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Diphtheria



At least **SEVEN** out
of every **TEN** children
must be immunised

if Diphtheria is to be kept in check.

Make sure **YOUR** child is one of the seven.



The Diphtheria germ needs a number of victims to develop its full virulence as it passes from throat to throat. If your child is unprotected, along with others in your vicinity, conditions favourable to a sudden flare-up may be created.

IMMUNISATION
is our weapon
against this
dangerous disease,
and the attack
must never be
relaxed.

Let us aim at complete freedom from diphtheria by universal immunisation, which is available to every child free.

NOTE:

(a) In 1930, before immunisation was begun in New Zealand, there were 2,442 cases with 95 deaths. In 1950, as the result of immunisation, there were only 51 cases with 4 deaths in children who had not been immunised.

(b) During World War II, when immunisation was suspended in Europe because of hostilities, there were approximately 3,000,000 cases of diphtheria. After the war, immunisation against diphtheria was one of the priorities in medical rehabilitation work in Europe. Result—in 1951, there were only 69,000 cases. This work is continuing.

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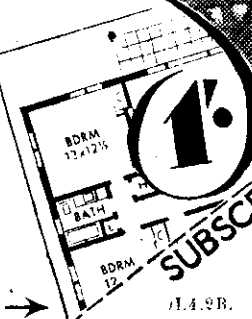
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