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Its Bee

WHAT is the new bee in the bonnet of 3ZB? Listeners to the station have been wondering about this trailer. It turns out to be a spelling bee. Every Thursday night at 8.45 o'clock, competitors who think they know how to spell the "very simplest words," parade their erudition in a knock-out competition. "Professor" Jack Maybury and "Dr." Ken Waterhouse have the matter in hand, and there's a prize for the winner.

On The Job

"NEWS hounds" from 3ZB were quick on the job the other day, when they learned that the Pioneer Sports Club was holding a camp-fire stunt at Duvauchelles Bay, near Akaroa. Executives made for the spot, with a few artists aboard, and turned on one of the brightest half-hour programmes heard for a long time.

At The BBC

WELL-KNOWN writer, Miss Elsie Morton, has been tripping about a good deal since she covered the coronation for her paper. After spending some months in England she visited the Continent. In a letter to an Auckland friend Miss Morton, who has broadcast many times from 1YA, describes an interesting trip she recently made to the Holy Land and Turkey, where she visited the mosque and other famous scenes of early days and history. Two other members of the same tourist party were Dean Inge and H. V. Morton, both of whom Miss Morton met a great deal. While in London Miss Morton gave two talks from the BBC studios, one on Waitomo Caves, and the other about Wairekei. The former was printed in full by "The Listener."

P.W.D. Series

THE first of a series of programmes for men in Public Works camps throughout the Dominion began yesterday at 2ZB, and will be continued on Monday evenings at 6.45 p.m. Programmes are conducted by Mr. J. Ingley, a former P.W.D. official, with a special knowledge of his subject.

Racing

THE extension of the racing carnival in Christchurch, through wet weather and the presence of the Australian horses, caused tremendous interest both on and off the course. Station 3YA, as usual, presented arm-chair racing enthusiasts with up-to-date news of the various events. Announcer Frank Jarrett, although suffering from a severe cold, performed the descriptive part of the broadcasting side of the sport in excellent style.

To Talk

TWO people who have delved at various times deeply into the background of New Zealand's history are to

"MENIN GATE"

TO BE HEARD SOON
FROM 2YA

WHEN he brought to light a composition which he called "Menin Gate," dedicated to the memory of the Unknown Soldier, Mr. Percy Nicholls, of Christchurch, found many fellow musicians keenly interested in the work. It was introduced first at an Anzac Day service in King Edward Barracks,



PERCY NICHOLLS.

... Whose "Menin Gate" will be heard on May 6 from 2YA.

and was played by Woolston, top-ranking band of Canterbury.

Mr. Nicholls, whose business interests prevent him from doing very much singing nowadays, was known not so long ago as the "New Zealand tenor." Moreover, he has made several records of operatic arias.

He informed the "Record's" Christchurch reporter last week that he had received advice from 2YA that that station had scheduled his composition for performance by the Port Nicholson Band at about 9.33 p.m. on May 6.

Mr. Arthur Lilly, A.R.C.O., arranged the piece, which is generally of a meditative character, opening with a longing, wistful thought. A response increases in intensity until it becomes dramatic, bold and dignified, and reaches a florid figure of the flight of thoughts to things above the horror of the world tragedy.

The final soft andante movement tells of peace and resignation.

be heard in talks from 3YA in the next few days. On May 9, Mona Tracy will chat about "Rain on the Greenstone," a West Coast sketch, and on the following evening E. L. Kehoe will let listeners into secrets concerning Westland before the advent of the white man. May 12 will find Leicester

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