

Advisory Committees Meet

A MEETING of the IYA Musical and Dramatic Committee was held on Friday, October 31. Mr. A. B. Chapell, representing the Dickens Fellowship, presided. There were present: Mr. J. F. Montague (Auckland Comedy Players), Mr. E. Blair (W.E.A.), Mr. E. D. Robins (University Students' Association), Mr. Karl Atkinson (Auckland Piano Students' Association), Miss G. Bertram (N.Z. League of Penwomen), Mr. L. E. Lambert (Bohemian Orchestra), Mr. C. B. Plummer (Auckland Choral Society), Mr. F. M. Price (Aeolian Orchestra), Mr. L. C. Barnes (station director), Mr. O. M. Pritchard (programme organiser). An apology for absence was received from Mr. T. T. Garland.

The adjudicators in the literary section of the song-writing competition announced that the winner was Mr. W. F. Chambers, of Wellington, with Miss Lusher, of Remuera, very highly commended. It was decided to proceed with the second portion of the competition and to offer a prize of three guineas for the best musical setting of the words. Entries will close on November 28. The adjudicators will be: Dr. S. Kenneth Phillips, Mr. H. Holingrake and Mr. John Tait. The chairman, who was one of the judges of the poems, stated that he proposed to broadcast a talk regarding the competition and the entries received.

In connection with the spelling-bee for school children, the chairman reported that he and Mr. Barnes had the matter in hand. Reporting on coming programmes, Mr. Barnes said that on November 26 the Auckland Training College Glee Club will be broadcast.

November 29 is being given over to a special Scottish programme as that is St. Andrew's Day. On December 3 the Jubilee Institute for the Blind is giving a concert, and on December 9 the IYA Broadcasting Choir will perform "St. John's Eve." On December 10 the Ponsonby Boys' Band is giving a programme. With regard to talks, Mr. E. S. Kohn is giving two talks, one on December 2 and the other on the 9th, on "Birth Stones." In December also, Dr. Kenneth Phillips would give a concert and Mr. Montague would present an entertainment called "Passers By," the nature of which would be kept secret. Next year a series of six concerts under the auspices of the New Zealand Federated Society of Music Teachers would be presented.

THE Rev. L. B. Busfield, representing the Sunday School Union, presided at a meeting of the IYA Children's Sessions Advisory Committee. Also present were: Mr. D. W. Faigan (Uncle Dave), Mrs. J. F. Montague (Girl Guides' Association), Mrs. Jean Le Petit (Aunt Jean), Mr. T. T. Garland (Uncle Tom), Mrs. A. E. Roughton (Boy Scouts' Association), Rev. A. V. Whiting (Uncle Bert), Miss R. Palmer (children's organiser), and Mr. L. C. Barnes (station director). Apologies for absence were received from Miss Jean Begg and Miss Platt.

It was reported by Mr. Barnes that the secretary of the Education Board was going into the question of ar-

"I'm Just an Invalid"

Appreciative Verses of IYA Children's Session

SATURDAY evening, November 1, was the occasion of the third birthday of the Children's Session at IYA, and a happy hour was spent, all the "Uncles" and "Aunts" collaborating. The following verses were supplied by an invalid listener, "who sits around all day and listens-in to everything that comes from IYA"—and evidently appreciates everything:

*I'm just an invalid, worse luck!
Who sits around all day
And listens into everything
That comes from IYA.*

*This is a rhyme of Children's Hour
The hour that's hard to beat;
The children are so clever
That it really is a treat.*

*Dear Cinderella's cheery laugh
Makes me feel bright and gay;
She's such a very jolly Aunt
Of Station IYA.*

*Nod's stories, they are very fine,
And quite instructive, too;
It's very hard for me to think
That they can be true.*

*Now, Uncle Tom's a humorist
When not in preaching mood;
A few more men like Uncle Tom
Would make the world quite good.*

*Aunt Jean's a very charming Aunt;
Her verses cause delight.
I always wonder what she'll say
To us on Friday night.*

*On Sunday night the Children's Choir
Sings very sweet and clear,
And Uncle Bert tells Bible tales
Of peace, goodwill, and cheer.*

*Peter Pan's quick repartee
Shows he's a clever fella,
He quarrels every Thursday night,
And teases Cinderella.*

*Uncle Dave's an optimist;
His tales with fun abound,
And I am very, very sad
When six o'clock comes round.*

*Don't you love the funny songs
Sung by Uncle Barn?
He can imitate most things,
And tell a jolly yarn.*

*For all the Aunts and Uncles
Let's give a hearty cheer.
For Uncle Reg and Sunny Jim,
Whom I delight to hear.*

*So, many haps to IYA,
On this your birthday three,
And may you have a happy time,
And keep on cheering me.*

Television for Canada

THE new centre of television broadcasting in Canada will in all probability be at Toronto, according to an announcement made in connection with a display of the first commercial television receiving set in Canada at the Canadian National Exhibition recently. It is planned to form a company of prominent Canadian business men to proceed with the installation of equipment on an extensive scale. It is expected that Montreal, Hamilton, and other important cities of the Dominion will closely follow Toronto in the installation of equipment, giving Canada, a regular radio television broadcasting service.

ranging talks on vocational guidance with the view to helping children before they leave school.

Miss Palmer reported that school choirs were contributing some very fine programmes, but these choirs would not be available during the summer holidays. The Girl Guides, however, were preparing for the great rally which will mark the visit of Lord Baden Powell in February, and had offered to give programmes.

Mrs. Montague said Miss Burghin would give a talk on November 25 on the aims and objects of the movement. On Christmas Day a session will be held at 9 a.m.

Long Distance Reception of 2YA

LONG-DISTANCE reception of 2YA is frequently reported to the Radio Broadcasting Company. Particularly good results have been obtained by steamers and not infrequently reception has been reported on the east coast of the United States.

What, however, appears to be a record breaker is a report from the second engineer of the Port Glasgow, which recently visited Wellington. When two days out from London 2YA was received very clearly on an ordinary five-valve neutrodyne type of receiver.

The fact that it can be received there, let to our knowledge, never in England, goes to show that reception on the sea is much better than on the land. This can be explained by the absence of all forms of interference other than atmospherics and the absence of screening metals and objects.

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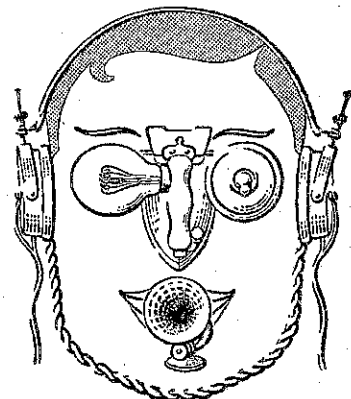
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Empire Broadcasting

Estimates of Cost

OF the Empire Broadcasting scheme a writer in London "Popular Wireless" says:—It is very difficult to indicate the cost of such a service. Some people estimate the capital cost at two hundred thousand pounds. I do not think so high a cost is necessary. I think three transmitters, each with quick wave-change devices would be suitable. I put the whole cost at nearer £100,000 as an outside figure than the one I mention above and have heard quoted. This would mean a write-off charge of £10,000 a year. Then there is maintenance, land-line charges, personnel, and power supply. The total cost of running the service might be of the order of £20,000 a year. This would mean collecting more than £50 a day for programmes.



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