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RELIGION BY THE FIRESIDE

*Experimental Broadcast
From 1YA*

BELIEVING that the possibilities of broadcasting are not always fully exploited by the usual relays of church services, the broadcasting committee of the Auckland Presbytery plans to hold a new kind of evening devotional service to be broadcast from 1YA on November 16.

Instead of the usual service broadcast from St. David's Church, the hour be-



Alan Blakey photograph
REV. G. A. NAYLOR
"Trying to meet present day conditions"

tween seven and eight that evening will be occupied by a broadcast from the 1YA studios. The first half-hour will be a studio service, pure and simple, with appropriate recorded music and a very brief address or period of meditation. The second half-hour, designed to take the place of the usual sermon, will take the form of a discussion in which a minister and a husband and wife will take part. This discussion, in which the husband and wife bring to the manse study the problems which afflict them, is designed to show that religion has a positive contribution to make towards the solution of the problems of our time.

"The intention of the service," said the Rev. G. A. Naylor, chairman of the Presbytery's broadcasting committee, "is to induce the non-churchgoer to listen instead of switching off his radio, and to create a more intimate atmosphere than is usually possible with a broadcast church sermon.

"Similar studio services, I understand, have been broadcast in the United States, and I believe that the BBC has experimented in the same way. However, we are not trying to imitate overseas sessions but rather trying to meet as best we can the conditions of the present day. It is recognised that a number of people do not listen to the normal church broadcasts, because they tend to discount the

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