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PROBLEMS OF BELIEF

ARE there reasonable grounds for belief in God? This was the question a Christian and a Rationalist discussed in the studios of 1YA recently, in the course of an argument now to be broadcast. The Christian was Professor G. E. Hughes, Professor of Philosophy at Victoria University College, and a priest of the Church of England, and the Rationalist viewpoint was put by John Bowden, of Sydney, speaking for the Rationalist Association of New Zealand. The question was of rather breathtaking magnitude, said A. K. Turner, Q.C. (now Mr. Justice Turner), in introducing the speakers, so it isn't surprising that no conclusion is reached at the end of the argument, but that doesn't mean that listeners will end no wiser than they were. Some of the questions they may be left pondering in their search for the truth are: Why does anything exist at all? Is there an important difference between "why" and "how"? Has the universe always existed—and if so does that obviate the need to believe in God? Is it easier (or harder) to imagine a self-existent God than a self-existent universe? If we suppose God exists do we still have to account for His existence? *Belief in God* will be heard from 1YC on Tuesday, September 1, at 7.30 p.m., and later from other National stations.

Another programme that should interest listeners who tune to *Belief in God* is *God and Human Suffering*, a series of three talks which are being heard from 4YC at 9.30 p.m. on Thursdays. The speaker is the Rev. J. G. Matheson. The second talk will be broadcast on September 3.

Time to Sing

READERS who saw an item "Blow the Man Down" in *The Listener* about three months ago will remember that it gave a lively picture of a night in storm in the R.M.S. Rangitata, berthed at Wellington, when an NZBS team headed by Jack Dobson was recording an informal evening of songs and party games. We promised listeners then that in due course they would hear the programme—complete with genuine storm effects—and it has now turned up with five others, which are to be broadcast from YA stations on Wednesday nights at 8.0 p.m. under the general title *Time to Sing*. They are the result of visits made by Mr. Dobson and team and recorder to various places in and around Wellington. In the first, to be broadcast on August 26, listeners are taken to Plimmerton, near Wellington, for an informal evening with Henry Kelly, Jean McPherson, Ulric Williams, Jim Greenlees and John Parkin. After that there will be visits in turn to Mangaroa Camp, at the southern end of the new Rimutaka tunnel, a country farm house in the Ohariu Valley, the Dominion Scout Training Headquarters at Tatum Park, near Levin, the Rangitata, and a remote sheep farming community at Tinui, in the Wairarapa.

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