

# Californian Bungalows.

Some Reinforced Concrete Homes.

Having long passed the experimental stage, the employment of reinforced concrete as the important building material of the future is assured, and will supersede all others, not only for substantiability and durability, but also from a sanitary point of view, and the fact that it has proved its worth on many occasions as an absolute fireproof element, gives it a claim to the fullest consideration, and

will readily lend itself to the artistic conception, as well as being durable.

The illustrations herewith will furnish a fine range to select from, and the floor plans a good idea to work on:—

No. 1.—This cement-finished mission bungalow of seven rooms exclusive of tower and bath, is a home that will appeal to many, it may also be constructed



No. 1. A Californian Bungalow, Cement Finished, in Ornamental Mission Style. Plan shown on page 569.

places it in a class that is entirely its own. Architects and builders have not been slow to recognise its merits and that it permits of more rapid construction than almost any other material.

Concrete construction is undoubtedly to be the substitute in house construction, when the scarcity of timber demands an adequate building material to replace that commodity. By so doing an improvement will come into vogue that will be of permanent value, inasmuch as the cost of the buildings is very little more, and the additional investment will total out less than the insurance premium on the timber building and the work is made permanent. The insurance can very well be eliminated the inflammable material being reduced to a minimum and the risk easily handled. When these facts are grasped and recognised by the home builder, concrete construction will have the preference, as the material

of cement blocks or reinforced concrete. There are few plans, comparatively speaking, which combine so harmoniously and well so many Californian features both outside and as to the interior. It is a type of the Spanish Mission style. In many respects it is a perfect home. It is large, and the rooms are ample in size and admirable in arrangement, especially so for a family that does much entertaining.

The reception hall, living room and dining room are arranged en suite, with a floor space of nearly 700 square feet. To this a corner bedroom may be added by throwing open the connecting door. The roof may be red tile. The flower boxes are of cement. Hardwood floors and beam ceilings are used in the principal ground floor rooms.

The sun room at the left, opening off the dining room, with its comfortable seats, will be appreciated