

# THINGS TO COME—



## STATIC



**A** DENTIST says he stops his own teeth in front of a mirror. It greatly heartens patients in the waiting-room when he pops his head out of the surgery door and says, "I'm next!"

**A** RETIRING official in Glasgow was presented with a gramophone and 200 records. The donors had previously ascertained that he had a needle.

**A** BUSINESS MAN says that he expects to devote his next holiday to digging up his garden. Well, that ought to provide him with a useful turnover.

**L**ONDON restaurants have changed," says an American visitor to the Old Country. If the meat rationing gets into full swing he will hardly recognise some of the old joints.

**"WHY** we Suffer. Come and hear the Rev. — at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon." —Church notice.

Members of the congregation apparently feel that it's time they had a little sympathy from other people.

**TWO** Scots were having a drink.

Sandy: What is your greatest ambition, Mac? Is there any one thing in the world you would like better than another?

Mac: No, another would suit me fine.

**"THERE** was a heated altercation in my house the other day about the shortage of coal," writes a correspondent. Well, that would help.

**"THE** man who gives way when he knows he is in the wrong," says a magistrate, "is wise." The man who gives way when he knows he is in the right is merely married.

**A** CANADIAN ice-hockey player was taken to see his first Rugby football match recently. He left the ground with a strange impression that peace had been declared.

**"ONE** grandfather living?" asked the recruiting official. "Is he on your father's or your mother's side?"

"Oh, he varies, sir; he sticks up for both of 'em—sort of 'neutral.'"

**T**HOSE who like good travel talks — talks about places viewed with a seeing eye and presented with atmosphere — should not miss the series which Ngaio Marsh begins this week from 3YA Christchurch. Miss Marsh has a way of making places live. She sees the beauty in them and she always relates them to life. She can paint a scene vividly and present real characters. In this series she takes listeners to Europe and other places and comes back to the delights of London. After these three talks she will give two other talks bearing on her own success as a writer of detective fiction. The first will discuss the problems that confront such writers, and the second will give an account of an extraordinary evening which she spent in London as a guest of the Detection Club. Members of this queer club include Dorothy Sayers and other leading writers of detective fiction, and Miss Marsh had the distinction of watching these well-known people disport themselves in a "presidential installation."

### A Novelist's Life

If you don't believe us, ask any journalist (that is, any inkstained, beer-baptised, golden-hearted regular newspaperman) if he doesn't think a novelist's life is fine. When



he has finished answering 16 telephone calls at once, he will tell you, while rushing out the greatest story of the century for the late edition, complete with banner headings, eighteen point intro. and all, that you haven't exaggerated. But if doubt lingers in your

mind, listen in to an interview with a novelist, at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, June 28, from 4YA Dunedin.

### Memoir

Who was Hugh Stewart? His friends knew him as a distinguished, versatile, and extremely likable man. He was Professor of Classics for some years at Canterbury College, and when he died suddenly at sea a few years ago, he was Principal of Nottingham University, England. Stewart was a brilliant scholar, a first-rate soldier with the rank of Colonel, a mountaineer, and a capable administrator. He had a distinguished career in the last war, and wrote the official history of the New Zealand Division on the Western Front. A memoir of him was published in England recently, and one of the contributors to it was his old friend and colleague, Professor Arnold Wall. Professor Wall will give a talk on Hugh Stewart at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, from 2YA Wellington.

### Hope Springs Eternal

To look at the world impartially in this Year of Grace is enough to give anyone, Christian and pagan alike, a heart-aching sensation of futility. Yet hope must always spring anew, and even in the darkest time, men must cherish a few ideals, a few plans for the future. These considerations give point to a talk—the first of a series of three—which will be broadcast at 2.15 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, from 3YA Christchurch. "A Christian Looks at the World," is the title, with the sub-titles "The Spiritual Struggle in Germany: The Basis of Justice." The speaker will be the Rev. Nathaniel Micklem, D.D., Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford, and what he has to say should be welcome to all who seek for some light on the muddle of the world.

### They Shall have Music

The mighty gales may blow their most frenzied storm from Wellington's guardian hills this week, but we prophesy with tranquillity that no Wellingtonian who has music in his soul will cower before the glowing embers. And why? Because something more