

hour" before making a concerted effort to claim some say in broadcasting affairs, for by that time the opportunity may have slipped by. For the annual meeting of the league to be held next week it is hoped that listeners will again rally round the executive in greater numbers than before.

Top-notchers

THE Villa Maria Choir, the winners of choir work at the Christchurch Competitions for the past two seasons, were trained by the sisters at the Convent in Riccarton. These girls were heard last Monday evening from 3YA during the children's hour, and their rendering of "The Blue Danube" was something to be remembered. The choir is a wonderful sight, for in their neat school uniforms, standing like one person in a graduated circle, is indicative of their wonderful training, both in voice culture and physical fitness.

Music At Work

AT the present time, there are many Auckland factories who have installed in their premises loud-speakers for radio programmes. The first, a tea factory, has allowed its large staff to work to music for more than three years now, and has found the experiment a huge success. The firm concerned states that the efficiency of the workers has been improved as the result of this innovation. The fact that workers are happy with this

music, is obviously to the advantage of not only to the employers, but to the employees themselves. Apart from anything else, the tonic value of music is also there. It is considered the surerest form of preventing fatigue.

They Listen.

NO, there are no new announcers at 4YA. This positive statement is made to satisfy the number of listeners who inquired at a recent week-end whether new personalities had been engaged for microphone work, as they heard two voices which they did not recognise on the one night. These new voices were simply the result of a staff arrangement on the night in question, but the fact that so many listeners noted the change and afterwards made inquiries regarding the reason for their presence on the air indicates that a good many more listen interestedly to 4YA than one might believe. It is quite common in Dunedin to meet listeners who avow that they "never listen to 4YA," but who on future occasions are generally familiar with what the station has been doing from day to day. Their repeated argument that they do not listen to the station is gradually being disproved.

Brilliant Violinist

QUITE young, yet one of the Dominion's foremost violinists, Miss Mary Martin, formerly of Greymouth, has been given a number of engagements by the Broadcasting Board. Taught by Sister M. St. Anthony, at

the Greymouth Convent, Mary Martin quickly showed talent. Leaving New Zealand a gold and silver medallist, and an exhibitor at the Royal College of Music, London, she studied in London for five years. For three years while in London she was a member of Dr. Malcolm Sargent's famous orchestra, while she also played the violin at many concerts given by Sir Thomas Beecham's Orchestra in the Albert Hall. It is two years since she returned from abroad. She is at present

Municipal Radio

Brisbane Has Its Own 24-Hour Service.

BRISBANE City Council has its own wireless broadcasting station which, for some time, has been giving a 24-hours' service to police cars and service cars of the Electricity and Tramways Department.

The scope of the station has recently been extended to the Ambulance Brigade, and two cars are being equipped with radio receivers, so that in the event of an accident happening, or of an urgent call being received, while they are traversing the city in connection with another case, they can be diverted to the more urgent case.

teaching the violin at Palmerston North. Miss Martin is to be heard in two recitals from 1YA early in September.

Australia-Bound

CONDITIONS in Sydney and Melbourne are proving very attractive to a number of New Zealand radio men. Several well-known and highly qualified technicians recently left Auckland for Australia, and according to local information, several more service men are giving the matter of departure to Australia serious consideration. The present shortage of radio technicians in Auckland will soon become more serious if the migration continues.

Studio Debate.

THE next debate arranged by 4YA will not be a joint affair with Christchurch, but will be entirely confined to the Dunedin station's studio. This will be given on June 30, when teams representing the Otago Law Students' Debating Society and the Otago University Debating Union will take up their respective sides on the question: "That Modern Industrialism has been Detrimental to Culture." The debating students will be Messrs. J. S. D. More, J. D. Neil and K. W. Stewart, and the union's team will include Mr. J. H. Kemnitz, Miss C. Hunter, and Mr. L. W. Woods. The judge will be Dr. J. R. Elder. It will be interesting to discover what the arguments for and against will be, and the



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