

Zealous founder

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The serviceable condition in which the Burnside Symphony Orchestra now finds itself has been brought about—I am sure every member would endorse this—by the drive and unflagging zeal of its founder and conductor John Black.

From the nucleus of 11 players who turned up for the first rehearsal one evening back in 1956 the orchestra has grown in strength and numbers so that now a muster roll records anything within the vicinity of 50 to 65 players.

From the beginning Dr. Black has never failed to keep alive among the members of

his orchestra an enthusiasm that is one of its prime features, and anyone seeing it in action for the first time cannot fail to be struck by it.

Like their conductor—Dr. Black is an agronomist—all members follow avocations other than music.

"We are all amateurs" has come to be quite a boast with the players.

In the Burnside Town Hall last night Dr. Black made his farewell appearance here.

Next week he leaves for Edinburgh, where he will take up an appointment at the university there.

Leonard Dommett, the leader of the SA Symphony Orchestra will direct the Burnside Orchestra in future.