



M246 Design for Students' Union hall for Queen Margaret College

Introduction

In June 1904, Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh drew up plans and elevations for a two-storey Students' Union hall for Queen Margaret College. In the basement it had a dining room, kitchen, committee room, caretaker's accommodation, stores and services. On the ground floor there were an assembly hall to seat 200, and meeting and reading rooms. No specific location for the building is indicated on the drawings. However, the arrangement of the building, with the entrance on the upper floor, and the naming of S. and E. elevations suggests that a site had been proposed, perhaps adjacent to existing College buildings. It is not clear how the drawings came to be commissioned; no mention is made of them in either the minutes of the Queen Margaret College Student Union or Glasgow University Court. ¹

A Students' Union building and hall of residence were sought for the College from 1903 and a fund-raising bazaar was held in November 1906 in St Andrew's Halls. £7800 was raised towards the construction of a new building and to finance Student Union activities. The idea of a new building was ultimately abandoned: in 1908, a five-year lease was taken on 31 Buckingham Terrace, and alterations were made to suit the requirements of the Students' Union. ²

Authorship: The drawings are signed by John Keppie and the Italo-Scots Renaissance style of the elevations suggests his influence.

Status: Unbuilt

Chronology

1904

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

Description

People

Clients:

- Queen Margaret College Students' Union

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 M246 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 M246 has been extracted from the job books:

Documents

Images

Bibliography

Notes:

1: Glasgow University Archives Service: Queen Margaret College Students' Union minutes, DC 240/2/1/1, 16 December 1903; 13 May 1904; 16 June 1904; 9 December 1904; 30 October 1907; 16 April 1908; Queen Margaret College Student Union 1906 bazaar prospectus, DC 240/4/1; Glasgow University Court minutes, C1/1/15, 16 January 1908.

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3: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: GLAHA 52307 (M246-004); GLAHA 52308 (M246-003); GLAHA 52309 (M246-001); GLAHA 52310 (M246-002).

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