

OTAGO NOTES.

Another Radio Debate in the South

"That the Pen is Mightier Than the Sword" to be Debated Between Stations 3YA and 4YA — Possibility of Relay of Opening of Boating Season — Gardening Talks From 4YA Again.

SINCE the football season ceased the broadcasting authorities have had little, apart from an odd race meeting or two, to entertain listeners whose interests are in sports, but it is pleasing to know that on Saturday next there is a probability of the opening of the boating season being described over the air. As the site on which this is to take place is some 200 yards from the road, it will be necessary to transmit the proceedings on short-wave to be picked up at the official relay point, and transferred to the 4YA transmitter by land-line. This would appear to be a most complicated system, but in reality it is quite simple, and above all, surprisingly satisfactory as has been proved on former occasions when the short-wave plant has had to be called into operation. The station hopes also to co-operate with the combined yachting and boating clubs in the broadcasting of the more important fixtures that will come later in the season.

ONE B station is showing a most progressive spirit. This is 4ZW which has made the practice in the last few weeks of borrowing records from some of its listeners, the number in each case being given the opportunity of selecting what he considers an interesting programme. It is also learned that the station authorities will not in future find that their supply of records is short, as it is understood they will have available a library of some 5000.

LOCAL listeners who do not possess short-wave receiving sets were not deprived of the privilege of listening to the broadcast description of the Melbourne Cup last week, as 4YA was prominent in rebroadcasting 3ME. Reception of the Melbourne short-wave station was as perfect as it has ever been, resulting in a rebroadcast that must rank as one of the best ever attempted. So free from blemish was the broadcast that listeners might easily have been deceived into thinking that the race was being run locally.

THERE is to be a further inter-station debate, the stations participating again being 4YA and 3YA. The subject to be beaten out is entitled "That the Pen is Mightier than the Sword," and those taking up one side from the Dunedin studio will be members of the Otago Law Students' Debating Society — Messrs. Lester Moller, W. J. Meade and O. B. H. Pledger. Mr. E. J. Anderson, of Dunedin, is to act as judge. Details regarding the Canterbury team have not yet been learned, nor is it known which side of the subject each team will contest. The debate is to take place on November 28.

TWO broadcasts by his Majesty's Grenadier Guards' Band, under the direction of Major George Miller, have

taken place since the musical combination arrived in Australia, both of these being listened to with a great amount



of pleasure by several Dunedin listeners, who more than ever express the hope that when the band visits New Zealand the Broadcasting Board will be able to make some arrangement whereby it will have the privilege of relaying at least one of the concerts given; it would certainly be another feather in the board's cap if this were done.

A PIANIST new to local listeners is to make his appearance at 4YA next Tuesday. This will be Mr. Gordon Bryan, the Trinity College examiner, and his recital should attract a good deal of attention.

AT one time, quite popular features of some of the daily programmes from the A station, talks on gardening were usually attentively listened to by many, so that it is gratifying to know a weekly feature is again being made of talks on this subject. Mr. J. Tannock, junior, and Mr. K. Donaldson are in charge of these instructive addresses, which are given at 10.45 every Tuesday morning. Housewives are also receiving considerable benefit from the morning talks on cooking, and it is safe to assume that many husbands are tasting the results of the tips given.

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Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

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