B.B.C. Handbook

Fitting Production of a Results to be Published Year of Progress

THE second annual edition of the B.B.C.'s Handbook, that for 1929, has has come to hand and is truly repre- less than 3,015 valid coupons have been sentative of the progress achieved by the B.B.C. Printed on good paper, details of the results will be available will be printed and published on the well bound, and profusely illustrated. through the special issue of the "Radio this edition forms no mean asset to Record.' the bookshelf of the wireless enthusi-

sections—special articles (Finance, Empire Broadcasting, the Regional Station, etc.), a general section which is subdivided, a technical and a reference section.

THE special articles, forming as they do a unique editorial introduction. forecast a great future for wireless. The aim of the British Broadcasting Corporation has been to educate, not merely in the narrow sense of teaching but in the wider and more general

Realising that wireless is in millions of homes, the Corporation has realised its importance and provided a unique system. This has been developed in the Handbook, and editorial pages express the determination to keep this view before them and steadily advance upon it.

In the general section, almost every topic associated with wireless, apart from the technical aspect is treated. programmes, broadcasting in the English counties s-ort, music, drama and variety, teaching dancing by wireless. religion, education, home and garden, and a hundred other topics could be selected merely from the index. chapter is devoted to bands, orchestras and instruments. Following, a discussion of the bands put on the air by

the B.B.C. is a more detailed description of each instrument. Two plates are included to add to the interest. This chapter alone would grace a book with far greater pretensions.

One could prolong an article to great length, merely by commenting on some of the more important sections, and even then justice could not be done to

This section is concluded by a brief. account of the two English magazines which are its official organs, and to which we frequently refer-"Radio Times" and "World Radio."

prenensive, embodying as it does less. topics as man-made static, how to its originators, the B.B.C.

The Radio Competition Christmas and New

Next Week

THE work of calculating the averages been particularly long. received, and by next week the full

The book is divided into four main The Wanganui Concert to the period covered by the pro-

All Ready for Long Relay

THERE is perhaps little need to give concert which is to be relayed from Wanganui on Friday, December 7. This will be the longest land line, 125 Company, and it will be a particularly interesting event from a broadcasting point of view.

The relay will mean the conversion of the Wanganui Opera House into a studio. Much broadcasting equipment will be sent up from Wellington. This equipment will include two microphones of the condenser type, a "mixer," and an elaborate amplifier of the studio type.

Mr. J. Ball, Editor-Announcer, will visit Wanganui for the occasion, and the Company's Chief Engineer, Mr. J. M. Bingham, will have charge of the broadcasting equipment. He will have the assistance of a well-known Wanganui amateur, Mr. George Carrad.

It is anticipated that the concert programme will be one of the finest yet broadcast. 3YA will rebroadcast 2YA.

listen to foreign stations, technical aspects of world broadcasting and artificial echo are considered. In keeping with the rest of the book this section is well illustrated with technical diagrams, charts, tables and sketches. Some of the latter are very humorous and titles such as-"Suspected," "Frigidity on the 9.15," "Erecting an Aerial," and "How to avoid Electric Shocks," are sufficiently suggestive, without attempting a description.

The reference section includes, the diagrams of receivers, charts of studio hours, technical tables and formulae, THE technical section is very come a glossary, and symbols used in wire-

most of the phases of broadcasting, Altogether the Handbook is a splentransmission and reception. Such did volume, reflecting great credit on

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Year

Details of Publication

trade that the following arrangefrom the marks awarded the items ments will apply for publication of No the "Radio Record" over the Christmas and New Year period.

The issue of Friday, December 28, preceding Saturday, December 22, in order to avoid clashing with Christmas and Boxing Days, and allow of distribution throughout the Dominion prior grammes, viz., December 30 to January 6. Changes of advertisements and other notices desired for insertion in this issue should reach us not later than Thursday, December 20.

The issue bearing date January 4, readers a final reminder of the will be printed and published on the preceding Saturday, December 29,. Changes of advertisements and other matter should reach us not later than miles, yet used by the Broadcasting Thursday, December 27, and earlier, if possible.

> SUBSCRIBERS who may change their addresses for the holiday period are advised that we will be glad to meet their convenience by altering their address for the period in question, if notification is given us.

The same facility will be given to dealers. If any of their regular subscribers are going away for a few weeks' holiday, and desire the paper posted on to them, we will undertake the service from this office at the ordinary wholesale rate.

After Church

Broadcast by 3YA

An after-church concert, given by the boys band of Auckland Jubilee Institute for Blind, was broadcast by 3YA on Sunday evening. While the theatre and promised donations to the These gifts were announced over the air, as also was the offer by another anonymous donor that he would give ten pounds if nine other people would give similarly by Tuseday evening. The visit of the boys' band to Christchurch was very successful, and broadcasting helped it materially.

Commander Byrd Broadcast by 4YA

4.YA was very successful with the Byrd Antarctic Expedition. The famous American is a very difficult man to get to the microphone, but 4YA got him at the civic reception which Dunedin tendered to him on Thursday The speeches of Comevening last. mander Byrd and Chief Officer Lofrgren came through exceptionally well, owing to the fact that both men addressed the microphone, whereas other speakers unaccustomed to broadcasting kept turning round. 4YA also broadcast a description of the departure of the two ships of the expedition, the City of New York and the Eleanor Bolling, which left Sunday morning. 3YA rebroadcast the civic reception, but the daylight transmission on Sunday was not suitable for rebroadcasting.

Interesting Lectures

TWO interesting lectures are nounced for Thursday and Friday of this week from 2YA.

At 7.30 on December 6 Dr. P. Marshall, the welkknown geologist and WE have to advise readers and the formerly head of Wanganui College, will lecture on "The Pageant of Education."

At 7.40 on the evening of December 7 Mr. N. R. Jacobsen, M.Sc., will give a very timely talk on "What a Parent Wants for His Boy or Girl at School and How to Get It."



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