

architects, draughtsmen or assistants engaged in the department would, of course, be members of the Guild. Suggestions and plans from outside sources would always be sought and welcomed, in order to avoid the possible danger of a deadening uniformity. Every worker would be well paid, and encouraged to take a pride and interest in all sides of the building work. The cheapness and carefulness which the competitive contract system is supposed to ensure (it does not always do so!) would be better obtained through this personal interest, in conjunction with a proper system of purchasing, accounting and costing, and skilful and far-seeing management. So we may hope to establish a new tradition in building, or shall we rather say, revive an old one? And the result that always follows sincerity and co-operation in such work, would appear, without fail, in harmonious beauty in the aspect of the houses and of the town. There is no reason why our towns in the coming days should not be as beautiful in their way as any of the towns of the past. If the builders of New Town are called upon to use not only hands, but head also and heart, in all their common work, will not the buildings in New Town themselves reflect something of the richness of the common life?