

*The English Cricketers**An Interesting Broadcast from 2YA*

A VERY enjoyable broadcast of special interest to all lovers of cricket took place from 2YA, Wellington, on the evening of December 12, when the members of the English M.C.C. team who are at present touring New Zealand were introduced to listeners. Mr. A. A. J. Gilligan, the captain of the team, at the commencement of his address remarked that he was glad of the opportunity to speak to New Zealanders, many of whom he would meet during the ensuing tour.

Before leaving England the team were entertained by the New Zealand Association at a luncheon given in their honour at the Savoy Hotel in London. There he met New Zealand's future Governor-General, Lord Bledisloe, who remarked that he too would shortly be leaving for New Zealand in charge of a party of agriculturists, who intended to study farming under New Zealand conditions. Lord Bledisloe at that time had received no indication of his subsequent appointment as Governor-General of New Zealand.

"While in Australia," continued the captain, "we had a very strenuous time. We were there five weeks, travelled over five thousand miles, and played five matches. We were rather unlucky as regards casualties, for we lost Tom Bowley, the only member of the team who has ever visited New Zealand. He left for New Zealand a week or so ahead of us, and is now undergoing treatment for sciatica at Rotorua."

Mr. Gilligan stated that they had a splendid team, and that the members composing it were all good cricketers. They expected varied conditions, and though the tour would be very strenuous they were anticipating a pleasant time. The team had already heard much about New Zealand scenery and fishing, and most of the descriptions had sounded too good to be true.

In conclusion, Mr. Gilligan stated that the people of New Zealand were, judging by both the splendid civic and unofficial welcomes extended to them, very friendly and hospitable. "New Zealand," he remarked, "is the best country we have yet visited, and we are all looking forward to a very pleasant tour."

Mr. Duleepsinhji then spoke, remarking that he had heard much about New Zealand, and was very pleased to be here at last. The team had experienced a very strenuous time in Australia, and practically all the scenery they had been able to see consisted of cricket grounds, railway stations, and the hotels they stayed at. He discussed the state of cricket in Australia, and mentioned several well-known cricketers from that country who were likely to be included in the Test Team against England next year. "I was very pleased," he said in conclusion, "when I heard that the New Zealand Cricket Association had sent a special request to the M.C.C. asking them to include myself in the team."

The next member of the team to speak was Mr. Woolley. "It has always been my desire," he stated, "to visit New Zealand, and now that wish has been fulfilled." He remarked that as

*"A Merry Christmas to All"**Seasonal Broadcasts*

MORE people than ever will be listening in this Christmas season, seeking entertainment from the broadcasting service. The Christmas programmes have been planned to make the widest possible appeal to all. From Handel's "Messiah," and "Midnight Mass" to the veriest radio vaudeville, all fields—even the racing fields—will be covered during the season. Christmas week will see new sets, new listeners, and new pleasures for old listeners. The New Zealand broadcasting stations will all do their bit to make the coming Christmas season a merry one.

ON the Monday before Christmas, at IYA a very bright concert will be provided by Miss Lola Solomon (soprano), Mr. Frank Sutherland (bass-baritone), Miss M. Clouston (elocutionist), Mr. Dan Flood (humorist), The Snappy Three (vocal and instrumental), and Ingall's Hawaiian Quartet. At 2YA there will also be an entertainment of outstanding merit. The vocalists will be Mrs. Walter Fuller (soprano), Miss Ngaire Coster (mezzo-contralto), Mr. Roy Hill (tenor), and Mr. S. E. Rodger (baritone). Mr. Cedric Gardiner will give elocutionary items, and an excellent instrumental programme will be provided by the 2YA Orchestra, under Signor A. P. Truda. There will also be a brief organ recital by Mr. Henry Mount, the talented organist at St. Gerard's Redemptorist Church. 3YA will have a band concert that evening. The vocalists will be Miss Winifred Barrett, Miss Merle Parry, Mr. Sydney Armstrong and Mr. Robt. W. Rofe. Mr. James Laurenson will give a character sketch of "Scrooge." 4YA has the well-known Irish opera, "The Lily of Killarney," scheduled. The vocalists will be the 4YA Harmonists and a specially engaged orchestra will play.

ON Christmas Eve, Tuesday, all stations will present appropriate programmes, which will continue till midnight. Christmas carols will be featured. Prominent on IYA's programme will be elocutionary items by Mr. Joe Clark, selections from Dickens's "Christmas Carol." Other elocutionary numbers of a humorous nature will be given by Mr. A. McElwain. A vocal programme will be provided by the Lyric Quartet, while the Studio Octet, under Mr. Eric Waters, will supply the instrumental music. 2YA has incorporated in its programme a Christmas play, "The Stranger," to be produced by Mr. Victor Lloyd. Mr. Jock Lockhart, the well-known 3YA Scottish humorous entertainer, will be contributing songs and patter. The Tramways Band has also been engaged for the latter portion of the evening, playing carols, and at midnight the celebration of Midnight Mass will be relayed from St. Gerard's Redemptorist Church. Programmes of a similar nature will be followed by 3YA and 4YA.

*News from England A Wireless Telephone**For Milford Track*

THE B.B.C. officially announces that it has adopted a practice of expressing frequencies in terms of kilocycles per second. The frequencies of the B.B.C. transmitting stations has hitherto been indicated in terms of kilohertz, 1000 cycles per second. The name kilohertz has never been popular, and, in fact, has been subjected to a good deal of ridicule, and listeners in England will no doubt feel relieved that this cumbersome name has now been discarded.

he had sailed from Australia a week or so ahead of the rest of the team he had had the opportunity to visit many cricket grounds around Wellington. He stated that many of these are situated in beautiful spots, and in his opinion were good grounds. "With such grounds as these at their disposal," he concluded, "young New Zealanders have no cause for not making themselves famous at the national game of cricket."

The whole of the speechmaking was accompanied by much cheering and hilarity from the remainder of the team, and who were evidently outside the studio watching the performance with interest. At the conclusion of speeches each of the remaining members of the team was introduced.

THE only wireless telephone in commercial use in New Zealand was that installed last year as a means of communication between Glade House at the head of Lake Te Anau and the Te Anau Hotel at the southern end of the lake—a distance of some 40 miles. Unfortunately, soon after its installation it was destroyed when Glade House was burnt down. However, tenders for rebuilding Glade House have been let, and the wireless telephone will be reinstalled within four or five weeks.

At the present time, should a mishap occur on the Milford Track, there is no way of getting in touch with civilisation, except when the boat calls three times a week. In the off-days, of course, there is no means of getting through, and in the case of anybody badly injured the delay might make all the difference. Should the installation prove satisfactory it is intended to place similar equipment in other inaccessible parts of New Zealand where communication with the outside world is a matter of days.

*Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey**To Open Dramatic School in Auckland*

MR. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey, the well-known teachers of dramatic art and popular entertainers, will be heard on the air at 2YA on Friday, December 27. Seven years ago Mr. and Mrs. Bailey commenced a school of dramatic art in Wanganui, and they have been instrumental in raising the standard of elocution in that city, bringing to light a great deal of latent talent. A year ago Mr. Bailey formed the Little Theatre Players, producing during the year "And So to Bed," the great Pepsy comedy, "Pros and Cons," by Kenneth Barnes, administrator of the R.A.D.A., "Danger," and a big production of the pantomime "Aladdin," for which every seat in the Opera House was booked for the first performance and hundreds unable to gain admission. Last year Mr. Bailey produced "French Leave" for the Wanganui Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society. Altogether, about fourteen successful productions have been staged in Wanganui. Pupils in the school have gained prizes in various competitions, twenty-three championships, and seven scholarships completing a unique record.

The people of Wanganui are regretting the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have decided to leave Wanganui and take up residence in Auckland, where they will open their school of dramatic art in that city early in February. The influence of their work in Wanganui will be greatly missed. As a farewell performance, Mr. Bailey is producing a gorgeous version of the Christmas pantomime, "Cinderella," introducing some spectacular novelties new to New Zealand.

*An Empire Broadcast**The "Roll of Drums"*

DANIEL WEBSTER'S famous panegyric on the far-flung nature of our Empire, when he described how the British drum-roll followed the sun round the world, is recalled on reading a letter from a listener in California who picked up 2YA's rebroadcast of 5SW on Armistice Day. He states he heard clearly the singing, the roll of drums, and the bugle calls. That drum roll went round the world, and not only over the British Empire, in a manner that Daniel Webster never dreamed of.

An ex-Fellding resident, now living at Powell River, British Columbia, Canada, writes to report that he heard 2YA. He adds: "It sounded pretty good to hear your station, as I lived in Fellding for five years before coming here."

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