

known as "barrel vault," that is, semi-circular or cupola shaped. Along the sides of the interior will be raised stages, running from one end to the other, under which will be installed reticulating pipes for heating the building. In the centre will be a small pond, having on either side flower beds for developing tropical plants. Two side entrances are to be provided in the shape of porticoes. The building at the opposite end of the garden will be carried out later on in precisely similar style. The Council have £3000 surplus Exhibition funds for the project.

The foundation stone of a new Presbyterian Church was laid last month in Victoria Road, Devonport. It is to cost £2343 and will be finished this year.

The collection of funds for a new building for the Y.W.C.A. is steadily progressing, plans of which are being prepared by Mr. Wm. Gummer, A.R.I.B.A. The Association's new home will contain a large social hall, gymnasium and roof garden that could be used either as a full size tennis court or roller skating rink.

Satisfactory progress is being made with the work of erecting a new children's ward at the General Hospital. The site of the ward is to the east of the main building, overlooking the Domain. The plans provide for a three-storeyed structure of attractive design, with accommodation for 50 cots. In addition, there will be a number of rooms for the use of the hospital staff. The front elevation will be finished in red pressed brick and stucco, and the slate roof will be surmounted by four turrets. The building is estimated to cost £20,000, and will probably be completed within 12 months. The contractor is Mr. J. J. Holland, and the plans were prepared by Mr. G. W. Allsop, the board's architect.

The site for the University is still being made much of by a number of people owing to the Government withdrawing the clause intended for inclusion in the Washing-up Bill providing that reservations over land on the south side of Mount Eden, generally known as the Mount Eden Reserve, shall be cancelled, and that the land shall be reserved as a site for the purposes of the Auckland University College.

It is now proposed to hold a Commission into the question to arrive at a final settlement. The City Council at a recent meeting recommended:—"That the previous resolution of the council, viz., 'That the Auckland City Council hereby protests against any proposal to use a portion of the Government House property at Auckland for the purpose of a site of a university, and the council believes that a more central site for a university college can be obtained, and claims that it is in the best interest of the citizens that the Metropolitan paddock should remain an open space' be confirmed. (2) In view of the present unsatisfactory position and the urgency and importance of an immediate settlement of the site question, the Government be requested to set up a commission consisting of representatives of the College Council, Education Department, and the Auckland City Council, with full powers to take all the necessary evidence, and finally determine the question of site." Mr. H. D. Heather pointed out that the recommendations were contradictory, and his amendment that the first be struck out was carried, the second recommendation being carried unanimously.

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. David's Presbyterian Church it was decided to borrow £2000 for the purpose of acquiring land and erecting a manse in Grafton Road, and paying off a mortgage, was embodied in a motion which was unanimously carried. It was stated that the present manse was inconveniently situated, and was not a particularly healthy site. The matter has yet to receive the confirmation of the presbytery.

Messrs. E. Mahoney & Son called for tenders last month for the erection of a Catholic School building in Grey Lynn. The City Council called for tenders for a brick shed for the Electricity Department and Mr. Selbia of Waitahuna called for tenders for the erection of a Presbyterian Church at Waitahuna.

#### CANTERBURY,

Christchurch has been treated to a series of 6 lectures by Mr. Hurst Seager, F.R.I.B.A. on various aspects of Town-planning, during July and August. The lecturer seems to have stirred up considerable interest in his subject. At one of his lectures the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Mr. Skinner, made the frank admission that in his official capacity he had

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