

Medical Research. Only batches of the vaccine which have passed both series of tests will be released for use.

It is sometimes suggested that a vaccinated child can be infectious to others by reason of vaccination, but with the dead vaccine being used and the stringent safety tests to which it is subjected before being used, this could not happen. "I should like to emphasise," said Miss Hornsby-Smith, "that it is quite impossible for a vaccinated child to infect others simply because he has been vaccinated."

Nursing Echoes.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH announces that Miss Daisy Bridges, Executive Secretary, International Council of Nurses, has accepted the office of President of the Health Education Section of the Society's annual Health Congress to be held at Blackpool from April 24th-27th, 1956.

THE MEETING of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, will be held on Thursday, April 26th, 1956, at 2 p.m. at Westminster Hospital, Horseferry Road, London, S.W.1, by kind permission of Miss M. L. Young, Matron, and the Hospital Board of Governors.

MISS CATHERINE HUTCHISON, R.G.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert., has been appointed NAPT Health Lecturer for Scotland, in succession to Miss J. M. E. McVicker, who has given up the post on her marriage.

Miss Hutchison trained as a nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, from 1940 to 1944. She took the first part of the Central Midwives' Board Certificate at the Simpson Memorial Pavilion, and obtained the Health Visitor Certificate in 1946.

Since qualification Miss Hutchison has worked in East Lothian, as Health Visitor doing Child Welfare, School and Tuberculosis work, until 1953, when she was appointed Tuberculosis Health Visitor for the County of East Lothian.

Miss Hutchison has given many talks on the prevention of tuberculosis to clubs and associations in East Lothian, and lectured on the work of a Rural Health Visitor for tuberculosis at the NAPT Refresher Course for nurses in Glasgow in September, 1955.

The NAPT Health Lecturer travels all over Scotland, taking with her NAPT books and leaflets, showing NAPT 16 mm. sound cinema films, and lecturing to organisations of all kinds—Church Guilds, Scottish Women's Rural Institutes, Townswomen's Guilds, Rotary Clubs, Red Cross Detachments, Schools, groups of nurses—everyone interested in keeping themselves and others healthy.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY of Health announces that examinations for the Health Visitors' Certificate for Appointments in England and Wales, will be held in Newcastle, February 27th and 28th and March 10th; London, April 9th, 10th and 21st, July 9th, 10th and 21st, September 10th, 11th and 22nd, November 19th and 20th and December 1st; Liverpool, May 14th, 15th and 26th; Manchester, May 28th and 29th and June 9th; Birmingham, June 11th, 12th and 23rd; and Leeds, June 18th, 19th and 30th.

Examinations for the Health Visitors' and School

Nurses' Certificate for Appointments outside England and Wales, will take place in London on April 9th, 10th and 21st, July 9th, 10th and 21st, September 10th, 11th and 22nd, and November 19th and 20th and December 1st.

Full details regarding the examinations can be obtained from the Secretary, Royal Society of Health, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH announces that it is to give a first prize of 40 guineas and a second prize of 20 guineas for the best essays on "The Advantages and Disadvantages of Amalgamation between the Health and Welfare Services of a Local Authority."

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The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Ophthalmic Study Course.

April 22nd-29th, 1956.

THE National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in conjunction with the Ophthalmic Nurses' Association (which is affiliated to the National Council) is holding a Study Course for a group of international nurses, the pattern of which will follow the successful Study Course held in 1954, when nurses from eight countries attended.

Application Forms may be obtained from the Executive Secretary at 17, Portland Place, London, W.1. Stamped addressed envelope or international reply coupon should be enclosed.

Cost.—The cost of the Course is £11 10s. (eleven pounds, ten shillings) and there is a registration fee of 10s. (ten shillings). These amounts should be remitted to the National Council of Nurses, together with the completed *application form*. Cheques and money orders to be made payable to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The cost will cover accommodation in London, all meals and coaches for the various tours.

Accommodation (inclusive nights April 22nd-28th—7 nights). Accommodation will be in London and applicants will be notified of the location at a later date. Owing to the shortage of accommodation it may be necessary to share rooms.

Invitations to participate in this Course are being extended to members of the Ophthalmic Nurses' Association and other nurses in Great Britain and Northern Ireland whose work is allied to this field, and to nurses from other national nursing associations which are affiliated to the International Council of Nurses and from nurses from countries in which the International Council of Nurses have appointed a National Associate Representative.

Provisional Programme

(Prepared by Miss M. MacKellar, Matron of Moorfields, Westminster and Central Eye Hospital, London.)

The professional programme for the above Study Course is planned to cover wide aspects in this special field of nursing, to include, if possible, the following by either lecture, demonstration, visual aid together with discussion, on:—

- Cornea graft.
- Contact lens.
- Scleral resection.
- Retinal detachments.

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