Our 44th Competition.

Municipal Housing.

A Country Residence.

Wellington City Council considering it.

Only four designs were sent in for this competition, viz.:—"Sans Peur," by L. H. Charlton, with Mr. A. Garnett, Architect, Hastings; "Zam," by F. G. Broadley, C/o Public Works Department, Wellington; "It," by F. Horinbrook, with Messrs Crichton and McKay, Wellington; and "Bank," by R. Osten, with Anscombe and Smith, Invercargill.

The judge, Mr. J. C. Charlesworth of Wellington, who kindly set this subject (and gave a special prize for the best draughtsmanship) reports as follows:—

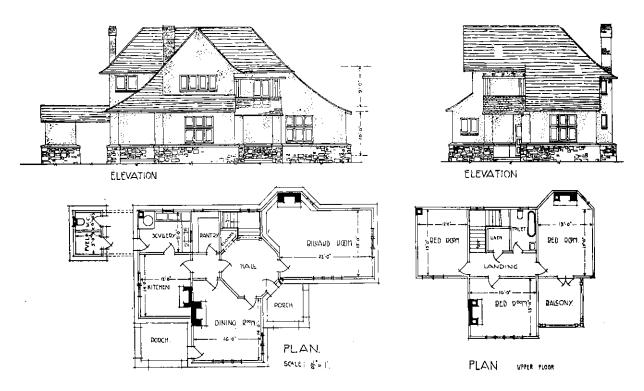
"ZAM" placed first shows quite an artistic pro-

The question of the City Council's undertaking a municipal housing scheme was briefly before the council last month, when the following two motions were agreed to:—

By Councillor W. T. Hildreth:—"That this council take into consideration the question of acquiring land at Lyall Bay for the purpose of building cottages for such of the corporation employees as may be desirous of taking advantage of this scheme."

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By Councillor J. Hutcheson:—"That a select committee, consisting of His Worship the Mayor,



Winning Design in our 44th Competition ("Zam") by F. G. Broadley, Public Works Dept., Wellington.

duction of simple design and good arrangement of plan, and the cost is well within the amount stated.

"IT" has given a good example of planning, but the design is marred by waste space in roof and height of balcony roof over portico being too low.

"SANS PEUR" has exhibited an intelligent knowledge of the subject, plan well arranged but the cost far in excess of the limit.

"BANK." The plan is well thought out, billiard room too narrow, but the elevations and draughtsmanship weak.

None of the designs has exhibited in my opinion first class draughtsmanship, the best sent in is by "ZAM" who is entitled to the extra prize.

J. C. CHARLESWORTH.

Councillors Hildreth, Bennett, Frost, Wright, and the mover, be set up to inquire into and report on the following matters:—(1) Location, area, and estimated values of suitable available sites; (2) class, size, and structural description, and design of buildings; (3) estimated cost of different types of suitable buildings; (4) (a) method of allocation of dwellings amongst applicants, (b) order of eligibility of applicants; (5) description of tenure or variations thereof; and (6) financial arrangements to give effect to scheme.

It is one of the affectations of architects to speak of overcharged ornament. Ornament cannot be overcharged if it be good, and is always overcharged when it is bad.—Ruskin.