

WELLINGTON NOTES.

Royal Ball Descriptions From 2YA

Arrival of Duke of Gloucester at Wellington's Civic Ball to be
Relayed — Farewell Recital by Accomplished English Pianist —
Wellington Repertory Society to be Heard on the Air.

THE Wellington station should surely be the most popular in New Zealand on Monday night next, when there is to be a relay from the Town Hall of a description of the scene at the Civic Ball in honour of the Duke of Gloucester, and also a relay of the dance music, which is to be provided by the dance band of the Grenadier Guards. A special commentator will describe the arrival of his Royal Highness and the official party, and there will be descriptions of the dresses which should be of interest to women listeners at all events.

MR. GORDON BRYAN, examiner for the Associated Boards of the Royal Schools of Music, and a very accomplished pianist, will, on Sunday, December 16, broadcast from station 2YA, Wellington, his final performance before departing from New Zealand. Mr. Bryan is a truly prodigious worker, if one can judge from his achievements in the past five months. Since arriving in New Zealand last July, Mr. Bryan, in addition to carrying out the exacting duties attaching to his position of music examiner, has found time to give no fewer than 20 concerts and six broadcast performances. In his farewell broadcast performance on December 16 Mr. Bryan will repeat, by special request, that imitative trifle, "The Hurdy-Gurdy Man," by Eugene Goossens.

THEATRE-GOERS in the Capital City know already of what the Wellington Repertory Theatre Society is capable, and radio listeners have had one opportunity previously of hearing them over the air in dramatic presentations. On Thursday, December 20, the society is to produce two more radio plays, "The Mother," adapted for radio by Ellis Price and Phillip Richmond, and "The Winning Hand," written for radio by Ellis Price and Mary Kelaher. Ellis Price is a radio playwright well-known to listeners to the Australian stations, and there should be many listeners on Thursday to these two short presentations interpreted by such a well-known society.

A NOTABLE English visitor who will be heard from 2YA next week is Sir Fabian Ware, permanent vice-chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission, who is to speak on "War Graves and Memories of the Empire" on Thursday, December 20. Sir Fabian is here to acquaint the people of New Zealand more fully with the great work of perpetuating the resting places of those who fell fighting for the Empire. Accompanied by Lady Ware, he will tour the Dominion as the guest of the Government, addressing public meetings in Wellington, Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin under the auspices of the Returned Soldiers' Association in each centre. His Wellington address will be given on December 11.

SIR FABIAN has a fine war record, and is an educationist and journalist of eminence. He was editor of the London "Morning Post" for seven years, from 1905 to 1912. He has just been attending the gathering held by the Empire Service League in Melbourne to coincide with the centenary celebrations, and he intends to spend some time in New Zealand.

JUDGING by the inquiries and the position of bookings at accommodation houses, tourist bureaux and the Wellington Automobile Association, there can be no doubt that Rotorua is again proving the most popular holiday resort this Christmas. Mr. W. A. Sutherland, secretary of the Wellington Automobile Association, whose popular and helpful talks are heard over the air from 2YA, says that next to Rotorua in popularity is the East Coast between Tauranga and Opoitiki, where the principal attraction around this coast is the delightful beach at Mount Maunganui, where over 6000 visitors spent their Christmas holidays last year. This is one of the most delightful and romantic watering places in the North Island.

A NOTHER speaker on "Books" is to be introduced from 2YA on Monday, December 17, when Mr. C. Stuart Perry, who is at present acting-chief librarian of the Wellington Municipal Libraries, is to speak on "Books of 1934." Mr. Perry, who hails from Christchurch, was a well-known speaker over the air from 3YA, and his talks always commanded a large audience. He is also a poet of some note, his latest collection of poems, "The Litany of Beauty," being reviewed in the "Radio Record" a few weeks ago.

THE brilliant English pianist, Mr. Andersen Tyrer, is to be heard again from 2YA on Tuesday, December 18, when he is to play, with the 2YA Concert Orchestra conducted by Mr. Leon de Mauny, Tschaikowsky's "Concerto for piano and orchestra in B flat minor," a performance which should provide a treat for musically inclined listeners. On the same programme is featured a recital by Mr. J. Alexander Browne, the popular Australian baritone.



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