

In more than one of his Annual Reports, Sir George Newman, when Chief Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health, stressed the danger of duck eggs as an article of food. Recently at an inquest at Shoreditch Dr. James Austin, bacteriologist of St. George's Square, W., told the Coroner that a duck's egg under discussion contained a germ called bacillus aerocryck.

Certain organs in the man's body showed the same disease. The type of germ was known to occur very rarely, but duck's eggs were more frequently infected than hen's eggs.

EYE HEALTH TAUGHT BY FILM.

Instruction in the care of the eyes is to be given throughout the country by means of a film, "Do You See?" which has just been completed by the National Ophthalmic Treatment Board.

The film depicts in story form the need of watchfulness against eye-strain under the high-pressure conditions of modern civilisation.

It also emphasises the danger of receiving eye treatment from anyone but a qualified eye specialist. The eyes are living organs of the body, it is explained in the commentary, not detached optical appliances; and eye ailments can only be properly remedied by an eye doctor.

One sequence of the film deals with the history of spectacles, from the first crude examples of the Middle Ages down to the scientific frames and lenses of to-day. Another shows the activities of the National Eye Service centres which the Board has established in co-operation with the British Medical Association.

These centres, which are now distributed all over the kingdom, provide for examination of the eyes of persons of limited means by medical eye specialists at a nominal fee.

HEALTH TALKS FROM THE B.B.C.

The new series of health talks on Friday morning will be given under the title "Health at Your Service." They begin on April 17th, and in the series an account of a day's work will be given by a Medical Officer of Health; a School Dentist; a Health Visitor; a Doctor at a Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic; a District Nurse working in a large city; a County Superintendent of Nursing Associations affiliated to the Queen's Institute of District Nursing; the Medical Superintendent of a Sanatorium, a Children's Hospital, and an Orthopædic Hospital respectively; and a Bacteriologist in the Public Health Service.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE

Twenty-five foreign countries have been officially invited by the Foreign Office, through their Embassies in London, to send medical representatives to the Sixth International Congress of Physical Medicine which will be held in London, May 12th-16th.

Belgium, Holland, France, Hungary, Russia and the United States have formed Organisation Committees and will be strongly represented.

Important papers will be read by British and Foreign delegates upon scientific and clinical aspects of Physical Medicine in seven sections:—Kinesitherapy, Hydrotherapy and Climatology, Electrotherapy, Actionotherapy, Radiology, and the teaching and organisation of Physical Medicine in Medical Schools and Universities.

Lord Horder will be Honorary President of the Congress, Sir Robert Stanton Woods, President and Chairman of the Executive Committee, of which Dr. Albert Eidinow, 4, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.1, is Hon. Secretary.

On April 8th Lord Horder will take the Chair at a Luncheon at the Langham Hotel, W.1, and address the guests on the subject of "The Progress of Physical Medicine" with special reference to this Congress.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, London, S.W.—Miss Gertrude Hilder, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, and at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where she has since been Night Sister, Ward Sister, Children's Ward Sister, and Second Assistant Matron.

Royal Liverpool Babies' Hospital, Liverpool.—Miss E. W. Littlejohn, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., S.C.M., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, where she was later Ward Sister, and at King's College Hospital, London. Miss Littlejohn has also been Night Sister at the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, E.; Housekeeping Sister at King's College Hospital; Assistant Matron at the National Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road; and Matron at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, London.

Borough Isolation Hospital, Hulton Lane, Bolton.—Miss A. M. Howitt, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan, and at the Heathfield Hospital, Ayr; and has been Ward Sister at the Lightburn Isolation Hospital, Lanarkshire; Night Sister at the Maternity and Child Welfare Hospital, Paisley; and Deputy Matron and Sister Tutor at the City Hospital, Coventry.

Lady Hardinge Medical College Hospital, New Delhi, India.—Miss M. D. Winter, S.R.N. has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Sassoon Hospital, Poona, India, and at King's College for Women, London, and has been Nursing Sister at the MacRobert Hospital, Cawnpore; Staff Nurse, Massage Student, Relief Sister, Holiday Sister and Night Sister at the National Hospital, London; Sister-in-Charge at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle; Sister Tutor at the Lewisham Hospital, London; and Nursing Superintendent at the Lady Reading Hospital, Simla, India.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monk's Orchard, Beckenham.—Miss M. I. H. Skene, R.G.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, the Simpson Memorial Hospital, Edinburgh, and the Maudsley Hospital, London, and has been Sister at Wantage House, St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton.

HOME SISTER AND THIRD ASSISTANT MATRON.

City Mental Hospital, Humberstone, Leicester.—Miss O. R. Williams, S.R.N., R.M.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Home Sister and Third Assistant Matron. She was trained at the City General Hospital, Leicester, and the Maudsley Hospital, London; and has been Night Sister at the Bethlem Royal Hospital, Beckenham, Kent; and Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor at the Mid Wales Counties Mental Hospital, Talgarth, Brecon.

SISTER-TUTOR

Greys Hospital, Pietermaritzburg, S. Africa.—Miss E. M. Foulkes Pritchard, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Poplar Hospital, London, E. and at the Plaistow Fever Hospital, and has been Sister Tutor under the Cape Hospital Board, Cape Town, and at the Memorial Hospital, Bulawayo, S. Africa. Miss Pritchard was formerly a member of the Registered Nurses' Association, London.

NIGHT SISTER.

Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monk's Orchard, Beckenham, Kent. Miss Elizabeth Murray, R.G.N., has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Perth; the Royal Mental Hospital, Montrose; and in Midwifery at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee. Miss Murray has been Senior Nurse and Relief Sister at the Eltham Hospital.

THE CONGRESS ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE, I.G.N.

The following ladies have accepted seats on the Congress Arrangements Committee to represent Scottish Nurses associated in the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain:

Miss M. M. Craig, President, The Scottish Matrons' Association; Miss E. Brodie, President, Scottish Nurses' Association; and Miss M. Husband, President, The Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League (the Premier League of Nurses in Scotland).

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