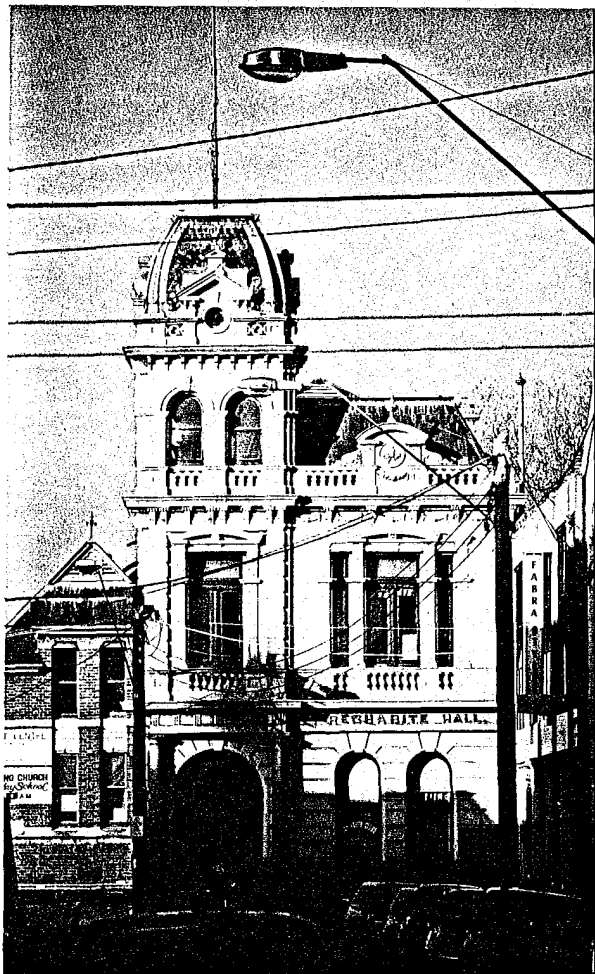


RECHABITE HALL
10 Clarence Street, Prahran



Recommendations It is recommended that this building be retained on the Register of Historic Buildings, Register of the National Estate and be protected using the provisions of Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

History and Description The foundation stone for this hall of Perseverance Tent No.34 of the Independent Order of Rechabites was laid on 6 October 1888. Architect Colin Campbell reflected prevailing architectural trends by embellishing this modest sized building with a large mansard tower and typical elements such as heavily drafted render on the ground floor (resembling stone), an elaborate tripartite window on the upper floor, decorative elements such as consoles, pilasters and festoons and balustraded parapets broken by eclectic pediments. The facade of the hall is emphasised by use of cement render finished with a yellow wash, while the side walls are unpainted render. Bluestone is used for the base courses and prominence is given to the entrance by a pair of highly polished Harcourt granite columns.

Significance This building is superbly intact and represents the archetypal small Victorian hall. The granite columns provide a discreet contrast to the use of rusticated bluestone and cement render, and the composition of the facade, especially when seen as the closing vista of Carlton Street is most notable. Early painted signs still remain and the building is enhanced by its intact iron palisade fence.