

# TOPICS FOR WOMEN

## PROTECTION SOCIETY

### "AT HOME" AT PIONEER CLUB

All those interested in the Society for the Protection of Women and Children are anxious that as many as possible should attend their "At Home" which will be held at the Pioneer Club on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. These parties are always well arranged with a musical programme and supper, and an added attraction this week will be an address to be given by Mrs. Peter Fraser, J.P., who is exceptionally well informed in women's affairs.

The society has had a definite increase in its cases this year, and some account will be given of the work, which, though often sad is most interesting, and without giving any personal ideas or clues to those who come for help and advice, a general view of what is done can be given. Information about entrance cards may be obtained from Mrs. Coventry, at the society's room in Bowen House, Bowen Street. It is hoped that many will avail

## TWENTY-ONE

### BERHAMPORE KINDERGARTEN

The Berhampore people certainly appreciate the value of kindergarten teaching and training. For 21 years they have worked steadily to have their own building, and now they have one which is a credit to the district and to those who have worked so hard to obtain it.

The "birthday celebration" of 21 years of the kindergarten was celebrated in the new building recently, when those present officially received the newly glassed-in porch as a birthday present from the Mothers' Club and the kindergarten committee. The porch was opened by Mr. D. C. Peacock. Mrs. Peacock, who was also present, opened the schoolroom when it was first built.

Mrs. J. L. Dighton, president of the Berhampore committee, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Peacock and other visitors. She spoke of the growth of the kindergarten from the time, 21 years ago, when a group of Berhampore mothers

## HUTT VALLEY NEWS

### SOCIAL PARTIES

(From "The Post's" Representative.)

Two popular social organisations in the Hutt Valley opened the season on Saturday with enjoyable informal dances.

The social evening and dance given by the English Counties' Society in the R.S.A. clubrooms, Lower Hutt, was a cheerful and successful function. The committee comprised Mr. R. G. Cowie (president), Mrs. B. Caley (vice-president), Mr. J. K. Hale (secretary), Mr. H. Reynolds (treasurer), Mrs. Cowie (wearing navy crepe satin), Mrs. F. Henry (blue lace), Mrs. Reynolds (Lido blue matalasse), Miss E. Caley (black velvet), and Mr. Colin Barracough. The president greeted the members, and on their behalf bade farewell to Miss Hulson, who is leaving shortly for England. She was presented with a "bon voyage" bouquet by Miss Joan Cowie. Arrangements were made for a special dance to celebrate St. George's night, when each



The Free Kindergarten at Berhampore on Saturday afternoon celebrated its twenty-first birthday by the opening of a new porch. Mrs. J. L. Dighton, the president, is seen addressing those present, and seated in the front row are Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Peacock, who opened the schoolroom when it was first built.

first clubbed together to start what is now the largest kindergarten in Wellington. Two of the earliest directors, Miss A. Newton and Mrs. S. Kilsby, spoke of the early teaching days, and Miss M. Preshaw, who is the director at present, told of the progress that has been made, and said what a great asset the new porch would be, as it would be used as a classroom. Mrs. J. A. Doctor, president of the Wellington Free Kindergarten Council, added her appreciation of the work done by the kindergarten committees and the mothers' clubs. "Without their aid," she said, "the council could not hope to achieve so much."

Mrs. T. A. Dodson, president of the Mothers' Club, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Peacock and members of the council for attending, and said how glad the committee were to see so many of the mothers and their friends.

Mrs. Dighton then presented Mr. Peacock with the key to the door. He opened the porch and the many visitors entered the schoolroom, where they had an opportunity of seeing where the children played. In a little room at the side there was a display of the very creditable artistic efforts of the children, and all round the rooms were beautiful posters, done by the staff, illustrating nursery rhymes and fairy tales and pictures of puppy dogs and bunnies and little people of other nations.

The Boys' Institute Band provided a much-appreciated musical programme and the children played happily many games to its pleasing music, then retiring to their mats to eat apples.

Indoors afternoon tea was served by the committee. A beautiful birthday cake, surmounted by a doll dressed in a crinoline of pink and green sugar, was cut by Mrs. Murelle, a member of the first committee. She was assisted by her son, who was a pupil at the kindergarten on the opening day.

The many mothers present had an opportunity of meeting the staff and the other mothers, and everyone wished the kindergarten "many happy returns of the day."

Among those present were Mrs. Morton Paterson, Mrs. G. P. H. Davidson, Mrs. Victor Lloyd, Mrs. W. B. Preshaw, Miss E. Scott, Miss England, Miss Ford, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ramsey and Miss L. Ramsey, Mrs. R. M. Jack, Mrs. Edie and Miss B. Edie, Miss Saunders (director of the Miramar Kindergarten), Mr. and Mrs. Burd, Mrs. Standon, Mr. and Mrs. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. Mooney, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Trevelyan, Mrs. Cowley, Mrs. Bramley, Mr. and Mrs. Ferris, Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson, and Mrs. Herron.