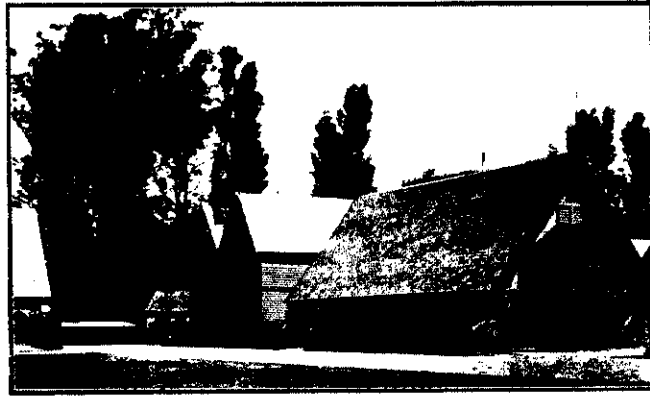


school, a most picturesque old pile with old-world lattice windows and an immense roof surmounting the low stone walls. The big school can accommodate all the pupils, both day boys and boarders, for morning prayers, and it is also used as a class-room and for school socials and gatherings. The interior is covered with rich panelling recently completed as a gift by the Old Boys' Association. Then follows another boardinghouse, known as "Condell's," and at right angles to this and opposite Bourne's house, comes the school chapel, a beautiful little church of yellow-grey volcanic stone. It is cruciform in shape, and in the transepts are pews for parents and friends of the boys. Inside, the light is dim by reason of the stained glass filling nearly all the windows, memorials of past scholars who have worshipped there. Many brass tablets have been placed on the walls with the same end in view, and the organ chamber, with a good two-manual pipe organ, was also added as a memorial. Here services are held on Sundays and Saints' days for the whole school, and daily for the boarders.

The principal class-rooms come next the chapel. Four of them, to hold thirty or forty boys each, make up a two-storey stone building, the design of which harmonises with that of the chapel. The college offices and two masters' houses complete the circuit. No games are played in the quadrangle itself, except occasional snow-fights, it being reserved for drill and presentation of trophies on Sports Day.

A passage between the big school and the library leads past a double row of rooms comprising the locker room (where



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The smaller boys are taught in a separate building, the lower school, which

ing home to us the mildness of our own climate, where artificial heating is less important than in the South Island. All the parts of the college are alike in the calm dignity of the architecture, even including the old office building, which is a unique example of Gothic design, executed in corrugated iron.

A very loyal and active Old Boys' Association keeps alive the memories of happy school days among its members, and watches over the affairs of the "present" boys who are following in their footsteps. Christ's College has much to thank the Old Boys for, as may have been partly gathered from their

benefactions already mentioned. In addition, they are about to undertake the replacement of Bourne's House, and later on the other parts of the school

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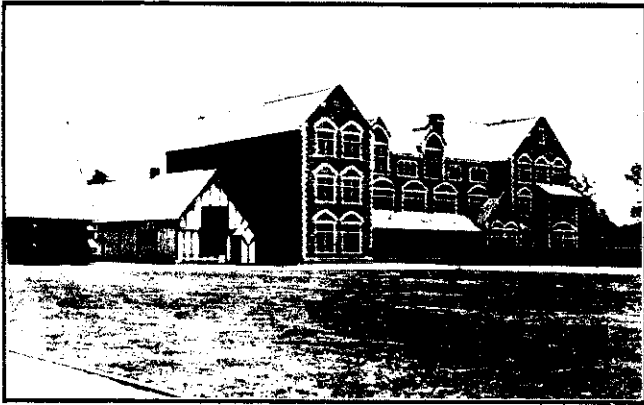
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the day boys store their books and other possessions, the armory, five class-rooms, and the chemical laboratory. The path then emerges into the football ground, of about five acres, in corners of which are situated the work-hops, five courts, and the fine big gymnasium. The latter is a high wooden structure with an elevated skylight, where the mast and four climbing ropes ascend.

with Merton's House, is about five minutes' walk away along the river bank. They have their own playground and gymnasium, and only visit the upper school for instruction in swimming and for chapel.

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