THE EAST-STREET MISSION HALL, ACCKLAND,

The new Mission Hall creeted for the Auckland Methodist Mission in Eaststreet, Newton, is built of brick on up-todate lines, with ample entrances and exits. It is provided with a commodious gallery running round three sides of the building, which, with the assembly hall, provides comfortable accommodation for over 1,000 persons.

The floor of the ball bas an incline towards the speaker's platform, and an important feature in the designing of the building is the case whereby the speaker can be seen from all parts.

Special provision has been made for

the accommodation of the choir and orchestra with scating capacity for 150, while the speaker's platform is on an extensive scale, immediately in front of orchestra.

The acoustic properties of the ball are all that could be desired, and this remark equally applies to the system of ventilation and lighting arrangements.



AN EXTERIOR VIEW OF THE HALL, FOR WHICH MR. ALEXANDER WISEMAN WAS THE ARCHITECT.

MRS. A. C. CAUGHEY TURNS THE KEY.

A comfortably fitted study for the mini-ter has been provided on the first fleor. Inmediately beneath the orchester are situated two large class rooms, chair store and kitchen, in which is fitted a circulating hot water system for the social side of the mi-sion.

The architect of the building is Mr, Mex. Wiseman, and the contractors Messes, J. Lye and Sons,

Pleasure Trips in the Air.

The Paris "Figuro" states that in a tew months there will be four divigible balloons capable of carrying lifteen passengers, the captain, and two mechanicians, ready for pleasure ernises in France.

The Transacrian Company is undertaking the work, and the craft will have a gas capacity of 178,500 cubic feet, and will be propelled by 200-h.p. motors.

The cradles, constructed on aluminium frames; will be furnished after the style of the saloon of a private yacht, and fitted with every luxury for long voyages. The Transacrian Company is already building a series of stations, which will be fitted up as docks for the airships, and stations for the passengers. Those of Surtrouville and Meaux exist already, and

a third is being constructed at Vincennes. Others will be established at Naney, Orienns, Bordeaux, Toulouse, and Pantowns which will be served by the balloon line.

The "Figuro" says that this is not, as some people might think, mere romaneing, but serious, solid fact, and the company has been formed by business men and practical engineers.

THE CROWD ENTER.



THE REV. MR. BOND DECLARES THE BUILDING READY FOR OCCUPATION AND WORK.

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