

## What Would They Think?

### Students in Novel Programme

JUST over two years ago the Auckland Students' Association was formed, and since then it has exerted an increasingly beneficial influence in the musical life of the Queen City. With a membership of thirty to forty, the association's activities are most useful in character, holding every other Monday, during the season, an evening devoted to mutual study. All members take an active part in the meetings, which are given over to expositions of various aspects of piano theory, musical form, history, etc., with practical examples of various composers' works. Special stress is laid on two-piano work, facilities of which are provided at the association's rooms.

The spirit of mutual help and sympathy permeates all, and the ranks of the association seem to contain nearly a hundred per cent. of live, aspiring musicians. The papers prepared and the demonstrations given at the gatherings reflect a seriousness of purpose that is refreshing in the present difficult times for music. Various prominent musicians who visit Auckland have given the members every encouragement by advice and helpful talks, as have also leading local professional musicians. It seems a pity that the movement could not spread to other centres, which by affiliation might advance the cause of piano music generally.

Much work, of course, falls on the president, Miss Joyce Parker, and the hon. secretary, Miss Reita Kennedy, but with the wholehearted support of the members their duties are rendered less onerous. The association is represented on the IYA Musical and Dramatic Committee by Mr. Karl Atkinson.

A feature of the recital to be broadcast by IYA on Wednesday, November 19, will be some examples of two-piano work. In the course of the programme the shades of Beethoven and Chopin will discuss the present state of music from an instructive and entertaining angle. The dialogue will be conducted by Messrs. Karl Atkinson and W. E. McMichael. The vocalists will be Mr. W. E. McMichael, Miss Winifred Hill, Miss Patti Schnackenberg, and Mr. Tom Copsey.

## Distinguished N.Z. Artist Returns

### Cecily Audibert to sing for 3YA

IN 3YA'S programmes the interesting fact is noted that an artist of outstanding merit, Cecily Audibert, is to broadcast on Wednesday, November 19.

This will be Miss Audibert's first appearance before the microphone in New Zealand, but she is well known on the professional stage, particularly in Australia, where she gathered many laurels.

In a critique of the opening night of a season of "Our Miss Gibbs," the "Sydney Morning Herald" said: The production of the musical comedy "Our Miss Gibbs," by the Bankers' Operatic Society, at the Conservatorium on Saturday night, proved a personal triumph for Miss Cecily Audibert, whose delightful voice, dainty personality, and histrionic ability were combined in a charming characterisation of the title-role. Referring to the same performance, the "Daily Guardian" said: In deciding to present a revival of "Our Miss Gibbs," the Bankers' Operatic Society has picked a winner. And in choosing Miss Cecily Audibert to play the name part it has picked another winner. Slim, dainty and vivacious, she is an ideal "Mary." Her voice is a good soprano and many professionals



might with advantage emulate her clear enunciation. It is refreshing, nowadays, to hear a singer whose words can be understood.

Miss Audibert toured extensively with the well known Humphrey Bishop Musical Comedy Company and she was a great stage success. Added to a charming personality she has a delightful flair for songs at the piano.

Of her engagements at Hoyts, a press report says: Miss Cecily Audibert has won her way to popularity at Hoyts. Possessing a fine appearance and an equally fine voice. Cecily's numbers are always attractive. She works in some delightful ballet numbers this week with Hoyt's high steppers.

A Christchurch girl, Miss Audibert was well known in musical circles in that city before she went to Australia. It was in Sydney, under the direction of a great Italian music teacher, that her voice developed so magnificently and where she became such an accomplished artist. She has now returned to Christchurch, and listeners have reason to hope that she will frequently broadcast.

### Children's Sessions

#### FROM IYA.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.—Interesting stories from Uncle Dave, songs from Cousin Len, and piano solos from Cousin Miriam.

WEDNESDAY.—The Radio Family will be entertained by Uncle Tom, assisted by Cousin Doreen singing, and Cousin Marie reciting.

THURSDAY.—Peter Pan will have stories and puzzles for the boys

and girls. Cousin Joyce will recite, and Cousin Phyllis will play.

FRIDAY.—Nod and Aunt Jean in their usual cheery style, and cousins giving musical items.

SATURDAY.—Plenty of fun with Cinderella and Uncle Barney this evening, and Postie very busy delivering parcels to the Birthday Folk.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23.—Children's Song Service, conducted by Uncle Bert.

## Radio Pictures Service

THE first picture transmitted by wireless from Australia to England is a photograph of Wing-Commander Kingsford Smith, published in "The Times." This was sent by Beam, and received by Imperial Communications, Ltd. The transmission was only experimental; a regular service does not start until the Marconi facsimile apparatus has been installed at both ends.

While expressing pleasure at the result, Mr. E. T. Fisk, managing director

### Weather Report for Farmers

A WEATHER report, supplied by Dr. Kidson, of the Meteorological Department specially for the benefit of farmers, is being broadcast daily from 2YA at 3.30. On Wednesdays (2YA's silent day) it is broadcast from 3YA.

of Amalgamated Wireless, emphasised to-day that the transmission was purely experimental.

A commercial service is not yet possible, he says, but this transmission showed definitely that in favourable circumstances it is possible to send pictures over this great distance by wireless. The achievement would maintain Australia's reputation as a pioneer in world wireless development.

#### FROM 2YA.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17.—To-night the "Kipling Lady" and "The Maori Legend Lady" will be here with Uncle Jeff. There'll be riddles, puzzles, fun and laughter for all. Musical and elocutionary items will be given by Mrs. Martyn Williams's pupils.

TUESDAY.—Uncle Jeff and Jumbo will be here to entertain and there will be songs and chorus work by Radio cousins.

THURSDAY.—Big Brother Jack and Uncle George to-night. The Cubs and Boy Scouts from Karori will also be here.

FRIDAY.—We want you all to listen to-night because we have a secret: it's Spot's secret, or rather it's a secret to be kept from Spot and he's frightfully curious about it, so he's coming down with Uncle Jasper, and Uncle Jim will tell him all about it.

SATURDAY.—This is an "Alice in Wonderland" evening, and the Aerial Singers have promised to sing you "Nonsense Songs."

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23.—Uncle George and the Children's Choir from the Vivian Street Baptist Church are to be in the Studio to-night for the Song Service at 6 o'clock.

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