

established wages, no further steps be taken by the Cape-
town Association, particularly in view of the resolution
passed at the last Congress.

Insolvency Bill.—A communication was read from the
Secretary for Justice, in answer to the representation made
as a result of the Congress resolution, in which it was
stated that the Bill had now reached such a stage in Par-
liament when it is not legally possible to introduce further
amendments, and that the points raised open up a definite
question needing very careful enquiry and consideration,
and it was felt that such legislation would unduly hamper
contractors in obtaining the financial facilities required by
them, which would react to the disadvantage of Sub-Con-
tractors. Further, protection was suggested for Sub-
contractors by means of security bonds.

An opportunity would be taken of interviewing the
Minister in Pretoria.

Wages of Apprentices.—The Pretoria Association
brought forward the question of the payment for time not
worked by apprentices, and referred to correspondence with
the Department of Labour, in which they interpreted the
opinion of the Government law officers to mean that where
an apprentice offers himself for work and work is not avail-
able by virtue of the observance of holidays customary or

legally applicable to the Industry, he shall be entitled to
receive wages.

It was decided that this matter be left over for discus-
sion at the next Executive meeting.

Tendering for over £1,000 without Quantities.—The
applications of Capetown and Port Elizabeth to tender
without Quantities up to an amount of £1,500 in special
cases, such as the building of cottages, were granted, these
cases would come up for review at the next Congress.

Old Age Pensions Commission.—The invitation by the
Government to give evidence before this Commission would
be considered at the next meeting of the Executive.

General Business.—Attention was drawn to the fact
that tenders had evidently been submitted for work in
Capetown recently contrary to the ruling of the Federation
at Congress that time limits in tendering were forbidden.
Enquiry would be instituted.

Mr. Tawse, on behalf of the Pretoria Association and in
commemoration of the 21st anniversary of the Federation,
presented a framed photograph souvenir including groups
and scenes during the last Congress at Pretoria, which was
accepted by the President on behalf of the National
Federation.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

BLOEMFONTEIN POLYTECHNIC AND NORMAL COLLEGE.

The building was completed in 1914-15 at a cost of
£20,750. The Architect was Mr. P. Eagle, at that time
Chief Architect in the Public Works Department, and the
Contractor Mr. W. H. Beamish.

The foundations are of cement concrete footings with
sandstone external walls to plinth level, Bayswater stone
to 10 feet above plinth, and remainder brick plastered in
cement and lime-whited.

The roof is covered with Marseilles tiles, while the
ceilings are in clear pine.

MESSRS. L. FATTI & COMPANY'S BUILDINGS.

This building is erected on a site at the corner of
Loveday and Jeppe Streets, 100 ft. by 50 ft., completely
covered, and consists of five floors, including basement
averaging 15 feet in height. The building was erected to
the design of Messrs. W. & C. W. Reid, Architects, for
Messrs. L. Fatti & Co.; Mr. J. Thompson, Contractor,
being responsible for the basement and ground floor, and
Messrs. Nicholls & Alderson, Contractors, for the other
three floors. The cost was in the proximity of £20,000.
The whole of the basement and the main corner portion
(50 by 50) of the ground and first floors are used by Messrs.
Fatti for their up-to-date art display, to effect which a
single central stanchion was introduced carrying the com-
plete structure.

The rest of the ground floor includes two large shops
for letting. The half of the first floor and the complete
second floor consist of flats, and the complete third floor of
single rooms.

The three pavilions are in plaster, the filling-in being
with face bricks. A feature is the successful architectural
work in the treatment of the dormer windows.

The building is of fireproof construction throughout, in-
cluding the staircases, and is fitted with a Waygood-Otis
lift. The reinforced concrete work was carried out by

the Reinforcing Steel Company, and the shop fronts by
Messrs. Harris & Hittinger.

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH, PRETORIA.

The Church forms an additional wing to the Redemp-
tionist Monastery, set among beautiful surroundings, facing
Rissik Road.

The building, which is Romanesque, was designed by
the Fathers, assisted by members of the congregation, and
has a striking exterior, being of brick plastered and with
sandstone dressings. A stone cross surmounts the gable,
and in a niche below is a statue of St. Alphonsus, the
founder of the Order. The roof is covered with Marseilles
tiles.

Seating accommodation is provided for 300 persons,
though double that number attended the recent opening
ceremony, and the building, which admits of future exten-
sion, comprises a spacious nave, two chapels, a large sanc-
tuary with oratory adjoining, and opening on to the two
sacristies which lead on to the Monastery. Above the
porch is a choir gallery on reinforced concrete cantilevers,
with provision for an organ.

The heavy open timbered roof of the nave is a striking
feature of the interior, the other main ceilings being
curved. Most of the materials used are South African. The
porch has a dado of local quarry tiles, and faced brickwork
forms the dado to the nave. The chapels are panelled with
beautifully grained Rhodesian teak and mahogany, while
neat teak panelling embellishes the sanctuary. The wood
block floors throughout and the seats are of champupa.
Warmbaths stone facings greatly enhance the internal
appearance.

Much of the furnishing and decorating is as yet incom-
plete. Stone altar rails, pulpit iron grille, rood cross and
statues will soon be seen in position.

The church reflects great credit on the contractors,
Messrs. Murdoch & Co., the finish of the building with its
first-class workmanship being evidence of the great care
and skill exercised throughout.

The cost of the building is approximately £8,000.