



THE LATE Mr. J. H. KIRK,
Last owner of "Abberley" prior to purchase by Christchurch
City Council.



The pathways were extended and added to where considered necessary. There are now four entrances to the park, two from Abberley Crescent, one from Ranfurly Street, and one from Kinley's Lane.

During the progress of this work, 712 trees and shrubs, 5,126 herbaceous and bulbous plants, and over 6,000 annuals were planted out.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

That area at the eastern end of the property, originally the horse paddock, was cultivated and sown down in lawn grass to provide a children's sports ground and playground. It is hoped that at a later date it will be possible to provide equipment and furnishings of the latest design so that the children may enjoy healthy outdoor recreation to the utmost.

BUILDINGS.

After careful consideration the Council decided to dismantle and remove the residence, retaining one room which was later converted into a pavilion and play house. This portion was repaired, altered, and renovated, and now has a floor space of 38ft. x 18ft., with a small kitchenette attached.

It may be of interest to note that the original building erected by the late Mr. Thomas Maling in 1863 was mainly constructed of Baltic deal imported from Great Britain. Although the flooring had worn considerably, this timber was still in a sound condition when dismantled.

TREES.

Amongst the more noteworthy trees on the property are four magnificent lime trees growing on the northern lawn and a well grown English elm close to where the old residence stood.

