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FOR  
1944



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**To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the  
Borough of Hornsey.**

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Public Health for the year ending December 31st, 1944.

It is common knowledge to those who read the daily papers and listen to the news over the air that the health of this country has been maintained at a high standard through nearly six years of war. There have been no serious epidemics such as the world-wide pandemic of influenza which followed immediately on the European War of 1914-18, and cost many more lives in four months than were lost in four years of warfare.

The chief vital statistics of the Borough seen in comparison with past years in Hornsey and also with the corresponding figures for England and Wales, the 126 County Boroughs and "Great Towns," the 148 Smaller Towns, and London, are set out in Table A. From this comparison it will be seen that the birth rate of 19.08 per 1,000 of population is the highest for a quarter of a century; the infant mortality at 38.39 per 1,000 live births is well below the figures for England and Wales, the Great Towns, the Smaller Towns and London.

The death rate of 14.94 is the highest (except 15.16 for 1940) ever recorded, and compares unfavourably with the figures for England and Wales, Great Towns, and Smaller Towns. The explanation of this figure is the high proportion of aged persons in the Borough. On account of the exceptional age-constitution of our population, this figure must remain high.

The Minister of Health (Circular 49/45) mentions "certain subjects of current interest in particular," on which observations should be made, e.g., Tuberculosis, Venereal Disease, premature and illegitimate infants and infestation.

**Tuberculosis and Venereal Disease.**

These have been referred to in propaganda on public health by various authorities, high and low, as the "black spots" on our otherwise satisfactory vital statistics. I am happy to be able to report that they are amongst the "high lights" of the picture in this Borough. The deaths from tuberculosis in 1944 totalled 42 (39 pulmonary and 3 non-pulmonary), which is the smallest number ever recorded.

It is not quite so easy to state the position in regard to the venereal diseases, because they are not notifiable as such. Venereal diseases have, however, repercussions in various directions, which enable a Medical Officer of Health, in close touch with the population, through the Maternity and Child Welfare and School Medical Departments, to become aware of any striking rise or fall in the incidence of V.D. For example, Ophthalmia Neonatorum (inflammation of the eyes of the newborn infant) is notifiable. In its most acute forms it is generally due to gonococcal infection of the infant's eyes, contracted in birth from the mother. The notifications of Ophthalmia Neonatorum totalled 13 in the five years 1940-1944 inclusive, against 28 notified in the five years 1935-1939. Then at the Ante-natal Clinics, where expectant mothers in hundreds (including young women recently in the Forces) are examined periodically, there



has been practically no evidence of syphilis, gonorrhœa or soft-sore. Similarly, the thousands of infants and young children attending the Child Welfare Centres have shown no evidence of syphilitic infection of their parents. Finding it difficult to reconcile this clean local bill of health with the oft-repeated statement that venereal diseases have more than doubled during the war, I obtained the figures of persons attending V.D. Clinics in London and the four contiguous counties for the five years of war and for ten years before the war. The statistics indicate that, in the depleted civilian population of these five counties, V.D. was lower in incidence during every year of war than in any of the ten years preceding the war, and less than half the incidence in the early thirties—well remembered as the years of economic depression and unemployment following the financial crisis of 1931.

#### **Premature and Illegitimate Children.**

Premature children and infants born under weight naturally receive special care in nursing and feeding by the midwives in domiciliary practice, by the staff of the Alexandra Maternity Home, by the Health Visitors in their home visiting, and by the Medical Officers at the Infant Welfare Centres.

Illegitimate infants receive the same care and attention from the staff of the Maternity and Child Welfare Department as do legitimate children and, with the co-operation of voluntary agencies, all the suggestions (a) to (h) in Circular 2866 from the Ministry of Health regarding the care of illegitimate children are in operation in this Borough.

#### **Infestation.**

Adequate facilities exist for dealing with skin infestations—pediculosis and scabies. Adult males found infested are treated by men at the Central Depot, High Street, Hornsey, and women and children have the same treatment from a woman at the Cleansing Station established in Pear Tree Cottage, adjoining the School Clinic at the Town Hall.

#### **Immunisation.**

For the third successive year no death occurred from diphtheria. The diphtheria wards at the Joint Isolation Hospital, Muswell Hill, which serves the needs of Hornsey, Finchley, Wood Green and Friern Barnet (a population of about a quarter of a million), have been closed during the entire year and remain closed. There is now no need to persuade parents to have their children immunised. They have learned from experience that immunisation is a perfectly painless and safe procedure, without unpleasant reactions, and they believe, rightly, that it prevents diphtheria in the great majority of children and is an almost certain protection against a fatal issue from this disease. Therefore they welcome the opportunities for immunisation provided by the Council at the Infant Welfare Centres War-Time Day Nurseries and in the Schools.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. P. GARROW,  
Medical Officer of Health.

## STATISTICS FOR 1944

(Section A).

## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS.

Area (acres) ... ..	2,872
„ (square miles) ... ..	4.49
Population (Census 1931) ... ..	95,524
Do., Registrar-General's estimate, 1944 ... ..	76,440
No. of separately-assessed inhabited premises (end of 1944), according to Rate Books ... ..	23,100
Rateable value (General Rate) at 31st December	£1,053,685
Product of a penny rate ... ..	£4,075

## LIVE BIRTHS.

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate ... ..	722	677	1,389
Illegitimate ... ..	33	37	70
	<hr/> 755	<hr/> 704	<hr/> 1,459

Birth Rate ... 19.08 (per 1,000 population).

## STILL-BIRTHS.

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate ... ..	18	23	41
Illegitimate ... ..	3	0	3
	<hr/> 21	<hr/> 23	<hr/> 44

Still-Birth Rate ... 29.28 (per 1,000 total live and still births).

## DEATHS.

Males ... ..	539
Females ... ..	603
	<hr/> 1,142

Death Rate ... 14.94 (per 1,000 population).

## INFANT DEATHS (under 1 year of age).

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate ... ..	23	26	49
Illegitimate ... ..	6	1	7
	<hr/> 29	<hr/> 27	<hr/> 56

## DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

All infants per 1,000 live births ... ..	38.39
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ... ..	35.27
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ... ..	100.0

## MATERNAL MORTALITY.

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births
Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis	1	0.66
Other maternal causes ... ..	1	0.66
Total ... ..	<hr/> 2	<hr/> 1.32



## DEATHS FROM SPECIAL CAUSES.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ... ..	172
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... ..	0
Deaths from Whooping-Cough (all ages) ... ..	4
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ... ..	5

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES  
FOR THE AREA

(Section B).

The normal hospital, clinic, ambulance, laboratory and nursing services were all maintained as in pre-war years.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(Section C).

## SANITARY INSPECTION.

The following statement of the work of the Sanitary Inspectors has been prepared by Mr. J. H. Jesse, Chief Sanitary Inspector:

Complaints ... ..	1,539
Re-inspections ... ..	2,703
Information from builder ... ..	178
Special Inspections ... ..	351
Drainage ... ..	260
Water tests applied (new drains) ... ..	15
Smoke and Chemical tests (old drains) ... ..	53
Fee Tests ... ..	1
Verminous houses ... ..	77
Pests ... ..	29
Overcrowding surveys ... ..	2
Overcrowding Re-inspections ... ..	3
Notifiable Infectious Diseases ... ..	278
Scabies ... ..	108
Small-pox Contacts ... ..	75
Food Poisoning ... ..	5
Sunday Trading Inspections ... ..	118
Shops Acts ... ..	33
Cooked Meat Shops ... ..	2
Butchers' shops ... ..	37
Slaughter-Houses ... ..	105
Dairies and Milkshops ... ..	26
Grocers' shops ... ..	98
Bakehouses ... ..	19
Fish shops ... ..	23
Restaurant kitchens ... ..	15
Greengrocers' shops ... ..	13
Other food shops ... ..	81
Food Inspections ... ..	508
Milk Surveys ... ..	3
Rat Infestation Order ... ..	1,017
Factories and outworkers ... ..	48
Conveniences ... ..	9
Music and Dancing Licences ... ..	9
Petroleum Stores ... ..	51
Smoke observations ... ..	1
Surveys (Permitted Number) ... ..	10
Re-Surveys (Permitted Number) ... ..	2
Memo. B. E. & S. ... ..	15

## INSPECTIONS NECESSITATED BY WAR CONDITIONS.

Rest Centres ... ..	4
Salvage Sack Sites ... ..	292
Survey of Unoccupied Houses ... ..	680
Landlord & Tenant (War Damage) Amendment Act, 1941	148
Air Raid Shelters ... ..	326
Fuel and Lighting Order ... ..	56
Food Shops Damaged ... ..	2
First Aid Repairs ... ..	378
Control of Building Operations (No. 2) Order, 1944 ...	498
Visits re Certificates of Essentiality ... ..	97
Building Licences ... ..	266
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	10,667

## NOTICES.

The Notices served during the year are as follows:—

Under the—	Verbal	Preliminary	Statutory
Public Health and Housing Acts	167	602	38
Housing Byelaws ... ..	—	3	—
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	167	605	38
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## SUMMARY OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT.

## DRAINAGE.

Number of houses and premises redrained ... ..	2
Repairs or amendments to existing drains ... ..	25
Drains or gullies unstopped or cleansed ... ..	64
Manholes provided ... ..	9
Manholes repaired ... ..	14
Intercepting traps fixed ... ..	6
New gulley traps fixed ... ..	15
New soil pipes and ventilating shafts fixed ... ..	6
Soil pipes and ventilating shafts repaired ... ..	9

## WATER-CLOSETS AND SANITARY FITTINGS.

New water-closet buildings ... ..	2
New water-closet basins fixed ... ..	54
Water-closets unstopped, cleansed or repaired ... ..	33
New sinks provided ... ..	19
New lavatory basins provided ... ..	13
Waste-pipes trapped, repaired or unstopped ... ..	42
Waste-pipes diverted into proper drain ... ..	8
Baths provided or made usable ... ..	1
Urinals cleansed ... ..	3

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Roofs repaired ... ..	103
Eaves guttering renewed, cleansed or repaired ... ..	51
Rain-water pipes provided, repaired ... ..	32
Damp walls remedied ... ..	48
Damp-proof courses inserted ... ..	6
Paving of yards repaired ... ..	14
Premises structurally repaired ... ..	211



Rooms cleansed, distempered or papered ... ..	23
Premises disinfested of vermin ... ..	7
Drinking-water cisterns repaired, cleansed and covered	25
Water supply (additional) provided ... ..	26
Windows and skylights provided or made usable ... ..	25
Sub-floor ventilation ... ..	3
Floors repaired ... ..	53
Walls and ceilings repaired ... ..	141
Windowsills repaired ... ..	8
Sash cords and fittings repaired ... ..	47
Sanitary dustbins provided ... ..	64
Accumulations of manure and refuse removed ... ..	11
Stoves, ranges and coppers repaired or renewed ... ..	59
Sundry items ... ..	50
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	1,329
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**BYELAWS RELATING TO HOUSES INTENDED OR USED  
FOR OCCUPATION BY THE WORKING CLASSES AND LET  
IN LODGINGS OR OCCUPIED BY MEMBERS OF MORE  
THAN ONE FAMILY.**

Five houses have been dealt with under these Byelaws during the year and the following works carried out:—  
Byelaw.

4 (b) Water supplies ... ..	1
4 (e) Cooking accommodation ... ..	1
5 (g) Staircase repairs ... ..	2
5 (h) Handrails provided ... ..	1
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	5
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**HOUSING STATISTICS  
(Section D).**

The housing statistics of the year as required by the Ministry of Health are set out below:—

**1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year:—**

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	1,430
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	2,594
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... ..	—
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	—
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	—
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	499

2. <i>Remedy of Defects during the Year without service of formal Notices:—</i>	
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	223
3. <i>Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:—</i>	
A.—Proceedings under Sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930:—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	
(a) By owners	—
(b) By local authority in default of owners	—
B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	38
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—	
(a) By owners	12
(b) By local authority in default of owners	—
C.—Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930:—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	—
D.—Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930:—	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	—
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	—
*4. <i>Housing Act, 1936. Overcrowding:—</i>	
(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	30
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	37
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	216
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	2
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	1
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	9

\* These figures are taken from Departmental records, but owing to changes brought about by war conditions the figures may not indicate the final position in regard to overcrowding.



## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### (Section E.)

#### FOOD CONDEMNED—1944.

	lbs.	ozs.		lbs.	ozs.
Tinned Meat ...	823	10	Biscuits ...	76	8
Tinned Vegetables	225	12	Tinned Fruit ...	179	
Tinned Dried Milk	46	7	Dripping ...	18	
Tinned Liquid Milk	734	5	Lard ...	138	4
Tinned Fish ...	285	5	Flour ...	2,027	8
Tinned Jam ...	79	8	Cocoa Butter ...	672	
Tinned Soup ...	132	10	Extracon ...	196	
Bottled Jam ...	1,100		Sweetened Chocolate	470	
Bottled Marmalade	158		Golden Syrup ...	58	
Tea ...	208	12	Salad Cream ...	3	
Sugar ...	4,311	4	Custard Powder ...	3	
Bacon ...	824	10	Fresh Vegetables ...	2,128	8
Cooked Meats ...	127	10	Poultry ...	82	
Margarine ...	121	10	Spaghetti ...	25	
Butter ...	52		Cakes ...	26	
Cereals ...	1,347		Gravy Powders ...	14	10
Dried Vegetables ...	1,931	8	Salt ...	180	4
Cheese ...	287	11	Spices ...	3	11
Dried Egg ...	32	10	Pepper ...	1	
Sauce ...	24	12	Mustard ...	9	8
Winkles ...	56		Vegetarian Foods...	11	4
Fresh Meat ...	835	5	Meat Extracts ...	13	10
Fresh Fish ...	3,830	2	Honey ...	43	
Fresh Fruit ...	948		Sweets ...	348	4
Cocoa ...	3,841		Bread ...	161	
Coffee ...	15	8	Lemonade Powder	7	
Cake and			Suet ...	20	8
Pudding Mixtures	119		Benger's Food ...	40	
Marmite ...		4	Gelatine ...	2	8
Pickles ...	252	12			
Nut Frying Oil ...	112		Bottled Milk ...	2 quarts	
Dried Fruit ...	406	4	Fruit Squash ...	25 bottles	
Tinned Marmalade	21		Eggs ...	613	
Chocolate Powder	24		Oxo Cubes ...	44	

229 Horses were slaughtered and one Pony. 746½ lbs. of meat were condemned, including liver and lungs.

#### CLEANSING AND DISINFECTING STATION.

Male adults are treated at the Cleansing Station attached to the Central Depot in High Street, Hornsey. Women and children are dealt with at the Cleansing Station close by the School Clinic at the rear of the Town Hall. Disinfection of clothing is carried out by agreement with the Finchley, Hornsey, Wood Green and Friern Barnet Joint Hospital Committee at the Isolation Hospital, Muswell Hill.

All these arrangements are working satisfactorily and assist the staffs of the Public Health, Maternity and Child Welfare and School Medical Departments in combating head lice and improving the general standard of cleanliness. No legal action has been taken under the Scabies Order in 1944.

# INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(Section F.)

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The following are the numbers of children immunised during 1944:—

Under 5 years of age	...	...	569
Over 5 years of age	...	...	52
Total	...	...	621

## VACCINATION.

The Public Vaccinators inform me that they performed vaccination of persons in the Borough during 1944 as follows:—

Dr. E. Buckler	...	...	286
Dr. R. Mackay	...	...	506

## PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.

(PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1925, SECTION 66.)

Four cases of ophthalmia neonatorum were notified, all of which were nursed at home.

Cases			Vision unimpaired.	Vision impaired.	Total blindness.	Deaths.	Removed from district.
Notified.	Treated.						
	At home.	In hospital or nursing home.					
4	4	0	3	0	0	0	1

## TUBERCULOSIS.

### PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS.

No occasion has arisen in the course of the year to put these powers into action.

The following statement shows the total number of beds for cases of tuberculosis belonging to or reserved for the sole use of the Middlesex County Council at the end of December, 1944, namely:—

Institution	Accommodation			Type of Case
	Adults M	Adults F	Children	
Harefield County Hospital ... ..	192	192	66	Pulmonary—sanatorium
Clare Hall County Hospital ... ..	4	4	10	.. observation
Danesbury Manor, Welwyn ... ..	198	222	34	.. sanatorium
Victoria Home, Windsor ... ..	—	60	—	..
	—	—	6	Non-pulmonary



Patients are also sent to the Middlesex County Council's general hospitals and to numerous other voluntary hospitals and sanatoria.

The total number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1944 was 1,076, viz., pulmonary 843, non-pulmonary 233, an increase of 48 on the total for last year.

A table showing the history of cases of Tuberculosis during the year will be found on Table F.

### MORTUARY.

Ninety-two bodies were received at the mortuary.

### DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

Mr. F. G. Buxton, the Veterinary Inspector, has kindly supplied me with details of his work in the Borough under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders during 1944, as follows:—

Total number of Licences issued under the	
Contagious Diseases of Animals Acts ...	0
Inspections made under the Contagious	
Diseases of Animals Acts ...	26
	(Pigs 261)

No action was necessary under the Tuberculosis Order, 1925.

One post-mortem examination on a pig was carried out during the year.

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TABLE B.—Causes of, and ages at, death in 1944.

TABLE C.—Infant Mortality in 1944. Causes of, and ages at, death.

TABLE D.—Births, Deaths, Infant Deaths, and Deaths from certain diseases, 1915-44.

TABLE E.—Cases of Infectious Disease notified in 1944.

TABLE F.—(1) Notification of, and deaths from, Tuberculosis, 1944.

„ (2) Tuberculosis Register, 1944.



TABLE A.  
BOROUGH OF HORNSEY VITAL STATISTICS, 1914-1944.

YEAR.	Estimated Mid-Year Population.	Birth Rate per 1,000 Population.	Death Rate per 1,000 Population.	Infant Mortality per 1,000 live Births.
1914 ... ..	85,456	17.8	9.2	57
1915 ... ..	85,800	15.5	12.2	80
1916 ... ..	86,147	16.0	11.5	46
1917 ... ..	86,450	11.3	10.9	70
1918 ... ..	86,942	11.7	13.8	61
1919 ... ..	87,100	13.6	11.4	64
1920 ... ..	87,410	19.3	10.3	54
1921 ... ..	87,691	16.7	11.0	49
	(Census).			
1922 ... ..	88,007	15.4	11.2	54
1923 ... ..	88,325	14.4	10.5	51
1924 ... ..	88,661	13.4	10.4	41
1925 ... ..	89,064	13.6	10.6	43.6
1926 ... ..	89,850	13.4	10.3	47.2
1927 ... ..	90,000	13.3	11.2	38.3
1928 ... ..	90,250	12.1	12.1	61.3
1929 ... ..	90,500			
	Regr.-Gen.'s Estimate.			
	88,450	13.8	12.7	54.05
1930 ... ..	88,450	13.7	11.8	41.35
	Census.			
1931 ... ..	95,524	11.9	11.2	52.6
	Regr.-Gen.'s Estimate			
1932 ... ..	96,990	11.37	11.45	46.2
1933 ... ..	96,070	10.85	12.2	43.2
1934 ... ..	95,306	11.07	11.68	37.91
1935 ... ..	95,330	11.83	10.84	48.7
1936 ... ..	96,160	12.0	11.98	40.0
1937 ... ..	96,520	12.07	11.95	45.49
1938 ... ..	96,680	12.38	11.26	32.58
1939 ... ..	<sup>†</sup> (a)96,610			
	(b)90,780	11.39	11.16	27.25
1940 ... ..	77,130	12.82	15.16	49.30
1941 ... ..	69,730	12.86	13.95	63.20
1942 ... ..	74,800	16.37	14.13	49.80
1943 ... ..	78,170	18.08	14.48	30.41
1944 ... ..	76,440	19.08	14.94	38.39
ENGLAND and WALES ... (Rates in 1944)		17.6	11.6	46
126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, includ- ing London ... (Rates in 1944)		20.3	13.7	52
148 Smaller Towns ... Resident Population 25,000—50,000 at 1931 census (Rates in 1944)		20.9	12.4	44
London (Adm. County) (Rates in 1944)		15.0	15.7	61

TABLE B.—CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATH, 1944.

	Total.	All Ages.		0		1		2-4		5-14		15-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65-74		75 & over		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
1. Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
2. Cerebro-spinal fever	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
3. Scarlet Fever	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
4. Whooping cough	4	2	2	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
5. Diphtheria	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	39	24	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	2	7	6	3	4	...	8	2	1	2	...	6	
7. Other forms of tuberculosis	3	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	7	
8. Syphilitic diseases	8	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	2	8	
9. Influenza	8	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	1	2	1	9
10. Measles	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	
11. Acute polio-myelitis and polio-encephalitis	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	
12. Acute infectious encephalitis	1	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	
13. Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus (males only)	11	11	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	2	...	4	...	13
Cancer of uterus (females)	10	0	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	4	...	2	...
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	21	10	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	6	6	3	1	2	14
15. Cancer of breast	15	0	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	1	...	3	...	5	15
16. Cancer of all other sites	115	52	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	5	8	16	13	18	22	11	18	16	
17. Diabetes	5	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	17
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions	136	54	82	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	4	5	7	9	23	33	19	33	18	
19. Heart disease	269	128	141	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	1	1	5	7	3	29	12	35	44	53	75	19	
20. Other diseases of circ. system	51	31	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	2	2	9	5	18	10	20
21. Bronchitis	60	31	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	4	3	11	4	14	19	21
22. Pneumonia	47	21	26	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	3	2	2	9	7	5	7	22
23. Other respiratory diseases	10	1	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	6	23
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	16	10	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	2	1	...	4	3	...	24
25. Diarrhoea, under 2 years	5	2	3	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
26. Appendicitis	2	0	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	26
27. Other digestive diseases	26	13	13	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	3	2	2	5	3	4	27
28. Nephritis	28	15	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	3	4	4	5	6	4	28
29. Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis	1	0	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
30. Other maternal causes	1	0	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
31. Premature birth	13	10	3	10	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
32. Con. mal., birth injuries, infantile disease	23	10	13	9	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	32
33. Suicide	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	33
34. Road traffic accidents	7	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	34
35. Other violent causes	131	50	81	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	7	4	5	8	9	14	11	9	6	6	7	10	4	27	35
36. All other causes	73	40	33	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	4	9	4	19	17	36
Totals	1,142	539	603	29	27	0	2	2	1	0	1	12	7	16	20	25	35	51	46	91	72	146	160	167	232	



TABLE C.—INFANT MORTALITY, 1944.

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	Deaths from stated causes at various ages under One Year of Age.									Total Deaths under One Year.
		DAYS		WEEKS			MONTHS				
		Under 1 Day	1 Day Under 1 Week	1	2	3	1-2	3-5	6 8	9-11	
Conditions associated with Pregnancy & Birth	Premature Birth ... ..	6	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
	Congenital Malformations ...	1	4	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	9
	Congenital Debility ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Injury at Birth ... ..	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3
Conditions arising from Infection after Birth	Varicella ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
	Whooping Cough ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	3
	Meningitis (non-meningoc) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
	Pneumonia ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	3	...	8
	Hernia Intestinal Obstruction ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
	Enteritis and Diarrhoea ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	1	...	5
	Other diseases peculiar to first year of life ... ..	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
	Other causes ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	4
	Totals ... ..	9	15	4	2	1	6	9	8	2	56

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TABLE D.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, INFANT DEATHS AND DEATHS FROM CERTAIN DISEASES, 1915-1944.

YEAR.	Population	Total Live Births	Total Still Births	Total Deaths	Total Infant Deaths (under one year)	Deaths from Measles	Deaths from Whooping Cough	Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two yrs.)	Deaths from Scarlet Fever	Deaths from Diphtheria	Deaths from Typhoid Fever	Deaths from Cancer	Deaths from Tuberculosis Pulmonary	Deaths from Tuberculosis (Non-Pulmonary)
1915		1,394	...	1,007	112	37	7	23	3	11	2	99	58	19
1916		1,404	...	928	64	0	5	8	0	11	1	106	84	20
1917		1,038	...	906	73	14	6	3	0	6	0	113	58	25
1918		1,037	...	1,094	64	6	13	7	2	8	0	130	76	13
1919		1,188	...	992	76	0	0	6	2	3	1	119	66	11
1920		1,707	...	903	93	4	7	7	3	20	2	119	61	12
1921	87,691	1,468	...	968	72	1	2	15	3	13	0	136	74	12
1922		1,372	...	992	72	3	7	3	3	7	0	143	60	13
1923		1,217	...	928	64	4	1	5	1	4	1	136	47	11
1924		1,189	...	928	48	2	2	1	1	2	0	146	55	7
1925		1,214	...	946	53	1	8	3	0	1	0	143	48	7
1926		1,206	...	928	57	8	3	2	0	1	1	147	59	8
1927		1,201	...	1,012	46	0	0	4	1	6	1	131	58	6
1928		1,191	...	995	73	6	1	3	2	6	1	132	59	10
1929		1,221	...	1,128	67	0	13	2	0	7	0	143	58	15
1930		1,209	45	1,047	50	4	0	10	2	4	0	156	57	7
1931	95,524 R. Gen.'s Estimate	1,139	44	1,058	60	0	2	5	1	5	0	179	52	5
1932	96,990	1,103	38	1,111	51	6	3	8	0	4	0	160	54	9
1933	96,070	1,041	41	1,102	45	0	3	6	0	2	0	171	44	20
1934	95,306	1,055	35	1,114	40	5	2	2	2	4	0	176	59	7
1935	95,330	1,128	36	1,034	55	1	0	15	0	1	1	170	54	14
1936	96,160	1,155	31	1,152	47	3	2	8	1	1	2	181	58	5
1937	96,520	1,165	34	1,153	53	1	3	6	1	1	0	179	43	11
1938	96,680	1,197	45	1,089	39	6	4	4	0	4	1	159	37	14
1939*(a)	96,610	1,101	41	1,014	30	0	2	2	0	4	1	164	51	3
(b)	90,780													
1940	77,130	†(a) 933 (b) 989	†(a) 39 (b) 42	1,169	46	0	0	3	0	1	0	179	42	7
1941	69,730	(a) 791 (b) 897	(a) 26 (b) 27	973	50	2	1	3	0	1	0	145	43	5
1942	74,800	1,225	30	1,057	61	0	0	2	0	0	0	184	50	10
1943	78,170	1,414	43	1,132	43	2	2	8	0	0	0	195	57	5
1944	76,440	1,459	44	1,142	56	0	4	5	0	0	0	172	39	3

\* (a) For calculation of Birth rates.

(b) " " " Death rates.

† (a). For calculation of Infant and Maternal Mortality Rates.

(b) " " " Birth rates.



TABLE E.—INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED, 1944.

DISEASE	WARDS								AGES							Total	Admitted to Joint Hospital.	Admitted to other Hospitals.	Nursed at Home.
	Highgate	Muswell Hill.	Crouch End	Central Hornsey	North Haringey	South Haringey	Stroud Green	Finbury Park.	0—	1—	5—	15—	25—	45—	65 and over				
	1	5	15	25	45	65													
Scarlet Fever ...	17	20	10	57	21	4	27	4	2	49	92	12	4	1	0	160	115	1	44
Diphtheria ...	8	3	2	0	4	3	1	0	0	4	6	8	3	0	0	21	21	0	0
Pneumonia ...	4	5	8	9	8	2	4	1	1	3	3	6	4	15	9	41	1	2	38
Erysipelas ...	3	7	1	8	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	12	5	3	22	12	1	9
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	0	4	0
Ophthalmia																			
Neonatorum	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
Cerebro-Spinal																			
Meningitis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	0
Dysentery ...	3	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	1	1	1	9	2	4	3
Measles ...	2	8	17	71	47	43	21	6	14	97	88	11	3	2	0	215	18	0	197
Whooping Cough...	12	52	5	36	32	21	31	8	38	104	52	0	1	2	0	197	9	3	185
Encephalitis ...	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Malaria ...	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL ...	54	101	44	183	115	74	88	19	62	261	244	40	31	27	13	678	179	17	482
Admitted to Joint Isolation Hospital ...	28	28	15	55	23	6	20	4											
Other Hospitals ...	5	5	0	1	2	0	4	0											
Nursed at Home...	21	68	29	127	90	68	64	15											

There were 90 patients suffering from diseases other than infectious diseases treated at the Isolation Hospital in addition to the above.

TABLE F.—(1) NOTIFICATION OF, AND DEATHS FROM, TUBERCULOSIS, 1944.

AGE PERIODS.	New Cases.				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Years								
0 ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 ... ..	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-4 ... ..	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	0
5-14 ... ..	3	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
15-24 ... ..	19	22	3	3	3	1	0	0
25-34 ... ..	15	28	2	0	2	7	0	0
35-44 ... ..	23	9	0	0	6	3	0	1
45-54 ... ..	10	2	0	0	4	0	0	0
55-64 ... ..	10	2	0	0	8	2	0	1
65 and over ... ..	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
Totals ... ..	85	67	10	4	24	15	1	2
WARDS :								
Highgate... ..	9	10	0	0				
Muswell Hill ... ..	17	18	3	1				
Crouch End ... ..	7	4	0	1				
Central Hornsey ... ..	15	7	2	0				
North Haringey ... ..	13	11	2	0				
South Haringey ... ..	4	3	0	1				
Stroud Green ... ..	15	7	3	1				
Finsbury Park ... ..	5	7	0	0				
Totals ... ..	85	67	10	4				



TABLE F.—(2) TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER, 1944.

	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Total.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
(a) Number of Cases on Register at commencement of 1944 ... ..	437	361	124	106	561	467
(b) Number of Cases notified for first time during year under Regulations ...	61	36	8	4	69	40
(c) Cases restored to Register during 1944 ... ..	4	5	2	0	6	5
(d) Cases added to Register otherwise than by notification under Regulations :						
(1) Transferred from other districts ... ..	11	21	0	0	11	21
(2) From Death Returns ... ..	9	5	0	0	9	5
	85	67	10	4	95	71
(e) Number of Cases removed from Register during 1944 . ... ..	63	44	7	4	70	48
(f) Number of Cases remaining on Register at end of 1944 ... ..	459	384	127	106	586	490

Cases removed from the Register shown under (e) are accounted for as follows :—

Cured.		Removed to another area.		Died at Home.		Died at Sanatorium or other Institution.		Totals.	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
6	6	29	22	Pulmonary 13      4		15	12	63	44
3	0	3	4	Non-Pulmonary 0      0		1	0	7	4

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## To the Chairman and Members of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report on the work of the Maternity and Child Welfare Department for 1944—an ever-expanding and increasingly important section of public health or preventive medicine.

The figures relating to the four Centres, the Alexandra Maternity Home, the War-Time Day Nurseries, the work of the Domiciliary Midwives and the Health Visitors are given in the following pages.

The exceptionally large number of births (1,588 in 1944 as compared with an average of 1,200 in pre-war years), has meant pressure of work everywhere and some congestion at the centres.

Measures for the further expansion and improvement of the service have received the Committee's attention, e.g.

(1)—Extension of the Town Hall Centre in accordance with plans now being prepared by the Borough Engineer.

(2)—Completion of the work of adaptation of Burgoyne Hall, Haringay, by conversion of the present air-raid shelter into a doctor's room and waiting room; also the provision of a new front elevation.

(3)—Better premises for the Highgate Centre. No suitable building or site has been found so far.

(4)—Adaptation of the Electricity Showrooms, Fortis Green, to take the place of the small, out of the way, and entirely inadequate Centre at Coldfall Avenue. This work was in progress—indeed, nearing completion—when the buildings and adaptations were severely damaged by enemy action. Bomb damage has been repaired so far as the original building is concerned. The alterations and adaptations for the Maternity and Child Welfare work involve very little in the way of labour or materials.

(5)—The establishment of a new Centre in Central Hornsey—at "Stonecroft," 100, Priory Road, or at "Ladywell," Church Lane. The latter is the more central and convenient site. Temporary buildings in the grounds of "Ladywell" would meet the immediate needs.

(6)—The establishment of a new Centre to serve the Stroud Green—Finsbury Park area of the Borough. Here again, temporary or prefabricated buildings on a blitzed site would serve until a permanent centre is provided as an integral part of the housing development.

(7)—The provision of additional beds at the Alexandra Maternity Home, Muswell Hill, N.10, which cannot cope with the number of mothers making application for admission. In view of the prospective high birth rate in 1945, as estimated by the exceptional numbers of expectant mothers now attending the ante-natal clinics, *this matter is urgent.*

(8)—The appointment of an additional Health Visitor.

Items 4 and 7 are the most urgent requirements and it is hoped that, in spite of the difficulties of the times in regard to building labour and materials, they may be started forthwith and completed within a few months.



## ALEXANDRA MATERNITY HOME.

Alexandra Maternity Home is now recognised by the Central Midwives' Board as a Part II Training School, which means that we may appoint eight pupil midwives at a time from candidates who are already State Registered Nurses and who have passed the Part I examination of the Board.

Four of these pupils will work for three months at the Maternity Home and three months attached to one of the Council's District Midwives. They also attend the Ante-Natal Clinics conducted by Dr. Harris, Obstetric Surgeon at the Home. It is unnecessary for me to emphasise the influence these new developments will have in raising the whole standard of the Maternity service in the Borough.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

R. P. GARROW.  
Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 (Sec. 203).  
NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS.

All live births and still births of seven months and over must be notified to the Medical Officer of Health within 36 hours, in addition to being registered within a period of six weeks after birth.

SUMMARY OF BIRTHS NOTIFIED, 1944.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Live births ... ..	832	711	1,543
Still births ... ..	21	24	45
	<hr/> 853	<hr/> 735	<hr/> 1,588

The births were notified:—

By doctors ... ..	...	...	12
„ Borough Midwives ... ..	...	...	362
„ Alexandra Maternity Home ... ..	...	...	201
„ Other Midwives ... ..	...	...	302
„ Hospitals ... ..	...	...	171
„ Others ... ..	...	...	515
			<hr/> 1,563

Not notified (information extracted from Registrar's returns):—

Live births ... ..	...	...	23
Still births ... ..	...	...	2
			<hr/> 25
			<hr/> 1,588

Of this number there were:—

	Live births.	Still births.
Occurring in the Borough and transferred to other districts ... ..	186	9
Belonging to Hornsey and occurring in Hospitals, etc., outside the district	664	22

The 1,393 nett number of notified births belonging to Hornsey were divided among the districts of the Centres, as follows:—

	Live births.	Still births.	Total.
Town Hall Centre ... ..	600	18	618
Burgoyne Road Centre	300	6	306
Church Road Centre	212	5	217
Coldfall Centre ... ..	244	8	252
	<hr/> 1,356	<hr/> 37	<hr/> 1,393

Births attended by Borough Midwives:—

Miss Andrews ... ..	...	...	113
Miss Hughes ... ..	...	...	61
Miss Matthews ... ..	...	...	87
Mrs. Thompson ... ..	...	...	28
Miss Jones ... ..	...	...	63
Miss Buckeridge ... ..	...	...	9
Mrs. Jamison ... ..	...	...	1
			<hr/> 362



## HOME HELPS.

The Hornsey Home Helps Society was started in 1930 by members of the Voluntary Committees of the Centres. The splendid work done for fifteen years has been recognised by the Council, which in 1943 approved a more adequate financial provision and appointed Mrs. Inward, Hon. Secretary of the Society, to be Superintendent of Home Helps.

The following is a brief report of the work carried out by the Society during 1944:—

Number of cases attended (of which 126 paid full fee and 58 part-fee)					184
Number of Home Helps employed—					
Full time	...	...	...	...	5
Part time	...	...	...	...	5

## CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 (Secs. 206—220).

Regular visits are paid by the Health Visitors to the homes of foster-mothers in their respective areas, and foster-mothers are encouraged to bring the children to the centres for periodical medical examination.

The number of requests for foster-mothers is much in excess of the number available and requests are often received from Societies and Authorities outside the Borough.

A register of foster-mothers and foster-children is kept by the Medical Officer of Health and at each Centre. The following is a summary of the Register:—

		— Centre —				
		Town Hall	Burgoyne Hall	Church Road	Coldfall	Total
No. of foster-mothers on register:						
At the beginning of 1944	...	14	5	3	3	25
" " end " "	...	12	3	1	2	18
No. of foster-children on register:						
At the beginning of 1944	...	27	16	4	6	53
" " end " "	...	24	8	2	4	38
Died during the year	...	—	—	—	—	0
On whom inquest were held during the year	...	—	—	—	—	0
Visits to foster-children:						
1st Visits	...	10	23	1	1	35
Total Visits	...	100	153	35	24	312

No proceedings were taken during the year.

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE DENTAL SCHEME.

The following is a report on the work carried out during the year by the Dental Surgeons in connection with the Maternity and Child Welfare Dental Scheme for children under five years of age:—

Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	98
Old cases	...	...	...	...	...	30
New cases	...	...	...	...	...	68
Attendances	...	...	...	...	...	235
Finished cases	...	...	...	...	...	68
Teeth extracted	...	...	...	...	...	62
Teeth filled	...	...	...	...	...	136
General anæsthetics	...	...	...	...	...	29
Local anæsthetics	...	...	...	...	...	6
Other treatments (silver nitrate dressings, scalings, gum treatments, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	277

The following work was carried out in connection with the Dental Scheme for expectant mothers, by the Dental Surgeon, Mr. Creeke.

Attendances	...	...	...	...	...	566
New cases	...	...	...	...	...	139
Examinations	...	...	...	...	...	143
Extractions	...	...	...	...	...	474
(172 under local anaesthetic, 302 under gas).						
General anaesthetics	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fillings	...	...	...	...	...	175
Dressings	...	...	...	...	...	81
Scalings	...	...	...	...	...	42
Attendances for dentures	...	...	...	...	...	114
Dentures provided—						
Upper and lower	...	...	...	...	...	21
Single dentures	...	...	...	...	...	8
Dentures repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Finished cases	...	...	...	...	...	73



## MATERNITY STATISTICS.

## Ante-Natal, Natal and Post-Natal.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE WORK, 1944.

Nature of Work.	Centres.								Totals.	
	Town Hall	Burgoyne Hall	Church Road	Coldfall						
Number of Children's sessions held	234	91	103	55					483	
„ ante-natal sessions held	133	56	40	45					274	
Number of individual Mothers seen by Doctor:—										
Ante-natal, New cases ...	456	172	162	108					898	
„ Old cases ...	1,836	602	349	404					3,191	
Post-natal, New cases ...	66	68	55	4					193	
„ Old cases ...	10	0	0	37					47	
	2,368	842	566	553					4,329	
Total attendances of Mothers ...	2,889	828	613	704					5,034	
Number of babies attending Centres for first time : Under 1 year ...	552	269	220	184					1,225	
1—3 years ...	48	16	78	26					168	
3—5 „ ...	12	8	22	6					48	
Number of individual babies on Centre registers at end of 1944 ...	1,445	683	470	325					2,923	
Babies seen by Doctor ...	3,989	1,903	571	605					7,068	
Attendances of babies at medical consultations ...	6,682	4,441	726	605					12,454	
Total attendances of babies at Centres : Under 1 year ...	7,148	3,345	1,804	1,756					14,053	
1—3 years ...	3,221	925	442	330					4,918	
3—5 „ ...	527	171	101	48					847	
Referred to own private doctors ...	21	6	15	41					83	
Referred to hospitals ...	61	15	37	37					150	
Visits paid by nurses:—	First visits	Total visits	First visits	Total visits	First visits	Total visits	First visits	Total visits	Grand Totals First visits	Total visits
To expectant mothers ...	98	179	65	85	33	98	50	65	246	427
To infants under one year ...	592	1,786	179	371	213	1,139	196	467	1,180	3,763
To children aged 1-5 years ...	363	2,812	137	447	35	556	22	431	557	4,246
Total visits ...	1,053	4,777	381	903	281	1,793	268	963	1,983	8,436
CHILD LIFE PROTECTION—										
Visits paid to Foster Children	10	100	23	153	1	35	1	24	35	312

## RECORD OF WORK OF MUNICIPAL MIDWIVES, 1944.

Midwife	Confinements attended	Ante-natal Clinics attended	Ante-natal visits	Post-natal visits
Miss Andrews ...	115	42	462	1,428
Miss Hughes ...	74	75	207	1,091
Miss Matthews ...	81	41	238	999
Mrs. Thompson ...	27	26	108	371
Miss Jones ...	60	48	279	1,002
Miss Buckeridge ...	8	17	25	128
Mrs. Jamison ...	—	—	—	1,143

## WAR-TIME DAY NURSERIES.

The following are some particulars relating to the War-time Day Nurseries in the Borough:—

Name	Address and Telephone Number	Number of Children accommodated	Date of Opening	Matron
Ladywell	27, Church Lane, N.8 Mountview 8938	74	6/4/1942	Miss Stewart
Queen's Lodge	40-42, Great North Road, N.6 Mountview 5339	80	27/6/1942	Miss Harper
Red Gables	113, Crouch Hill, N.8 Mountview 7553	46	20/7/1942	Mrs. Ryder
Vincent House	68-70, Hampden Road, N.8 Mountview 9077	56	22/3/1943	Miss Brindle
Clemence House	24, Queen's Avenue, N.10 Tudor 6730	50	24/1/1944	Mrs. Bawcomb





# Borough of Thornsey

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## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## School Medical Officer

FOR

## 1944

**R. P. GARROW, M.D., D.P.H.**



## HORNSEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

### List of Members, 31st December, 1944

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 Mrs. C. CROWTHER, 10a, Hampstead Lane, N.6.  
 Mrs. J. I. GRIMSHAW, 25, Sheldon Avenue, N.6.  
 Miss J. M. BOLTON, 20, Grand Avenue, N.10.  
 Rev. J. CROWLESMITH, 4, Tetherdown, N.10.

#### Director of Education:

R. E. BRETTLER, M.A., D.Phil.

**Staff of School Medical Services**  
(December, 1944).

School Medical Officer	...	R. P. GARROW, M.D., D.P.H.
Deputy School Medical Officer	... ..	MARIAN LONES, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Assistant School Medical Officers	... ..	MARGARET ROBINSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M. & H. JASMINE TAYLOR, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.
Dentists	... ..	WINIFRED M. HUNT, L.D.S. DOROTHY YOUNG, L.D.S. FRANCES CARTER, L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.). (Engaged in School Dental Work in Cambridge for the duration of the War.).
Oculist	... ..	DR. MARIAN LONES.
Aurist	... ..	F. P. M. CLARKE, B.A., B.Sc., L.R.C.P., L.R.F.P.S. (Glas.).
Orthopædic Surgeon	...	J. A. CHOLMELEY, M.B., F.R.C.S. (Eng.). (Resident Medical Superintendent, Royal National Orthopædic Hos- pital, Country Branch, Stanmore).
Masseuse	... ..	Mrs. YORKE. (Royal National Orthopædic Hos- pital)
Orthoptist	... ..	Miss S. D. PRICE.
Speech Therapist	... ..	Miss E. RICHNELL.
Educational Psychologist	...	Miss M. KENT.
Nurses	... ..	L. M. OLIVER. L. HATTON. C. MARTIN.
Dental Attendants	... ..	L. HOWARD. E. S. SMITH.
Clerk	... ..	H. CAVALIER.
Assistant Clerk	... ..	J. WILMORE. (Directed to Industry under National Service Acts, 20/12/42). J. PORTER.



## To the Chairman and Members of the Hornsey Education Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the work of the School Medical Services for the year ending December 31st, 1944.

This is the sixteenth annual report which I have been privileged to present, and it is the last, as the authority to which it is addressed ceased to exist with the coming into force of the new Education Act on the 1st of April, 1945. And so ends an epoch in Education in this country lasting nearly a quarter of a century between the Education Acts of 1921 and 1944. It has been a period of social amelioration probably without parallel in our history, and it may be claimed that the school medical service has been one of the most powerful influences in effecting the improvement.

The statistics for 1944 are furnished in the usual tables required by the Ministry of Education, and it is unnecessary for me to write at length on this work with which members of the Committee have kept in such close touch in the schools, at the clinic, and in Committee.

The scope of the service has never been confined to the bare official requirements of the Ministry, but has been steadily expanded to cover every medical requirement of school children, with the exception of domiciliary medical attendance, which is proscribed by the Education Acts.

### **Routine Medical Inspection.**

- This is carried out in all schools on four age groups each year, namely entrants (age 5), intermediates (age 8), scholarships (age 11) and leavers (age 14).

### **Special Medical Inspections.**

A medical examination is available to any school child at any time at the request of the Head Teacher, or of the parents through the Head Teacher. Special examinations are undertaken at the clinic or at the school according to the wish of the parent or teacher. If a general medical examination suggests that the opinion of a specialist is necessary or desirable, arrangements are made for this to be carried out by the School Aurist, School Oculist, Dentist, Orthopædic Surgeon, Speech Therapist, etc., or if the parent desires the opinion of a Hospital Physician or Surgeon this has always been freely available by the kindness of the staffs of the Voluntary Hospitals or the County Hospital.

### **Dental Inspection and Treatment.**

Dental inspection of all the children is carried out at all the schools—and dental treatment is available for all the children at the school clinic whose parents accept it. This treatment is becoming more and more conservative and to a less extent tooth-extraction. The "Dental State" in the schools has undergone remarkable improvement in recent years—partly, no doubt, on account of improved nutrition but largely as a result of increased dental attention.



### **Orthodontics.**

Special cases of irregularity of teeth are referred to the Dental Hospitals or Eastman Dental Clinic for orthodontic treatment.

### **Refractions, Squint and Eye Diseases.**

The Deputy School Medical Officer, Dr. Marian Lones, is school oculist and carries out all the refraction work and ordering of glasses.

### **Orthoptics.**

A recent extension of the eye work is the appointment of an Orthoptist—a specialist in the training of the muscles of the eye to cure or prevent squint.

### **School Aurist and Rhinologist.**

Dr. F. P. M. Clarke sees all cases referred to him by the school medical officers—children suffering from deafness, ear-discharge, rhinitis, tonsillitis, recurrent colds in head, catarrh, etc. These are treated by the most modern methods—ionisation, diastolisation, tonsil-suction, replacement, etc.

### **Cleanliness, Minor Ailments, Skin Diseases.**

The school nurses wage a constant campaign in the schools against the pediculus capitis, impetigo, scabies, sores and other conditions of the skin. Ample facilities are available at the school clinic and in the adjoining cleansing centre at "Pear Tree Cottage" for dealing with these conditions.

### **Orthopædics.**

The arrangement with the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital provides the school children with an orthopædic specialist, Mr. J. A. Cholmeley, the medical superintendent of Stanmore Hospital (the Country branch of the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital), who visits the clinic monthly and prescribes treatment which is carried out on four sessions a week by the Orthopædic Masseuse or Physiotherapist (Mrs. Yorke). Cases requiring operation or special treatment are admitted to Stanmore Hospital.

### **Stammering and other Defects of Speech.**

Stammering and other speech difficulties are dealt with at the School Clinic on four sessions a week by Miss Richnell, the Speech Therapist.

### **Psychological Investigation and Treatment.**

This work is often referred to as "Child Guidance," and a child guidance team consists of a Psychiatrist, a Psychologist and a Psychiatric Social Worker. Their work is to deal with difficult children or "problem children."

Although no child guidance team, as such, has been appointed in Hornsey, it has been recognised for many years that Psychological medicine is a very large part—at least half—of school medicine, and that every medical officer doing work for



school children should be sufficiently versed in the methods of psychological medicine to deal with difficult children, to measure intelligence, to distinguish between the various degrees of mental retardation and deficiency, and to advise on the educational, social and medical requirements of such children.

This indeed is the most interesting and useful branch of school medical work—but it is very time-absorbing. It has been greatly assisted in the last year by the appointment of an Educational Psychologist, Miss Kent.

### Nutrition.

As school milk and meals extend their influence, and education in proper diet becomes general, the word "malnutrition," in common use ten or a dozen years ago, ceases to have a sinister social significance. The present position is that every child is as well fed as its neighbour, and if he is not so fat, the reason is that his metabolism differs.

In bidding farewell to the old order, and welcoming the new, I desire to acknowledge with gratitude the excellent work of my colleagues in the school medical departments—Doctors, Dentists, Nurses, Clerks and Specialists; the great assistance we have always had from the Director of Education and his staff; the whole-hearted co-operation of the Teaching Staffs of the schools (without whose help a school medical service cannot function); the support received from the School Care Committees; and the keen interest of the Education Committee in everything pertaining to the welfare of the school children.

I have the honour to be,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. P. GARROW.

School Medical Officer.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.  
MEDICAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT RETURNS.  
Year ended 31st December, 1944.

TABLE I.  
MEDICAL INSPECTIONS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING PUBLIC  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

A.—ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

(1) No. of Inspections :—Entrants, 655; Second Age Group, 909; Third Age Group, 492 ... .. Total ...							2,056
(2) No. of other Routine Inspections ... ..							26
Grand Total ... ..							2,082

B.—OTHER INSPECTIONS.

No. of Special Inspections and Re-inspections ... ..	1,967
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TABLE II.  
CLASSIFICATION OF THE NUTRITION OF CHILDREN INSPECTED DURING  
THE YEAR IN THE ROUTINE AGE GROUPS.

Number of Children Inspected.	A (Excellent)		B (Normal)		C (Slightly sub-normal)		D (Bad)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2,082	1,039	49.9	1,035	49.7	8	0.38	0	0



TABLE III.

## GROUP I.—Treatment of Minor Ailments (excluding Uncleanliness)

Total number of defects treated or under treatment during the year  
under the Authority's Scheme ... 4,043

## GROUP II.—Treatment of Defective Vision and Squint.

	Under the Authority's Scheme	
Errors of Refraction (including squint) ...	<del>209</del>	597
Other defect or disease of the eyes (excluding those recorded in Group 1) ...	<del>800</del>	31
Total ...	<del>1,010</del>	628
No. of Children for whom spectacles were		
(a) Prescribed ...	222	
(b) Obtained ..	183	

## GROUP III.—Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat.

	Under the Authority's Scheme
Received Operative Treatment ...	0
Received other forms of Treatment ...	301
Total Number Treated ...	301

TABLE IV.  
DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.

(1) Number of children inspected	(6) Fillings—		
(a) Routine age-groups ... 3,370	Permanent Teeth ... 3,513		
(b) Specials ... 690	Temporary Teeth ... 284		
	Total ... 3797		
(c) Total (Routine and Specials) ... 4,060	(7) Extractions—		
(2) Number found to require treatment ... 3,347	Permanent Teeth ... 332		
(3) Number actually treated ... 2,557	Temporary Teeth ... 2,793		
(4) Attendances made by children for treatment ... 3,868	Total ... 3,125		
(5) Half-days devoted to—	(8) Administration of general anæsthetics for extractions 723		
Inspection ... 49	(9) Other Operations—		
Treatment ... 621	Permanent Teeth ... 359		
Total ... 670	Temporary Teeth ... 3,258		
	Total ... 3,617		

TABLE V.  
VERMINOUS CONDITIONS.

(i) Average number of visits per school made during the year by the School Nurses or other authorised persons ...	36
(ii) Total number of examinations of children in the schools by School Nurses or other authorised persons ...	18,317
(iii) Number of individual children found unclean ...	153
(iv) Number of individual children cleansed under Section 87 (2) and (3) of the Education Act, 1921 ...	1
(v) Number of cases in which legal proceedings were taken:—	
(a) Under the Education Act, 1921 ...	—
(b) Under School Attendance Byelaws ...	—

TABLE VI.  
BLIND AND DEAF CHILDREN.

Number of totally or almost totally blind and deaf children who are not at the present time receiving education suitable for their special needs. The return should relate to all such children, including evacuees resident in the Authority's area:—

	1 At a Public Elementary School.	2 At an institution other than a Special School.	3 At no School or Institution.
Blind Children	0	0	1
Deaf Children	0	0	0



TABLE VII.  
SCHOOL MEDICAL AND DENTAL STAFF.

Name of Officer.	Proportion of whole time devoted to—	
	School Medical Service.	Public Health.
S.M.O. R. P. Garrow, M.D., D.P.H. ... ..	15	25
	40	40
A.S.M.Os.—		
Marian Lones, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. ... ..	6 11	5 11
Margaret Robinson, M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M. & H. ...	2 11	9 11
Dr. Jasmine Taylor, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.P.H. ...		
Senior Dentist—Miss W. M. Hunt, L.D.S. ... ..	Whole-time	—
Dentist—Miss D. Young, L.D.S. ... ..	Whole-time	—

SCHOOL NURSING STAFF.  
(excluding Specialist Nurses, such as Orthopædic Nurses).

	No. of Officers.	Aggregate of time given to S.M.S. work in terms of whole-time Officers.
School Nurses	3	Whole-time
District Nurses	—	—
Nursing Assistants	—	—
Dental Attendants	2	Whole-time

### Report of Speech Therapist for 1944.

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During 1944, a total of 61 children attended Speech Therapy Clinics. Of these 47 received treatment at the School Clinic and 14 received treatment at the Coldfall Centre.

In the course of the year:—

- (a) 10 children have been discharged, cured;
- (b) 2 have been discharged, as further progress seemed unlikely;
- (c) 6 have left school. Three were much improved. The others had made some progress;
- (d) 10 have ceased to attend owing to evacuation but will be re-admitted on their return;
- (e) 6 have been very irregular in attendance and no estimate of their progress can be made.

Of the remaining 27 who require a further course of treatment;

- (a) 11 are much improved;
- (b) 10 shew some progress;
- (c) 6 have attended only for a very short period.

There are 3 children on the waiting list at present, but these will be admitted immediately after the holiday. Another 3 children have been interviewed but, on being found unsuitable for immediate clinical treatment, the parents were given advice as to home treatment.

Parents of the younger children are invited to be present during treatment in order that they may correctly supervise home practice. Their co-operation has, on the whole, been very good.

Every school has been visited at least once during the year. Head Teachers then reported on progress of children already attending the clinic and a number of new cases were examined.

E. RICHNELL,  
Speech Therapist.



**Annual Report of the Organisers of Physical Education for the  
Year ended 31st December, 1944.**

- During the year under review, Physical Education has been considerably upset by the development of the war. The recurrence of various forms of air attack led to further evacuation of school children, and the consequent disorganisation of school life affected the normal progress of Physical Education in the schools. Once again, therefore, the work of the Organisers lay chiefly in advisory and supervisory visits. The frequent changes in teaching staff and class organisation, because of evacuation, made it impossible to develop the schemes of Physical Education on their broadest lines, but it is greatly to the credit of head and assistant teachers that some form of physical activity was continued regularly in the schools.

At the beginning of the summer it was thought that further efforts could be made to foster the development of Swimming and Athletics. A one-day Lecture-Demonstration Course in Swimming was arranged for men and women teachers, and conducted by Mr. W. Downing of the Southgate School of Swimming. The co-operation of the Head Teachers in releasing members of staff for this purpose during school hours was greatly appreciated. The Course was an excellent one of its type, but those who attended it were prevented from experimenting with what they had learned, owing to the flying-bombs. These attacks also caused the cancellation of all School Sports programmes.

It is to be regretted that there has been a further loss of men teachers by delayed call-up and transfers to other schools. It is hoped that in the near future conditions will be such that Service men may return, and additional men be appointed to the area. In connection with the latter, it should be remembered that men with specialist qualifications in Physical Education will be required in Hornsey to be responsible for the work in Secondary Schools of all types.

In considering the more immediate future, plans are being made to hold a Training Course in Physical Education during school hours, on a more ambitious scale than has been possible so far during the war years.

It is only by such courses that the necessary material can be given to those who most require it, in particular branches of the subject.

A class of youths and boys from Crouch End School gave a demonstration of Vaulting and Agility work at the Annual Holiday Course of the Ling Physical Education Association.

It is commendable that the classes in Evening Institutes and Clubs were continued, although on a much reduced scale. The Organisers look forward to the time when they will be in a position to report a development in this branch of their work. An area course for leaders of Recreative Physical Training was held in the Summer term, and attended by nine Youths from Hornsey.

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