

"Macbeth" at 1YA on December 19

SHAKESPEARE'S great tragedy, "Macbeth," contains many of the bard's best-known lines. Here are a few of them, taken at random:—

"Nothing in his life became him like the leaving it."

"After life's fitful fever he sleeps well."

"Sleep, that knits up the ravelled sleeve of care . . . chief nourisher in life's feast."

"Throw physic to the dogs; I'll none of it."

"Life's . . . but a poor player that struts and frets his hour upon the stage, and then is heard no more."

"Vaulting ambition that o'erleaps itself, and falls on the other."

"All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand."

"Lay on, Macduff, and damned be him that first cries 'Hold, enough!'"

"Fallen into the sere, the yellow leaf." (Not, as usually quoted "the sere and yellow leaf.")

"Golden opinions from all sorts of people."

These are just a few of the many familiar lines from "Macbeth" which have become part of our everyday speech.

Equipping a Hospital

THROUGH the generosity of Mr. Arthur Morton, Mount Pleasant, Christchurch, in presenting a modern multi-valve wireless receiver to St. George's, the Anglican private hospital in Christchurch, the hospital is in process of being fitted up so that the patients may, at will, have the benefits of the wireless service to while away the tedium of the hours of their illness or convalescence and, the greatest factor, perhaps, take their minds off themselves and their ailments through concentration on other matters. The wiring will enable a pair of earphones to be installed at each bed. In order to avoid the irritating effect of static, only the local stations will be listened to.

Wellington Radio Society

Meeting of Executive

A MEETING of the executive of the Amateur Radio Society of Wellington was held last Thursday afternoon. The chair was occupied by Mr. Byron Brown, president. Complaints were made respecting the quality of the transmission by 2YA, Wellington. It was mentioned that the gramophone

items were harsh and worse than the studio and relay items. There was a tendency to blast in the case of the studio and relay items. A deputation was set up to wait upon Mr. A. R. Harris, general manager of the Broadcasting Company, on his next visit to Wellington, with regard to the transmission by 2YA.

IN tendering his resignation as honorary secretary of the society, Mr. W. H. Taylor explained that he had been promoted by his employers to new duties which would take him out of Wellington except during brief intervals. A hearty vote of thanks for his invaluable services was accorded Mr. Taylor by the executive, who, while regretting his resignation, congratulated him on his advancement. It was decided to present Mr. Taylor with a solid silver cigarette case as a token of appreciation and esteem. Mr. Lawes was appointed to succeed Mr. Taylor as secretary of the society.

Notes by "Switch"

A COUNTRY visitor told "Switch" the other day that the news items broadcast by 2YA, Wellington, are exceedingly welcome to him and his family, seeing that they receive only three mails a week owing to the remoteness of his home. Radio in this particular respect has proved a great boon to way-back settlers. City folk, with their morning and evening newspapers, must make allowances when news items which they have already read, are put on the air. The people in distant areas are eagerly listening to every word.

THE Wellington Hospital Board proposes shortly to extend the broadcast receiving installation, with which a number of wards are now equipped, to the new wards adjoining Riddiford Street. The new building was specially wired for the purpose during the course of its construction. Broadcast listening by the patients in the hospital continues to work wonders in hastening their recovery. The diversion from the dread monotony of a sick bed provided by listening-in is now recognised far and wide as a remarkable curative agent.

A NATURAL result following the habit of listening-in by patients in the Wellington Hospital is that many, on being restored to their health, have so missed listening-in that they have purchased radio sets which they otherwise would not have thought of. An ex-patient informed "Switch" that after enjoying broadcasting for many hours in the hospital he found on his discharge that, although funds were low, he simply had to invest in a set—a crystal outfit, which is to give place shortly to a valve set.

AS a matter of general public policy, "Switch" is adverse to the proposal of licensing additional broadcasting stations in New Zealand centres, which already possess a full-powered station. In Sydney the air is cluttered with local broadcast stations, and thousands of listeners near the metropolitan area seldom, if ever, have an opportunity of hearing stations in other States.

A JUVENILE listener in a New South Wales country district recently addressed his letter solely with the words "Uncle Bass" and posted it. The letter duly arrived at Station BL, Sydney, where "Uncle Bass" officiates during the children's sessions. The same thing could quite easily happen in the case of "Uncle Ernest," "Aunt Gwen," "Uncle Toby," "Uncle Jeff," or "Big Brother Jack."

Features Held Over

Because of special pressure on our space, occasioned by the articles devoted to Crystal and Portable Receiving Sets, several of our regular features of interest are either condensed or unavoidably held over.

BECAUSE of the reduction of royalties on wireless valves in England, the crystal set, which has for so long been the dominant type of receiver, is fast going out of fashion.

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