

CANTERBURY NOTES.

Listeners Contributed about £700

3YA Listeners Gave About Half of Total of £1370 Collected at Christchurch Community Sings — "Friday" Says Farewell to Small Listeners—Lord Bledisloe at the Microphone.

THE only consolation for community songsters in Christchurch is that there will be another winter next year. The last sing of the season was a triumph for the leader and his assistants, every seat in the theatre being booked two hours after the opening of the box plan a week before. The theatre started to fill at seven o'clock, and the whole of the City Council staff was kept busy selling for the numerous raffles. The Civic Theatre holds 1320, and there was an additional 130 on the stage. The total takings for the evening amounted to the record sum of £183/5/6, making a total for the season of £1370/16/10. Of the total for the evening nearly half the amount was contributed by listeners, and during the whole of the season, Allan Brown never lost sight of the microphones, and saw to it that everything went "over the air."

WHAT a reception the leaders received when they appeared, and right from "Here We Are Again" the sing went with a great swing, and judging by the harmony. "Mrs. McStiggins"



was in the audience. For half an hour one after another of the popular songs was gone through, our popular Mayor (who is away in Melbourne) not being forgotten—"Danny Boy" was sung in his honour. Allan Brown's stupendous task of acknowledging contributions from listeners occupied well over an hour, and then a number had to be left, Mr Brown announcing that he would have to reply to these personally. Much amusement was caused by the reading out of the various jokes accompanying the donations, one listener sending in his contribution with a request to some friend to "return the mussel jar as it's getting near jam season."

LITTLE Jimmy Poole, Master Warwick Humphries, the Campbell Boys, the Whistler, and Hector Fowler

all contributed items, and the popular Bert Goodland gave his clever rendering of "Nelly Bly," Allan Brown obliging with "My Meatless Day." When the auctioning started, the bidding was good, more men than women making offers, and a box containing a dozen cakes was sold for 5/-, the bidder passing it in, and a further 3/6 was made. Among the numerous articles for sale was a 20lb. cheese. The return from the bedspreads every week realised the magnificent sum of £145, and this is due to the enterprise of a "500 Club" which every week paid for and made these beautiful spreads presenting the finished articles to the Mayor's fund.

ANOTHER listener had forwarded a case of apples every week for auction, her gifts realising £5. The "Destructor Boys'" weekly contribution of £1, the Barry's Bay School children's donations and numerous other regular contributions were all acknowledged. Taking into consideration that the previous sing in Christchurch had been only four days before, when more than £70 was raised, Canterbury folk are to be congratulated on the result. Councillor Barnett, in the absence of the Deputy-Mayor (Rev. J. K. Archer), who was ill, had many kind things to say of the fine leadership of Mr. Allan Brown. The latter, in reply, said that the whole season owed its success to listeners and audiences.

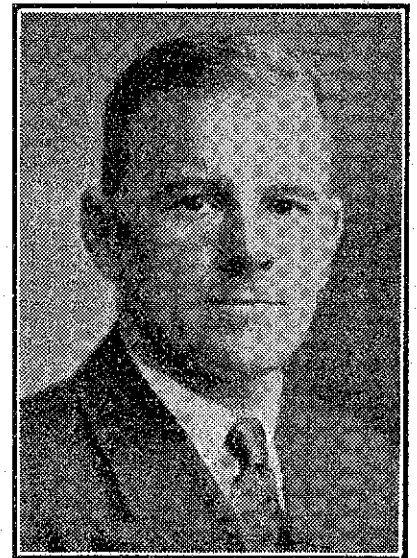
SMALL listeners who have listened to the cheerful strains of "Friday" every Friday evening during the children's hour, have probably not realised that they are being entertained by one of the cleverest musicians in the Dominion. Mr. E. O. Schnack is his name, and much to the regret of everyone his voice will no longer be heard from 3YA during the children's hour. Mr. Schnack, who was assistant master at St. Albans School, Christchurch, has been transferred to Pleasant Valley, South Canterbury. He is a wonderful musician, the possessor of a light baritone voice, and he has helped Aunt Pat for over three years.

ON People's Day at the annual A. and P. Show—Friday, November 9—the Governor-General (Lord Bledisloe) is being entertained at luncheon. At approximately 12.30 his Excellency's speech will be relayed by 3YA from Addington, and at 1.30 p.m. the same studio will broadcast the description of the Grand Parade.

A CHRISTCHURCH girl, Miss Evelyn Edgar, who is a teacher at the Amberley Girls' College, has just returned from a trip to Australia, where she has been adjudicating in the dance sections of the competitions at Ballarat, Melbourne and Adelaide. So successful was Miss Edgar in her judging of the different classes that the festivals have extended an invitation for her to attend again next year. Miss Edgar will

give her "Australian Impressions" from 3YA on Tuesday, November 13, at 9 o'clock, when listeners can look forward to hearing an account of her trip, and of the interesting people with whom she came in touch.

THE Royal Christchurch Musical Society will be in charge of the microphone from 3YA on Wednesday, November 21. The society are giving Handel's "Belshazzar," and the presentation will be relayed from the Civic Theatre, under the conductorship of Mr. A. G. Thompson. Miss Lillian Hanham (soprano), Mr. H. J. Francis (tenor) and Mr. John Thompson (bass) will be the soloists.



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THE BUSINESS SIDE.—Mr. H. S. Feast, of the staff of the Christchurch City Council, who has handled the business side of the community sings in Christchurch during the past winter. Fuller details of the financial results of the gatherings are given on this page.

NOW, listeners, get busy and arrange a party for Saturday, November 17, for 3YA will look after the music from nine until 11.15 p.m. There's to be an old-time dance programme on that evening by the Evans-Campbell Band, relayed from one of the popular dance halls in Christchurch. Preceding this programme, a concert will be relayed from Dunedin.

MISS GLADYS VINCENT, who is so well-known on the concert platform in Christchurch and whose violin recitals listeners always enjoy, will be heard from 3YA on Friday, November 16. Her numbers include "Tango" by Albeniz; "Polichinelle" by Kreisler; "Canzonetta" by d'Ambrosio, and Beethoven's "Rondino."