

recruitment campaign. In the forthcoming year new ground will be broken and new methods tried to reach the public. The mobile health exhibit will go on tour, and an itinerary has been arranged for this purpose. A campaign has been planned to renew the attack on the hydatid-disease menace. Industrial films for the training of nurses are being provided, and the production of our own films has been forecasted.

BOARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT

The Board of Health, the Medical and Dental Councils, the Medical Research Council, the Nurses and Midwives Registration Board, the Opticians Board, the Masseurs Registration Board, the Medical Advertisements Board, the Plumbers Board, the King George V Memorial Fund Board, and the Dominion Advisory Board of the New Zealand Federation of Health Camps continued their work during the year.

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

As delegates from the New Zealand Government, Dr. H. B. Turbott and I attended the International Health Conference, convened by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and held in New York from 19th June to 22nd July, 1946.

As a result of the deliberations of the Conference the following instruments were drawn up and separately signed :—

Constitution of the World Health Organization.

Arrangement for the establishment of an Interim Commission of the World Health Organization.

Protocol concerning the Office International d'Hygiene Publique.

SOUTH PACIFIC HEALTH SERVICE

An agreement for the establishment of a South Pacific Health Service was made between the Government of New Zealand (in respect of the New Zealand island territories, including Western Samoa), the Government of Fiji, and the Eastern Pacific High Commission.

This agreement regularizes and extends an arrangement for co-operation in health matters which has for nearly twenty years existed in the island territories administered by the Government of Fiji, the Western Pacific High Command, and the Government of New Zealand.

MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

Thyroid Research Committee.—Three papers published during year :—

- (1) "Observations on the Acidophil Cell Changes in the Pituitary in Thyroxine Deficiency States—(1): Acidophil Degranulation in relation to Goitrogenic Agents and Extrathyroidal Thyroxine Synthesis" (Purves and Griesbach). *British Journal of Experimental Pathology*, 1946, Vol. XXVII.
- (2) "Studies on Experimental Goitre—VII: Thyroid Carcinomata in Rats treated with Thiourea" (Purves and Griesbach). *British Journal of Experimental Pathology*, 1946, Vol. XXVII.
- (3) "The Effect of Thyroid Administration on the Thyrotropic Activity of the Rat Pituitary" (Purves and Griesbach). *Endocrinology*, Vol. 39, No. 4, October, 1946.