

LETTERS FROM LISTENERS . . .

"Enough to Frighten Any Overseas Visitors"

To the Editor.

Sir,—Previous to last evening we have listened in to some good Maori concerts and thoroughly enjoyed them, but last night was an exception to the rule and to put it plainly we were horribly disgusted. Perhaps it does not matter to us New Zealanders who know what the Maoris can do, but to the folk over the other side, for whom this broadcast was specially arranged, I think it was a bad advertisement for New Zealand—in fact, the weird and wonderful noises would be enough to frighten any overseas visitors from ever visiting these shores.—I am, etc.,

A LOVER OF MAORI MUSIC.
Te Awamutu.

"Give Us Something in Our Own Language"

To the Editor.

Sir,—"Bored" is like me, he thinks there should be more concert programmes. Goodness knows there are enough good singers in New Zealand without going to Russia or other foreign places to get them. Give us plain homely music, something in our own language anyway, that we can understand. If you will turn back the files of the "Radio Record" and look up the vote that was taken about the sort of

music that was wanted you will find crooning and opera a good last. The fools are those who are forcing a thing on to people that they do not want. Take the programmes for Sunday, October 28. What do we find? A full hand of tinned stuff. Give us some more concerts like we had from 2YA last Thursday—something with flesh and blood in it. I see there is another concert on Monday



night from 3YA. I will bet it has a full house, and the people will show what sort of concert they like.—I am, etc.,

Invercargill.

"Feats of Strength" in the Children's Hour

To the Editor.

Sir,—I note that your issue of October 19 proclaims the rejoicing of 2YA because Aunt Molly and Uncle Jasper now hold the record 'birthday greetings tally for the children's hour'—put over 200, which took up 55 minutes of the children's

hour." I'm glad I missed that endurance test, because I do not want my liking for the children's time spoilt. May I suggest that if these feats of strength are to be persisted in the contestants arrange for the presence of, say, Mr. Ilutter; so we might get some of the thrills of a wrestling match!

I note with admiration the habit of parents in making Jane's birthday an excuse for giving Jackie and Baby Betty presents also; let us hope it will soon extend to cakes with candles—every opportunity should be taken to build up character in the child.—I am, etc.,

BRITON.

Napier.

Has Gained One Reader Some New Friends

To the Editor.

Sir,—Yesterday I bought a copy of your "Radio Record Annual" and last evening I sat down and read through it—or rather as much as I was able before bed-time, because there's certainly a good two-shillings' worth of reading matter in it. Before I picked up the annual radio speakers like Dr. Scholefield and Major-General Meriin were just names to me. Now that I have read about them in your paper I feel that they have become friends—real human beings to whom I will listen with even keener interest in the future. You have done listeners a service in bringing out this excellent publication and I wish it the best of luck.—I am, etc.,

J. D. WILSON.

Palmerston North.

Recent Talk on Richard the Third's Character

To the Editor.

Sir,—I also listened to the broadcast by Mr. Rushworth, M.P., from Wellington, on the historical subject of Richard III, and shared his regret that he found himself unable to discuss present day history. With regard to Richard's personal character, it has been generally accepted that he was a fiend in human shape, and that the young Princes were disposed of by his orders. With every deference to the opinion of Mr. Lloyd, however, I think it can be said that records of monarchs handed down to succeeding generations may not on that account be invariably entitled to unquestioned acceptance. Shakespeare would certainly not scruple to avail himself of the license allowed in poetical plays, in depicting Richard as the villain of the piece. His Marcus Brutus, friend and assassin of Julius Caesar, resembles the Brutus one reads of elsewhere, in personal excellence, much less than the Richard of Mr. Rushworth's talk resembles the detestable monster described in orthodox books of history. No one could admire the character allotted to King Rich-

Revised Schedule Soon

N.Z. Broadcasting Board Working on Programme Revisions

A revised programme schedule is being considered by the New Zealand Broadcasting Board according to the general manager (Mr. E. C. Hands). The present schedule was drawn up toward the end of last year and, after being in practice for nearly 12 months, it is being overhauled with due regard to the experience gained in the past year. "Our schedule will not be allowed to become static," said Mr. Hands to a "Radio Record" representative. "Broadcasting, especially at this early stage in its career, is constantly changing, and we must be ready and willing to meet all contingencies. Details of the revised schedule will not be available until they have been discussed at a representative conference."