

M213 Competition designs for the University of Glasgow Natural Philosophy and Medical Buildings

Introduction

Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh were one of four practices invited in 1902 to submit designs for new buildings for the University of Glasgow's departments of Natural Philosophy and of Physiology, Materia Medica, and Forensic Medicine and Public Health. Also invited were James Miller, the eventual winner; H. E. Clifford; and MacWhannell & Rogerson. No drawings by Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh survive but a memorandum describing very precisely the layout and technical specification of their buildings is held at the University archive. No information about the style of the architecture is included. ¹

Authorship: Mackintosh appears to have contributed substantially to this project. On 19 November 1902 he wrote to Hermann Muthesius: 'I am very busy just now at two large buildings in connection with the Glasgow University competitions ...' ²

Status: Unbuilt

Grid reference: NS 56710 66650

Chronology

1902

16 April: University of Glasgow joint committee on laboratory requirements recommends to the University Court that several architects be asked to submit designs for new buildings for the departments of Natural Philosophy and of Physiology, Materia Medica, and Forensic Medicine and Public Health. ¹

19 November: Mackintosh writes to Hermann Muthesius about his work on designs for large buildings for the University competitions. ²

10 December: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh submit their design and accompanying documents. ³

1903

12 February: James Miller's designs selected by the University Court. ⁴

1906

The Natural Philosophy building designed by James Miller opens. ⁵

1907

The Physiology, Materia Medica, and Forensic Medicine and Public Health building designed by James Miller opens. ⁶

Description

People

Clients:

- University of Glasgow

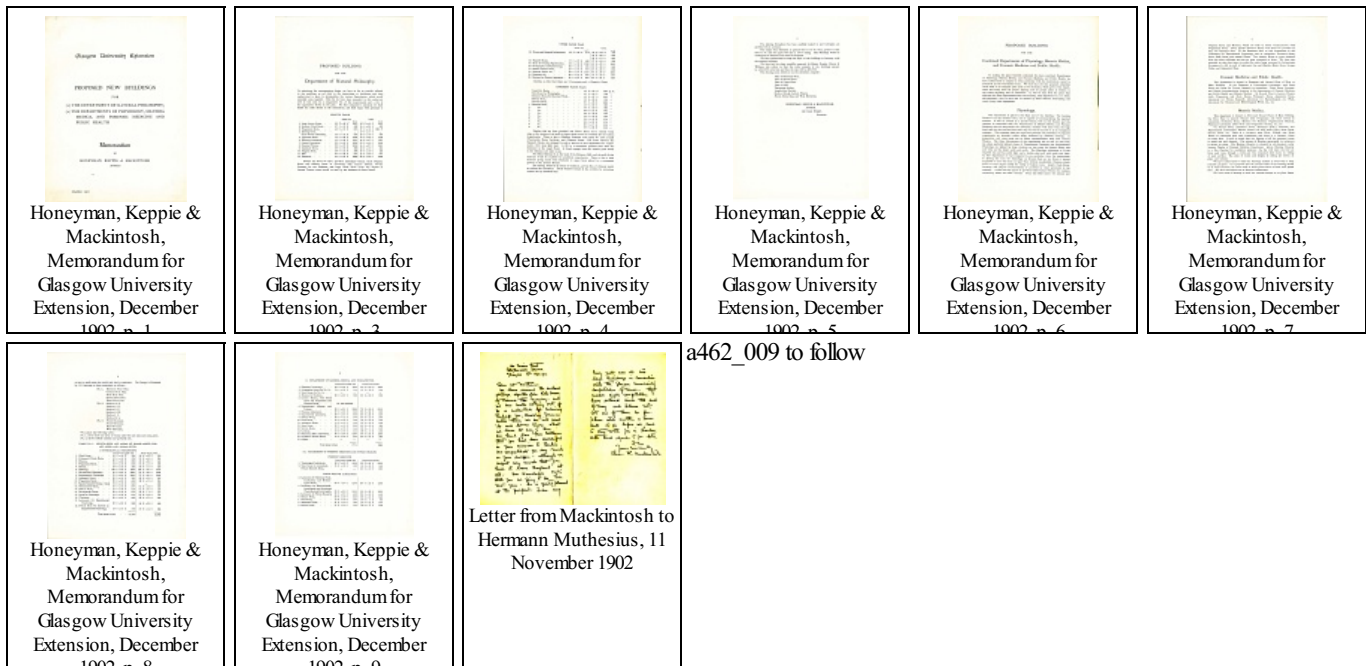
Job Book

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 M213 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 M213 has been extracted from the job books:

Documents



Images

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