

*Religious Broadcasts.*—From the main centres morning and evening services were broadcast each Sunday and short devotional services each morning, as well as a short evening wartime prayer service each Wednesday. A number of special intercessory services were broadcast.

The practice of observing for silent prayer the minute during the chiming of Big Ben at 9 p.m., commended by His Majesty the King, His Excellency the Governor-General, and the Prime Minister, was adopted by all stations, and the Central Religious Advisory Committee published a leaflet, "The Dedicated Minute," for the guidance of the people.

The Central Religious Advisory Committee consulted with local Church Committees in arranging the broadcasting of Sunday church services by churches of various denominations and upon other matters. The thanks of the Service are due to the Central Religious Advisory Committee and to the local Church Committees for their valuable co-operation.

*Broadcasts to Schools.*—The weekly broadcasts of educational sessions were continued on the usual basis until the end of 1941. For 1942 the war and other circumstances have necessitated a reorganization of these sessions. They will be arranged on a national basis by a committee representing the Education Department, the Educational Institute, and the National Broadcasting Service. Owing to restrictions on the use of paper, the usual booklets for the schools broadcasts are now only issued to each teacher, and not to each pupil.

The weekly quarter-hour session in French for post-primary schools was continued. The usual booklet was supplied to 144 schools. Over eight thousand pupils listen to these broadcasts.

The Education Department's Correspondence School broadcast a weekly session to its pupils throughout the country.

*Women's Sessions.*—Morning talks for women were given at all main stations, covering a wide field. By means of talks from Britain, or by women returning from overseas, information of the sacrifices and war effort of women in Britain and elsewhere has been broadcast.

Aspects of woman's life in New Zealand have been dealt with. The daily session, "For my Lady," has included serial dramas and introductory programmes on great writers and great composers.

Talks specially prepared by the Department of Health, the St. John Ambulance Association and the Red Cross Society, and the Home Science Department of Otago University have been broadcast regularly. In many talks and appeals woman's relation to the war has been emphasized.

*Sporting Broadcasts.*—Commentaries on sporting events were continued on a somewhat restricted scale. The club and representative Rugby matches broadcast numbered 125, as against 136 the previous year. Wrestling and boxing matches, cricket, tennis, and other sporting fixtures, as well as racing and trotting meetings, were also covered.

*Special Services.*—Special services, such as gardening talks, book reviews, &c., were continued. For security reasons, no weather reports or birthday greetings to children were broadcast.

Considerable use was made of our stations in connection with the war effort, including broadcasts associated with "Safety for Shipping" campaigns, national savings, war loans, salvage of waste material, binoculars for the Forces, production and marketing, registration of citizens for various purposes, emergency precautions, war damage insurance, recruiting for the R.N.Z.A.F. and the Air Training Corps, calls for workers in various industries.

Broadcasting facilities were afforded for many appeals for patriotic funds, including an Anzac night appeal conducted by the broadcasting stations and the telephone service, which produced a sum of £45,000.

Requests for information regarding missing cars and motor-cycles were made on 537 occasions, and 315 appeals relative to missing persons.

*Programme Analysis.*—The allocation of time to the various types of programme and service, except for the provision of time for broadcasts connected with the war, has been substantially the same as in last year's report.

*National Broadcasting Service Recordings.*—Shipping difficulties have caused uncertainty in the supply of materials, and a consequent curtailment of recording. Important recording activities associated with the war, however, have not so far been affected. B.B.C. talks and news bulletins were recorded regularly for broadcasting at times convenient to New Zealand. Recordings of historic interest were also made of New Zealand and overseas events, including many made by our Broadcasting Unit in the Middle East.

*"The New Zealand Listener."*—The *Listener* has continued throughout the year to print advance programmes of all stations, national and commercial, and to provide publicity for broadcasting services generally. There was a steady increase in sales during the year. To conserve paper-supplies it was necessary to make a further reduction in size during the year from forty-eight pages to forty.

*Relations with Overseas Organizations.*—The National Broadcasting Service is again indebted to the B.B.C. for many privileges and much assistance. Particularly valuable is permission to rebroadcast the Empire stations and facilities for the broadcasting in England of matter prepared in New Zealand for our Forces overseas. The Service has supplied the B.B.C. with commentaries on New Zealand affairs and other material for inclusion in its programmes. The B.B.C. also made available to us some excellent recorded features such as "Under the Crooked Cross," "We Also Serve," "English Pageant for St. George's Day," "The Battle for Britain."

The Australian Broadcasting Commission extended valuable assistance to the Service and made available recordings of historic interest made by the Commission's Broadcasting Unit in the Middle East.

Arrangements were made with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to record personal messages from New Zealand airmen training in Canada for our use.

The Fiji Radio Service made available facilities for the broadcasting of messages of New-Zealanders serving in Fiji, but unsatisfactory reception caused this service to be suspended.