

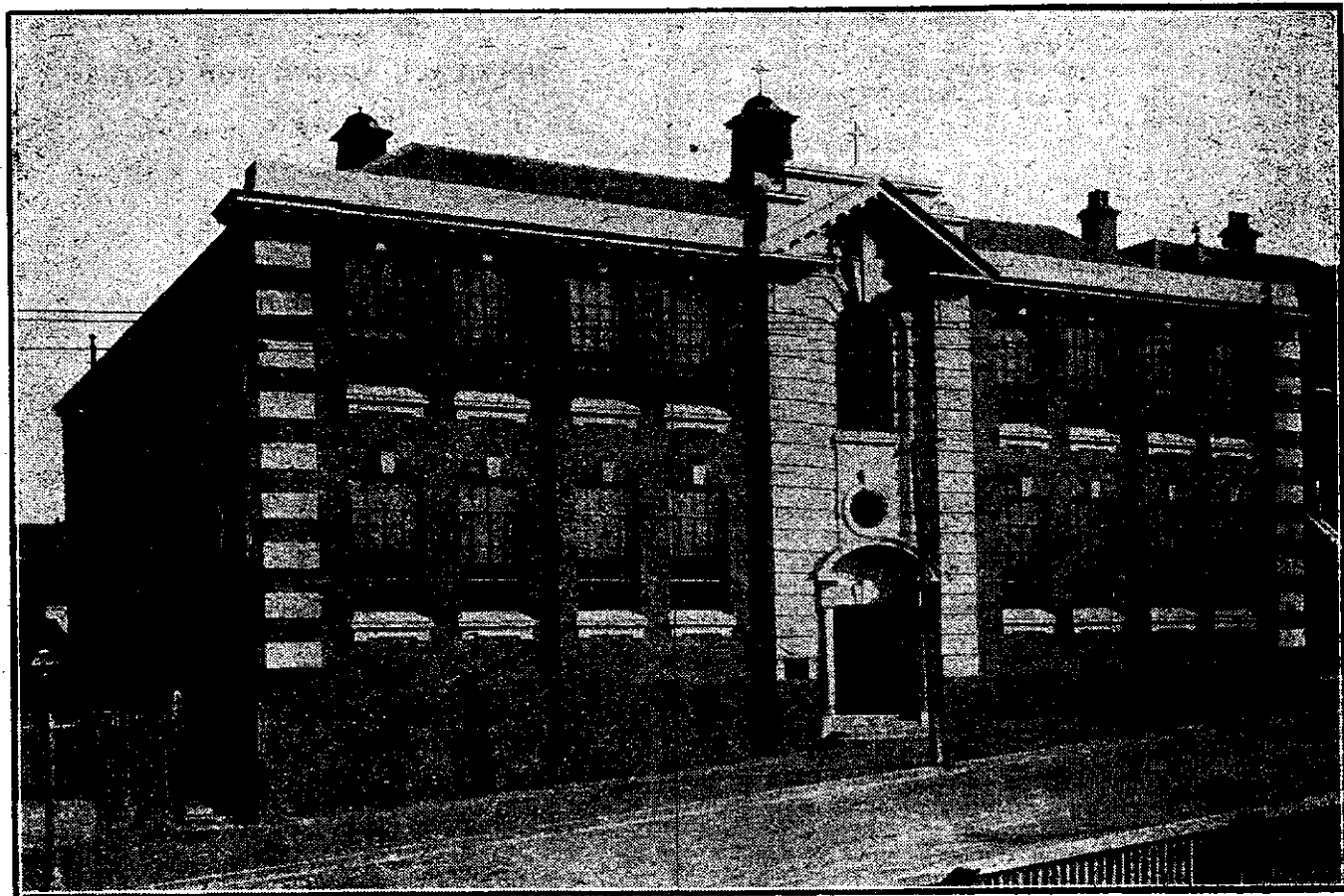
Latest cables state that the operation was successful and although there were unfavorable signs for about three days, an improvement has set in and is being maintained.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' NEW SCHOOL DUNEDIN.

The fine new school for the Christian Brothers is now completed, and will be blessed and opened on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, when the occasional discourse will be delivered by his Grace Archbishop Redwood. The completion of such a splendid educational building should be a matter of pride for the whole Catholic community, and therefore it is confidently expected there will be a very large attendance at the ceremony. The expenditure of such a large sum (£8500) for educational purposes by the Catholic body is an evidence of their desire to give a Christian

charm. The contractor has done his work well and is to be complimented on the business-like manner in which he has completed his contract. The cleared brick walls, left in their natural state so as to preserve their varying tones, are relieved by whitened cement dressings. The roofs are covered with blue slates; originally, it was intended to use green slates, but, owing to the war, it was found impossible to get the shipments forward, so the blue slates were substituted.

Inside the building the one idea is utility; everything is made to withstand hard wear. The one exception is the entrance hall. This has been nicely panelled out with some very handsome figured rimu, and the private stair leading to the upper floor is also figured rimu. The ceilings of the entrance hall and vestibule are in fibrous plaster. The science room, though small, is well fitted up with laboratory benches, which are designed on up-to-date lines, each student having the use of a sink, gas burner, and water tap for carrying out practical work. In addition to the students' benches, there are demonstration tables,



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training to their children at whatever cost. It is, therefore, to be hoped that our people will again show their generosity on Sunday by liquidating the present liability on the school. As will be learned from the accompanying description, the new school is a most substantial building on the most modern lines, nothing being overlooked which could contribute to the convenience of teachers and pupils.

Just twelve months ago a contract was signed by Mr. William McLellan for the erection of the new school. The original contract was only for a portion of the building, but owing to the generosity of the friends of the school the building has been practically completed as originally planned. If anybody has the curiosity to look up the print of the perspective drawing, reproduced in the issue of the *Tablet* of November 5, 1914, he will surely admit that the actual building is quite as handsome as promised by the drawings. The Georgian style, which has been used, is well adapted for modern school requirements. The exteriors, though plain, are in good taste, and while abundant lighting is provided for the classrooms, the building still gives an impression of solidity and strength, and a certain idea of distinctiveness, which always lends an added

balance table, and fume cupboard. The assembly hall, which it is not intended to use for class teaching, is placed on the cold corner of the building. This is a lofty room with an open timber roof. It is fitted at one end with a raised platform, and is well adapted for small school entertainments. The walls in this room are to be tinted, but it is considered advisable to leave them to mature for a little time. In addition to the rooms mentioned, there are seven large classrooms, all plain but light airy rooms, and as hygienic as they can be made. A small teachers' library and private room complete the rooms on the two main floors of the building.

The lavatory accommodation is placed in an enclosed yard, and is reached by covered ways. This necessary adjunct has had careful consideration, and the result appears to be most satisfactory. The building is lighted with electricity, and it is also piped for hot-water heating, but the radiators and boiler are still required to complete the heating. There can be no doubt that neither money nor thought has been spared in making a building that is thoroughly modern and good. Mr. H. Mandeno, of Dunedin, is the architect for the building.