



M245 Design for a hall of residence for Queen Margaret College

Introduction

In June 1904, Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh drew up two plans for a new, four-storey hall of residence for Queen Margaret College. It included in the basement kitchens, servants' quarters and services; on the ground floor, dining and drawing rooms, a study and superintendent's rooms; on the first floor, individual bedrooms, shared studies and bathrooms; and on the second floor, three- and four-cubicle dormitories, and bathrooms. No elevation or section drawings appear to survive. No indication is given on the drawings of the envisaged location of the hall of residence. It is not clear how these drawings came to be commissioned. No mention is made of them in the archive of Queen Margaret Hall Co. Ltd nor are they mentioned in the minutes of the Queen Margaret College Student Union committee or Glasgow University Court. However, the need for a new hall of residence for the College, in addition to Lilybank House, as well as a Students' Union building was discussed by the Students' Union committee from 1903 onwards. However no new College halls of residence emerged until the 1920s. ¹

Authorship: The drawings are signed by John Keppie. In 1894 he was described as 'honorary consulting architect' to the Queen Margaret Hall Co. Ltd at Lilybank House. Details of the design suggest at least the influence of Mackintosh: the six narrow bow windows in the long dining room recall the reception and music room in the design for a House for an Art Lover; a version of the Elizabethan-derived canted and mullioned bay windows on the ground and basement floors appears two years later in his design for Auchinibert.

Status: Unbuilt

Chronology

1904

June: Date of Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh's drawings. ¹

Description

People

Clients:

- Queen Margaret College

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 M245 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 M245 has been extracted from the job books:

Documents

Images

Bibliography

Published

Notes:

1: Glasgow University Archives Service: Queen Margaret College Students' Union minutes, DC 240/2/1/1, 16 December 1903; Queen Margaret Hall Co. Ltd introduction to records, DC 233.

2: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: GLAHA 52354 (M245-001); GLAHA 52355 (M245-002).

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