CANTERBURY NOTES.

Ringing In Christmas Day at 3YA

Cathedral Bells to be Relayed at Midnight on Christmas Eve—General Meeting of 3YA Radio Stamp Club a Great Success — Special Christmas Programmes From 3YA.

A LONG and interesting programme has been arranged for Christmas Eve from 3YA-the usual band hour from eight to nine, with vocal inter-ludes by Mr. Claude O'Hagan, bass baritone; the light popular programme following will be contributed by Jock comedian, Lockhart, Shearsby in piano novelties, and Phillip Wynne-Yorke, the popular baritone. Ten o'clock heralds a theme programme entitled "Music of Home," which will be narrated by Dr. Robinson E. Hall; tobinson and following, and be a continuous music at 11.40 p.m., there will be a short programme of Christmas recordings. At midnight a relay of the Cathedral bells, which will be followed by a reading of the prayer by the Very Rev. Dean Julius, the station closing down at the conclusion of this short service.

THE general meeting of the 3YA Radio Stamp Club, which took place at 3YA last week, was attended by about 80 members and a number of adults, and was the most interesting yet held. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the roll-call, a few minutes talk was given by the newlyelected president-Uncle Dick-and when various questions had been answered by Mr. Vernezoni, the rest of the time was taken up by an entertainment which was an unqualified success. Aunt Pat and Cousin Nessie worked up the enthusiasm of all present by a community sing, Mr. Verne-zoni proving a most popular "comic conductor." Two character sketches in full dress were given by Misses Beryl Baggs and Joan Masters, songs by Master Peter Hubble and monologues and comic recitations by Uncle Dick and Mr. Vernazoni.

THE usual treasure-hunt took on a much more convenient form, as instead of the previous method each boy or girl was handed a little envelope containing five different stamps. Readers of the "Radio Record" who have postage stamps that they can spare are specially asked to put them in an envelope or box and kindly post to Aunt Pat at 3YA; to those who have not attended the meetings, no idea can be given how much enjoyment this part of the entertainment gives to the children. Arrangements have been made to hold a picnic early in February.

SUNDAY programme will be observed by 3YA on Christmas morning, but during the afternoon progress reports of the Plunket Shield cricket match Canterbury v. Auckland will be broadcast, and at 7 o'clock a review of the day's play will be given, From 7.30 to 8 p.m. will be a relay of a carol service from the Christchurch Anglican Cathedral, followed by a concert programme, including items by Mr. J. Alexander Browne, the visiting Australian baritone, and Mrs. Tristram Willcox, con-

traito. Appropriate Christmas recordings will be presented during the programme, the day's broadcast ending with a special B.B.C. epilogue.

A FAULT occurred on the 11,000-volt line supplying power from the P.W.D. Addington sub-station to the Banks Peninsula Power Board, and in consequence 3YA was off the air for a few minutes about 10.45 p.m. one night last week. Except for a sudden flickering and dimming of household lights, no other interruption was noticed. On several occasions 3YA has had to rely on its emergency supply since the change was made to Gebbie's Pass, and the plant has proved adequate.

PROGRESS reports of the four-day cricket match will be given during the holidays from 3YA, with reviews of the day's play at 7.35. After a concert programme of light and popular music on Boxing Night, the one-act drama entitled "Kidnapped" will be presented by that popular and talented couple Bernard Beeby and Miriam Osborne. Later a further episode in the lives of a Japanese house boy and his employer, entitled "All at Sea," will be given.

PR. JAMES MOFFATT'S broadcast address from St. Paul's Church recently at the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Christchurch Presbytery, was very clear indeed. In fact, listeners had the advantage, as Dr. Moffatt's voice did not carry to all parts of the big church, and many of the congregation were unable to catch all of his sermon. This distinguished Bible scholar translated the Bible into modern language, and his speech was an example of the broadminded Christian. Dr. Moffatt intends visiting New Zealand again, and he opened his

address by remarking that he did not feel a stranger to Christchurch, as his first parish had been near Riccarton, in Ayrshire.

THE final concert of the year of the Male Voice Choir was relayed by 3YA from the Choral Hall on Saturday, December 15. The Cathedral Choristers assisted the choir which was conducted by Dr. J. C. Bradshaw. At the conclusion of that relay and after the sports summary, 3YA passed over to the old time dance music session by the Evans-Campbell Band.

"THE Two Masqueraders," who were scheduled to appear on Saturday, December 22, from 3YA, in three numbers, are unable to do so, and in their place the Domino Duo will contribute several items. The 3YA Orchestra, Mr. George Titchener, comedian, and Miss Eileen Johnstone, soprano, in popular songs, are on the same programme.

Dr. J. B. Condliffe, a member of the Economic Intelligence Service at Geneva will broadcast three talks of Dominion-wide interest. On Friday, December 21, Thursday, December 27 and Thursday, January 3, Dr. Condliffe will speak of subjects on which he is a leading authority. The first talk will be "The Present Economic Situation," the second, "The International Monetary Problem," and the third, "The Economic and Financial Work of the League of Nations." Each talk will begin at 10.10 p.m. Dr. Condliffe, who is the author of "World Economic Survey," is at present living in Christchurch.

Slight Decrease In Licenses

Figures for October 31 Below Those for September.

Due, no doubt, to the fact that the half-yearly licenses expired on September 30, the license figures for October 31, printed below, are not as large as those for September, though they show a considerable increase on the number in force on October 31, 1933, when the grand total was 107,051 licenses.

DISTRICT.			CLASS OF LICENSES.				
		Receivers.	Dealers'.	Trans- mitting.	Experi- mental	Free.	Broad- casting.
Auckland		42,629	394	174	1	134	5
Canterbury		25,605	217	169	_	57	3
Otago		19,213	147	106	_	38	Ð.
Wellington		51,933	359	354	2	82	9
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Grand Total: 141,640.