

New Zealand Churches.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, AUCKLAND.

UNTIL the early fifties, the few scattered settlers on the manuka-covered slopes of what is now the populous suburb of Parnell, attended divine service in the historic old Church on Point Britomart, which unhappily disappeared before the supposed necessities of commercial progress. In the

mainly erected, had charge. By permission of Bishop Selwyn, English services were also held in the Church. The Sunday services were as follows:—Maori, 11 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. ; English, 9.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. They were taken by Mr. Kissling, who was assisted in the English services by the Rev. Mr. Kinder.



EXTERIOR OF ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

early fifties St. Barnabas' Church was erected on the point between St. George's and Mechanics' Bays, as a building in which the Maoris, who then visited Auckland in large numbers, might worship. Mr. George A. Kissling (afterwards Archdeacon of Waimate), of the Church Mission Society, through whose efforts this Church was

As Parnell extended and the population increased, it was decided to erect a Church in a more central position for the use of Europeans—and the first St. Mary's Church was erected on the present site. The funds for this work were raised by subscription, and by the sale of work held in the late Colonel Nation's grounds, which