

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A.M.D. (West Coast) and T.W. (Waiheke) write commenting on artists. To publish these letters would be contrary to our policy of declining to discuss individuals. Complaints should be addressed to the Broadcasting Company.—Ed.

T.M.L. (Otohangī).—Your problem has been dealt with in the "Radio Record" of July 6, 1928, to which we refer you. There is no regulation by which this can be enforced.—Ed.

R.A.S.—The number "Could Lloyd George Do It?" will be repeated by Mr. Stark on September 21.

G.F., Dunedin.—The Japanese stations asked for are JOAK (345 metres), Tokio, JOBK (400 metres) Osaka, JOFK (353 metres) Kiroshima, JOGK (380 metres) Kumamoto, JOHK (390 metres) Sendai, and JOIK (361 metres) Sapparo. A comprehensive list of stations available, times, etc., is given in the New Zealand Radio Listeners' Guide (160 pages), available from dealers or ourselves.

I HAVE a Polar Twin set and am using two 45-volt Burgess B batteries. Would it be more economical if I only used one?—"Twin."

If the set will work satisfactorily on 45 volts, then it is certainly more economical to do so. If, after re-

Our Mail Bag

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ducing, you find that distortion occurs, it will be necessary to adjust the "C" battery.—Ed.

Sunday Night Concerts.

UNDER "Our Mail Bag" I notice "Not suitable for Sunday," and as this correspondent evidently has a set capable of picking up stations between 300 and 450 metres it is a wonder to me he does not do a little "dial twiddling." I am confident that if he does he will find a station that on Sundays caters well for his needs, and as regards "high standard" it will fill his requirements lovely. I, for one, trust the company see their way to let 2YA still carry on with the good work. It is the only bright spot on Sunday that we can find. Listeners who switch off can rest assured anything unsuitable for Sunday, according to the company's policy, will certainly not be broadcast.—H.F.B., Auckland.

AS a letter under the heading "Not Suitable for Sunday" appeared in your paper deprecating the broadcast

of the band concerts by 2YA, let me say that is the favourite programme of the week here and to rob the boys who assemble to hear it of this pleasure would be a crime. It sends us off to bed bubbling with merry music. I suggest that the correspondent should at 8.30 p.m. tune in 2FC and get "something in keeping with the day"—a second service and a second sermon. Go ahead with the band and the merry songs. If the artists knew the happiness they give in the backblocks they would go on to the tenth encore. Carry on broadcasters and give your critics the first stone to cast.—Satisfied (Mokaha, H.B.).

"Not Available for Broadcasting."

AFTER due consideration I have addressed this letter to "Wellington," though for some time I thought it might be more properly addressed to "Wowserston"; in fact, it was only the bare possibility that the envelope might find its way to Dunedin that led me to make the alteration. The possibility, of course, I will admit was a very remote one, particularly in view of the latest super-wowser production from your town. That some hide-bound porridge consumer should object to an enjoyable concert being broadcast on a Sunday evening is quite understandable, but that a broadcasting company, presumably controlled by intelligent business men, should be led astray is beyond comprehension. When one considers that a receiving set is a machine that can be turned on and off at will, the only conclusion from the facts is that these people are appointing themselves honorary sanctifiers of the souls of mankind generally. It can be confidently anticipated that a Bill will be before Parliament shortly making it a criminal offence to play fox-trots on a gramophone on Sunday.—Diogenes.

I AM writing to let you know how the programmes on Sunday nights from 2YA have been appreciated, and at the same time I wish to let you know how disappointed our radio circle here was on Sunday night, August 19, at the "items" on the programme "not available for broadcasting." Surely the letter of protest from a writer was not the cause of it, as the non-broadcasting of the races was not felt by one-tenth of the listeners-in as was the deletions from the Sunday night's programmes. Can it be that Mr. G. Titchener's humour shocked them—I think not, as even some of the churches, with meagre congregations, would welcome some of his humour to brighten the service. We trust that the programmes will be broadcast in their entirety, and we feel confident to leave it to the management to continue as they have done in the past to supply clean and wholesome programmes and not be swayed by "wowseristic" motives.—Aerial.

[The items in question were not broadcast because of contract restrictions placed on certain visiting artists, and not because of any question of the unsuitability or otherwise of the items themselves.—Ed.]

Reception in Dunedin.

I FEEL it incumbent on me to acquaint you with a few facts that I think should be known and be rectified. Of late reception of 2YA by me and many other of my friends here in Dunedin has been very bad indeed; fading and indistinctness being the chief characteristics. Not a single item comes in with power and distinctness. What is wrong? The people here have come to the conclusion that the station is not using the power that it did at first, namely, 5000 watts. If this is a fact, you should let the public know and not keep them under a misapprehension. You have material in your programmes which is spoilt in some way or other. A very poor compliment to the talented artists. And this is not on account of my set being out of condition, but is on account of the station being out of condition. Hoping you will be able to alter these conditions.—D. E. Booth (Dunedin).

[We have made inquiries, and can give the assurance that 2YA is being fully maintained on the rated power of 5 kilowatts. Correspondence received from other centres shows that reception has improved since the adoption of crystal control and occasions no trouble. In the circumstances it would seem as if Dunedin is not particularly well situated in relation to 2YA. The satisfactory reception accorded elsewhere shows that the trouble experienced is not due to a technical fault in the transmission.—Editor.]

Programmes of JOHK.

AS a certain amount of interest is evinced in the Japanese station JOHK by owners of valve sets, the following particulars, contained in a letter verifying my report of reception in May last, may be worthy of mention in your columns;—

The call sign: JOHK Sendai Hosokyo.

The position: Sendai-shi, Japan.

Transmitter: S.T.C. 10 K.W. (Geneva Rating 15 K.W.).

Antenna: Height 60 m., horizontal length 43 m.

Antenna current: 24 amperes.

Frequency: 770 K.C.

Wave-length: 390 m.

With the exception of two breaks the station is on the air almost continuously from 9.30 a.m. till 10 p.m. The evening programme is: 4.30 to 4.40 p.m.: First General News Bulletin. 4.40 to 4.50: Stock market, foreign market prices. 6.0 to 6.30: The Children's Hour. 6.30 to 7.10: Lecture. 7.10 to 9.30: Second General News Bulletin, lecture, weather forecast, music, etc. 9.30 to 10.0: Time signal. Announcement of programmes of next day.

The morning and afternoon programme consists mainly of talks also. I wonder if many European residents of Japan have radio sets?—Guy C. Holmes (Masterton).

Quality of Announcements.

I READ with interest the remarks of Mr. William Ferguson. Whilst what he says is perfectly true, I like the present announcer at 2YA incomparably better than others. Mistakes in pronunciation are unfortunate, but when the perpetrator has a pleasant voice and cheerful manner, I am much more willing to condone them. The fault lies not so much with the an-



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