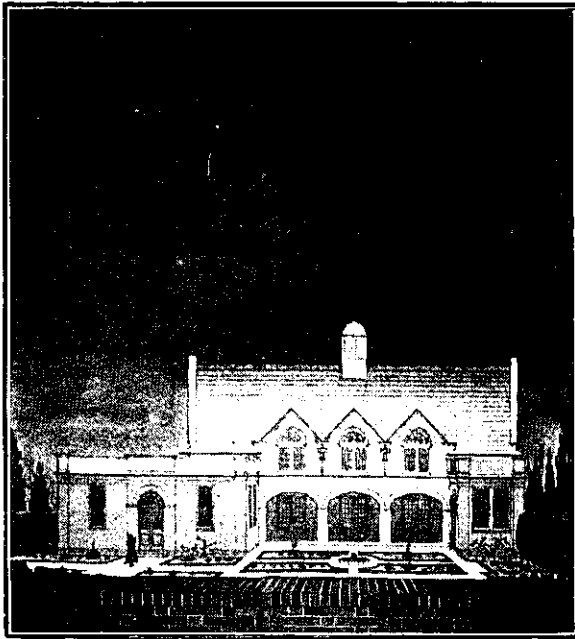


## Proposed New Building for Free Kindergarten.

Wellington is badly in need of a suitable building for kindergarten purposes. Ever since Miss Richmond founded the Institute in Wellington, the school has been carried on in any building that has been available for the purpose. Funds have been low, and the teachers have had to put up with accommodation that could not be considered suitable—hence the call for a new building.

It is gratifying to note that the drawing of the plans of a suitable building has been generously undertaken by Messrs. Atkins, Bacon and Mitchell of Wellington, free of charge. We illustrate the front view. The building is to be erected on a site already acquired



Proposed New Headquarters for Kindergarten Association,  
Wellington.

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at a cost of £700, and fully paid for, in Taranaki street, and is estimated to cost £3,000.

A drive leads from the street to the grounds which are laid out in small garden plots suitable to be tended by the children. The plan is 'L' shaped, grouped round the two sunny sides of the rectangular section.

On the southern side of the site and conveniently adjacent to the drive is situated the Administration block which comprises a council meeting room with office accommodation, three well fitted cloak rooms for girls, boys and teachers, a kitchen and a waiting hall. Behind the Administration block are several class rooms and adjoining these and extending along the southern boundary is the main Kindergarten hall. The design and finishings of this hall are of the most modern character, and they include a fine open framed roof, also a small recessed stage at one end of the hall.

Along the northern side of the hall are large dormer windows over, and french doors under a very broad

colonnade which will be used as open air class rooms. Off the end of this colonnade is a spacious sand room with northern windows ensuring maximum sunlight, which will be used as a playing space for the children in inclement weather.

From the Kindergarten hall is an easy going stair to a landing built out as portion of the proscenium finishings of the stage and from it is a doorway leading to a roof garden and playground built over the Administration block and the class rooms.

The general equipment of the building is to be such that the children will be able to be taught to do everything for themselves.

The furniture of the doors, used by the children, is to be designed at such a height as to enable the smallest child to open them. All sanitary and other fittings in the cloak rooms are specially arranged for the convenience of children. Again, the equipment of the kitchen is such that the children may be taught how to prepare meals and afterwards assist in washing up and the putting away of the crockery and utensils in specially designed cupboards and racks provided for the purpose.

## Architects and the War.

The architectural profession in this country is providing its quota of soldiers for the front as with all professions. An official statement from the Institute of Architects shows that 22 per cent. of its members have joined His Majesty's Forces. There are 15 Fellows, and 57 Associates, four of whom have obtained Military Honours. Eight members have fallen or died of wounds. The full list is printed below:—

Ardern, Captain N. H.: 3rd Infantry.  
Andrews, Private W. P.: 36th Mounted Signal Troops.  
Anderson, Corporal E. C. R.: 26th Artillery.  
Busby, Act. Capt. Wm. Baldwin: Killed in Action.  
Bacon, R. F.: Home Service, Censor's Office.  
Bartley, Corporal A. M.: 33rd Infantry.  
Bartley, Private J. W.: 16th Infantry.  
Binney, Lieutenant R. K.: R.F. Artillery.  
Buckleley, Lieutenant E. G.  
Ball, J.  
Brown, L. T.  
Ball, Private A. P.: 17th Infantry.  
Callender, Lieut. George Wilfred: Killed in Action.  
Coleridge, Sergt. E. W. G.: Home Service.  
Cray, Sergt. T. S.: N.Z. Medical Corps (returned Invalid).  
Currie, Lieut. W. A.: Motor Boat Patrol.  
Chadwick, Private R.: N.Z.M.C.  
Cowan, Private K. T.: 19th Infantry.  
Cuthbertson, Captain D. M.: N.Z.F.A. (6th Howitzer Battery).  
Davenport, W. H.: Driving Motor Ambulance (France).  
Dowler, Private E. E.: 31st Specialists.  
Duke, Lieut. C. R.: 5th Australian Pioneers.  
Edgecombe, L. Corporal J. H.: Royal Engineers (Signal Sec.)  
Frame, Sub-Lieut. R. B.: N.Z.A.S.  
Fearn, Sergeant S.: 5th Wellington Mounted Rifles.  
Ford, Sergt. A. C.: 16th N.Z. Engineers.  
Greenish, Captain P. E. (M.C.): N.Z. Rifle Brigade.  
Graham, L. Corporal P. H.: N.Z. Engineers.  
Grierson, Corporal, H. C.: 33rd Infantry.  
Gosder, Gunner F. E.: Home Service.  
Gummer, W. H.: 36th Mounted Rifles.  
Guthrie, Gunner M. J.: 33rd Artillery.  
Holst, Corporal P. E.: 29th Artillery.  
Hawkes, Sergeant E. T.: 4th Battalion N.Z. Rifle Brigade.  
Haughton, Captain V. P.: N.Z.F.A. (Returned Wounded).