

# LETTERS FROM LISTENERS

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## STAMMERING ON THE AIR

Sir,—I read with a good deal of sympathy the letter from "The Wife of a Stammerer," in your current issue, but I think she is over-sensitive in her objections. I, too, suffer in much the same respect (though I do not stammer) from some appalling records which I hear, or which I know are being heard, over the air from time to time. One naturally would not jest about a dreadful disease, but stammering is not dreadful, and I do not think it is incurable. It is certainly not as incurable as my complaint. I am, you see,

A SCOTSMAN (Auckland).

## CHURCH BROADCASTS

Sir,—In your August number "Oliver" (Te Awamutu) says that few people listen to the Church services broadcast and wants some of them cut out. Surely this is his own opinion. I'm sure that it is not the general view.

For twenty years I have been in business, and during conversation with customers have been amazed to discover how many have referred to what they heard, and how greatly they had been helped—especially when a direct earnest appeal had been made and Christ presented to meet the soul's great need. Should these preachers see their unseen audience—could they get a glimpse into these troubled hearts and the peace that often follows at the end of the service—they would preach as never before.

We have just returned from a trip to Germany, Holland, France, and many other countries, and for these down-trodden people no joyful news rings out now. Our Lord Jesus said: "In the world ye shall have tribulation—but in Me ye shall have peace." His peace is what we want just now, and how shall we hear without a preacher? May the day never come in our lovely country when we are deprived of this privilege of hearing the Gospel freely preached.

"A MOTHER" (Whakatane).

## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR?

Sir,—In the past few issues of *The Listener* I have noticed with regret that you have stopped printing the Pro-

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now to the listeners' own session, "Think for Yourself," every Wednesday and Saturday at 8.45 p.m.

Yours, etc.,  
SCOTICUS.

P.S. Of course there are many other good sessions, musical and otherwise, being broadcast by all our stations, but one reason why the "Think for Yourself" session is so good is that I send them a bit of the stuff to broadcast. I understand from Peter Whitchurch, who has charge of this session, that the fan mail in connection with it is on the light side—just enough. That proves the contention that "the better your programme, the scantier your fan mail."—S.

gramme Summary Page of the National Broadcasting stations. At first I thought that it was only a temporary suspension, but apparently it is not so. I trust that this summary will again be printed: personally, I consider it to be one of the most useful pages that you print. It saved needless hunting through the whole of the evening's programme, as everything was splendidly laid out and classified and one could find, in a few seconds, any particular type of entertainment that was wanted. I am a very keen supporter of your paper, and I do feel that the re-introduction of the above page will be greatly appreciated by a very large proportion of your subscribers.

F. V. POWELL (Nelson).

(Our correspondent has touched us on a sore spot. It hurt us to drop that feature, but the world is not at present safe for democracy. We shall restore both pages as soon as we can, but may have to wait till the last U-boat is sunk.—Ed.)

## NO COMPLAINTS!

Sir,—We thoroughly enjoy our copy of *The Listener* each week. We marvel at some of the letters you receive and

often join in a chuckle at "Ed's" replies. We find the new NBS String Orchestra an absolute joy, and as for Mr. Simmance—we are going to write him a "fan" letter some day. These and similar items are our choice, but we love a good book and are not above a detective story by way of mental release. We enjoy even our own thoughts, or a golden silence, sometimes! No doubt it's funny, but we're like that!

G. & (P.P) L. TOMLIN (Upper Hutt).  
10.43 p.m.—Have just listened to "The Taming." It was gorgeous. Congratulations to all concerned.—G. & L.T.

## BETTY'S DIARY.

Sir,—May I register my humble appreciation of Betty's Diary, which I always found enjoyable and refreshing, and far ahead of this week's very gauche effort (by "Kath"). Is it necessarily snobbish to have a few luxuries which other people do not have? I have no motor car or maid, but that does not preclude me from enjoying an article about somebody else who has. Disapproval is often the outcome of envy. In any case life would be very dull if we only read books and saw pictures about people like ourselves.

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