

## CANTERBURY NOTES.

# Scheme For Educational Broadcasts

Comprehensive Supplementary Plan Will Cost Each School £1/10/—  
Musical Treats in Store — 3ZM Club's Meeting — Cecilia  
Keating's Departure — 3YA's New Power.

CONSIDERING the stupendous task which confronted the Canterbury Educational Broadcasting Committee when they evolved this year's broadcast talks to schools, it was natural that the scheme which is being planned by the Auckland Education Board that cultural addresses on music and art appreciation should be given to pupils of district high schools, should receive warm support in Canterbury. The plan provided for the addresses to be given by a box scheme of education, each box containing copies of a lecture for pupils, an instruction card, and either pictures or gramophone records. The estimated cost would be £1/10/- for each school. "It is very necessary in these days of broadcasting, in which all kinds of matter is sent over the air, that there should be some standards of music and art established in the minds of children before they leave school," said Professor Shelley. Some high and district high schools in the province had of their own initiative availed themselves of the cultural facilities provided by the Workers' Educational Association box scheme, at the school's expense, and the results had been most satisfactory. This idea was most interesting to Professor Shelley, as he had been the originator of the box scheme, and the plan such as that suggested in Auckland should considerably improve the cultural efficiency of all secondary and high schools. The chairman of the Canterbury Education Board, Mr. C. S. Thompson, said that he was certain that all members of the board would give strong support to any plan which would assist in cultural education. The cheapness of the scheme—£1/10/- for each school—would be a distinct advantage in having it adopted. The expenditure on such a plan would be a legitimate expenditure for the Education Department, following the example which had

been set a few years ago when teachers had toured various education board districts giving instruction in music or in art. An example of that former work of the department was



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"3ZM CALLING!"—Grace Green, well-known announcer at the popular Christchurch B station, 3ZM. Miss Green has been on the air for a number of years and she has become an "old friend" to thousands of listeners during that time.

provided by the tour of the South Island which Mr. Ernest Jenner had made, giving special instruction in music, during the time in which the teachers' training colleges had been closed. The box scheme would require that the boxes should be "self-working," and they would contain lectures which would not make a call on teachers greater than could be expected from a reasonably educated person.

THE Royal Christchurch Musical Society's second concert for the 1935

season on Thursday, July 18, is to be broadcast, and this society has decided to cater for the taste of the general public, rather than for those who enjoy listening for a whole evening to one large work. In doing this it has obtained the co-operation of a number of soloists, and listeners, as well as the public, will have an opportunity of hearing Mr. Alan Wellbrock. This will be Mr. Wellbrock's first public appearance at the Civic organ since his return from England, and a brilliant future has been predicted for this young performer.

RADIO 3ZM CLUB held their annual meeting last week in Christchurch, and, in presenting his report, the retiring president, Mr. D. Cossgrove, recorded an approximate increase in membership of 2000, but another 1000 would be required to provide for the ordinary running expenses of the station. A membership and renewal campaign had been begun. The annual subscription of 2/6 was devoted to maintaining the station, the club and the executive depending on their own efforts to raise funds for purely club purposes. The disposal of membership fees was at the discretion of the station directorate. Mr. Norton Francis was again elected as patron and a strong committee was formed. Mr. H. G. Livingstone, a member of the Broadcasting Board, attended the meeting to hear comments on the conduct of broadcasting.

MISS CECILIA KEATING, the clever violinist, who so reluctantly had to disappoint listeners from 3YA this week owing to her departure for England being ahead of schedule, was tendered a farewell concert in the Town Hall, Greymouth, by the various musical and other cultural organisations in that town. The concert was organised by Miss N. McDonnell, F.T.C.L., and Mr. Harold Prescott. Tributes to Miss Keating's ability were paid by the Mayor (Mr. W. Meldrum), Mr. J. O'Brien, M.P., and Mr. R. T. Bush, the local representative of the Associated Board of the Royal College, who also presented Miss Keating with the third gold medal that she had been awarded, and the £10 which accompanied it.

THE increase of the power at 3YA from 2½ kilowatts to 10 kilowatts will not be completed before the end of July at the very earliest. The delay has been chiefly due to the inability of the Public Works Department to supply the necessary power owing to the late arrival of poles and insulators from abroad. One of the advantages which will accrue from the increased power of the 3YA transmitter will be that in many localities signal strength will be raised above the "noise level."

## Result of "Jumbled Quotations" Competition No. 4

The correct answers were as follows:—1, "The More the Merrier"; 2 "Silence gives consent"; 3, "Better late than never"; 4, "Off in the still night"; 5, "The milk of human kindness"; 6, "Handsome is as handsome does"; 7, "Marriages are made in heaven"; 8, "In maiden meditation, fancy free" (from "Midsummer Night's Dream"—Shakespeare); 9, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder"; 10, "With pensive eyes the little room I view" (from "The Garret"—Beranger). For competitors' information, punctuation is not taken into account in adjudication.

An unexpectedly large number of competitors sent an all-correct solution as above, this in direct contrast to previous results. As a division of the £50 prize money would mean only a small amount to each successful entrant, every competitor who sent a correct solution has been written to. The option is given to each competitor of either receiving his or her portion of the prize money, or of contesting a further set of "Jumbled Quotations" (with free entrance) to decide the winners. The £50 held by "N.Z. Truth" will remain intact as prize money, irrespective of those amounts paid to competitors who elect to receive their share on the divisible basis.

No. 5 competition will be advertised next week. Prize money will be, First Prize, £50; Second Prize, £15.