Hutcheson & Grant	mason	no data in job book	no data in job book	£465 0s 0d	no
Guthrie & Co	mason	no data in job book	no data in job book	£554 0s 0d	no
William McLellan & Son	joiner	9 Killermont Street	no data in job book	£551 15s 0d	no
Hutcheson & Grant	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£489 0s 0d	no
E. C. Morgan & Son	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£479 18s 6d	yes
Thomas Brown	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£499 0s 0d	no
Matthew Henderson	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£530 0s 0d	no
Guthrie & Co.	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£530 0s 0d	no
George Laird & Son	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
David McSkimming	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£550 0s 0d	no
Fyfe & Allan	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
James Johnstone & Son	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	£73 0s 0d	no
William Anderson	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	£70 10s 0d	no
Moses Spiers & Son	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	£67 10s 0d	no
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	£68 0s 0d	no
Archibald Watson & Co.	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	£66 0s 0d	yes
George Rome & Co.	plaster	no data in job book	no data in job book	£50 5s 8d	yes
McGilvray & Ferris	plaster	no data in job book	no data in job book	£64 3s 6d	no
John Forbes	plaster	no data in job book	no data in job book	£72 10s 7d	no
William Forbes	plaster	no data in job book	no data in job book	£62 2s 2d	no
Calder & Son	plaster	no data in job book	no data in job book	£57 0s 10d	no
A. & D. McKay	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£40 0s 0d	no
John Anderson	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£39 0s 0d	no
John McOwat & Son	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£37 10s 0d	yes
A. & D. Ross	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£45 4s 0½d	no
R. Laidlaw & Son	gasfitting	no data in job book	no data in job book	£32 10s 6d	no
John Bryden	gasfitting	no data in job book	no data in job book	£28 4s 7d	no
William Bryden	gasfitting	no data in job book	no data in job book	£31 8s 9d	no
James Hutcheson	gasfitting	no data in job book	no data in job book	£25 19s 4½d	yes
Bennet Furnishing Company	furniture	no data in job book	29 October	£64 1s 1d <sup>1</sup>	yes

**Payments (trades):**

Name	Type	Payment out sum
John Gibbon	mason	<b>Payment date:</b> 21 January 1897 [or 1896] £514 0s 7½d
E. C. Morgan & Son	joiner	<b>Payment date:</b> 21 January 1897 [or 1896] £684 0s 1d <sup>2</sup>
Archibald Watson & Co.	plumber	<b>Payment date:</b> 24 November 1897 [or 1896] £78 11s 11½d
George Rome & Co.	plaster	<b>Payment date:</b> 21 January 1897 [or 1896] £45 2s 6d
John McOwat & Son	slater	<b>Payment date:</b> 24 November 1897 [or 1896] £38 9s 5d

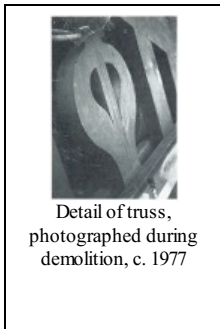
James Hutcheson	gasfitter	<b>Payment date:</b> 21 January 1897 £115 12s 6½d <sup>3</sup>
Bennet Furnishing Company	furniture	<b>Payment date:</b> 12 February [1897] £64 1s 1d <sup>4</sup>

#### Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
James Cormack & Sons Ltd	no data in job book	4 May [1897]	£31 3s 0d
John Orr & Sons	'Painter work as per rates.'	16 December [1897]	£64 11s 9½d

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## Images



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**12:** For seats.

**13:** Includes £146 0s 0d for 'new roof in Hall as per est.', and £40 for 'jobbing in old building'.

**14:** Includes gas fittings.

**15:** For seats.

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