

## Broadcasting for the Disabled

### Testimony of the Blind

THE pleasure derived from the programme broadcast from 2YB, New Plymouth, by those who because of disability are prevented from attending public entertainments was evidenced by a letter received by the North Taranaki Radio Society from a New Plymouth resident who is both blind and crippled. "I am writing to express our regrets at not being able to be present," read the letter, "and to congratulate you on the wonderful work done by your society and the staff of 2YB. We have enjoyed practically all the sessions during the past year. We should also like to suggest the advisability of getting in touch with all new set-holders both 'over the air' and, where possible, with personal interviews, telling them the necessity for becoming members of the society. I was speaking recently to a new set-holder who had not even heard there was such a society in New Plymouth."

## Church Services for 2YB

### Installation Almost Complete

THE broadcasting of church services from station 2YB, New Plymouth, has been under consideration for some time, but arrangements are nearly completed with three churches and it is expected that Sunday evening services will be "on the air" within a short time.

The services held in St. Mary's Church, Whiteley Memorial Church, and the Baptist Church will be heard in turn, and a service will be broadcast every Sunday. Each church has been connected by a land-line to the post office, from which the station's own line runs to the studio.

There are points for two microphones in St. Mary's Church, but only one microphone will be used in the other churches. Portable microphones will be used, and an amplifier to raise the volume above the noise level of the land-line.

A special committee consisting of the Revs. C. Eaton and F. A. Parry, Messrs. I. W. B. Roy, J. A. Pigott and F. T. Davis has been set up to take over the administration of the church services, including the children's session.

## Cricket Results

### Sunday Morning Broadcast

IN order to apprise cricket enthusiasts of the position at the close of play in the Test match, England versus New Zealand, 2YA went on the air at approximately 10 a.m. Sunday, and continued with records until the results were to hand. The station was broadcasting for approximately three-

quarters of an hour, and during this time, several times announced the score. This extra little service was greatly appreciated by both country and city listeners.

At the time of going to press, arrangements have been made for the re-broadcast of G5SW's summary at the close of play on Monday and Tuesday. This will be 5.30 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, New Zealand time.

## Toc H

### Broadcast Service

A TOC H service of thanksgiving at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 5, will be broadcast by 2YA. The preacher will be the Rev. Canon Percival James. The service will be in memory of Captain William Henry Dillon Bell, M.P., son of Sir Francis and Lady Bell, to whom the Toc H Wellington branch dedicated their lamp of maintenance. Captain Bell was the first member of Parliament to volunteer and the first to make the supreme sacrifice.

Toc H in war-time was "Everyman's Club," whose motto, "All rank abandon ye who enter here," brought officers and men alike into friendship ir-

## My Radio

*Little brown box! you sit so quietly yonder,  
Your dials seem to wreath in friendly smiles.  
How can there be in you, so small, the power  
To bring me music from a thousand miles?*

*Ah! tell me not you are but wood and metal,  
Mere coils of wire, and metal plates and screws.  
You are alive, and fare forth through the ether  
To earth's end, and return to bring me news.*

*The house is silent, and the fire burns low,  
The outer world, as well, is hushed and still.  
You seem to call me, "Listen! I will tell you  
Tales that would make a sluggard's heart to thrill."*

*I take the 'phones. You are my magic window  
Wherein I scan the lives of other men  
Who, distant from me, far across the ocean,  
Swim for an instant through my magic ken.*

*Sometimes I put the light out, and in darkness,  
Save where your valve-glow lights upon my face.  
We sit alone, just you and I, and listen.  
To voices from the void of boundless space.*

*Should swift disaster fall, whate'er the distance,  
The news comes straightway o'er the trembling air;  
Where it has happened, what the loss or slaughter,  
Can we send help, and how, and when, and where?*

*Sometimes you tell me of the deeds of heroes,  
Deeds that will rank with Raleigh, Nelson, Drake,  
And from my fireside I may glimpse the glory  
Of great deeds, grandly done, for honour's sake.*

*So, with caressing hand, my magic caskey,  
I close your lid, and quench your glowing light.  
And there you take your rest, my trusty comrade,  
Till we fare forth again to-morrow night.*

—W.H., Gisborne.

respective of class or creed, who mounted from the welcome of its open door to the hallowed communion of its upper room. It was started again on a modest scale in 1919-1920 in order to recapture the war's spirit of comradeship in common service, and to pass it on to the younger generation for the greater task of peace.

Two years from this beginning, the tiny experiment had been repeated throughout the length of England, and within five years it had girdled the earth and overleapt the bounds of the British race. It now has 841 branches scattered throughout the world.

From the first, Toc H has tried to be a family whose members—whether attached to a Christian denomination or not—endeavour to live their lives according to Christian principles and "to challenge their generation to seek in all things the mind of Christ." The ideas underlying Toc H are as old as history itself—fellowship and service. Each member in Toc H pledges himself to fellowship with other men and to the service of those less fortunate than he.

Its members are drawn from all ranks of society, from all Christian denominations, all schools of thought and political parties, for it is not primarily an ex-service society, but a club for every man, in which youth now takes the greater part. Toc H remembers the past, but looks forward to the future in hope and confidence.

## Broadcast Jottings

ON MONDAY, July 6, 1YA will be on the air all the afternoon for the purpose of broadcasting the results of the Taumarunui Racing Club's meeting, which is to be held at Ellerslie.

On Sunday, August 30, the whole of the evening will be devoted by 3YA to a relay from Ashburton—children's song service, Methodist Church service and a concert by the Ashburton Silver Band.

Both 3YA and 4YA will broadcast a concert from Waimate on Sunday, July 12. Listeners who recall the concert

**A** CONCERT, to be given by the Otago Mounted Rifles Band, is to be broadcast by 4YA and 3YA on relay from Oamaru on Sunday, August 9.

relayed from this flourishing South Canterbury town last year will look forward to another excellent programme. The town boasts a first-class band.

Two programmes—on Sunday and Wednesday evenings—are now being relayed weekly from 2YA to 2ZD, Masterton. In this matter the Masterton Radio Listeners' Club (of which Mr. G. C. Holmes is the secretary) is acting in co-operation with the Broadcasting Company.

Association football matches are being broadcast by 4YA, Dunedin. The announcer is Mr. W. Dow, of the "Otago Daily Times" literary staff. In Christchurch on July 27 the first of the Chatham Cup matches will be broadcast by 3YA. The narrator will be Mr. H. W. Huffadine, of the "Sun" literary staff.

A Scottish singer, Mr. James Smith (bass), who is making his first appearance at 3YA on Friday, July 3, was a member of the Philharmonic Society, Aberdeen, and was on active service with the Gordon Highlanders.

A debate is being arranged between the Christchurch W.E.A. and the Dialectic Society of Canterbury College. It will take place in 3YA studio next month.

Mr. Frank Milner, C.M.G., rector of Waitaki High School, is to broadcast from 3YA on July 24. He is to speak on the youth movement in Germany.

A reference of Elijah by the Christchurch Royal Choral Society is to be broadcast by 3YA on August 5.

Toward the end of July, 3YA listeners can expect to hear "The Duchess of Kensington" as presented by the Christchurch Harmonic Society.

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