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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR

1945

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



H E A L T H C O M M I T T E E

(as at 31st December, 1945)

Councillor J. L. R. Webb, (Chairman), 11, Wilmer Way.N.14.

The Mayor, Alderman W. V. Wall, J. P., Kilton Lodge, Rowben Close, Totteridge.

Alderman F. N. Bailey, 40, Oakfield Court, Haslemere Road.N.8.

" Mrs. C. M. Cave, 10, Wood Vale.N.10.

" S. G. Goulding, Woodlands, Cranley Gardens.N.10.

" Mrs. M. N. Hill, 16, Bishopswood Road.N.6.

" J. W. Rowlands, J.P., 25, Cholmeley Park.N.6.

" L. J. Valette, 80, Tottenham Lane.N.8.

" C. Winkley, 72, Woodside Avenue.N.10.

Councillor Miss O. R. Anderson, 12, Mountview Road.N.4.

" H. G. Ash, 5, Topsfield Parade.N.8.

" Mrs. R. A. Bryan, 49, North View Road.N.8.

" J. P. Clarkson, 60, Great North Road.N.6.

" Mrs. N. C. Clegg, 28, Stormont Road.N.6.

" Mrs. K. M. Crump, 84, Wood Vale.N.10.

" J. Edwards, 102, Turnpike Lane.N.8.

" Miss E. C. McCullough, 20, Prince's Avenue.N.10.

" F. Wilders, 12, Woodberry Crescent.N.10.

" A. J. Young, Woodend, 48, Great North Road.N.6.

STAFF OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
(as at 31st December, 1945)

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\*Medical Officer of Health and  
School Medical Officer ... R. P. Garrow, M.D., D.P.H.

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Health and Assistant Medical  
Officer of Schools and  
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Centres ... Marian Lones, B.Sc., M.B.,  
B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,  
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Health, Assistant Medical  
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Centres ... Margaret Robinson, M.B., Ch.B.,  
D.T.M. & H.

'Dentist (M. & C. W. Dental  
Scheme) ... H. A. Creeke, L.D.S.

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Petroleum Inspector, Shops  
Acts Inspector, Young Persons  
Act Inspector, Factory Act  
Inspector, Food  
Decontamination Officer ... J. H. Jesse, M.S.I.A.,  
Cert. R.San.I., Cert. Insp. of  
Meat and Foods, A.R.P.S.

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Acts Inspectors, Young Persons  
Act Inspectors, Factory Act  
Inspectors ... J. D. Chance, M.S.I.A.,  
Cert. R.San.I., Cert. Insp. of  
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Cert. Insp. of Meat and Foods,  
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R. Downes, M.S.I.A., Cert. R.San.I.,

J. Calderbank, M.S.I.A., M.R.San.I.,  
Cert. R.San.I. & S.I.E. Joint Board,  
Cert. Insp. of Meat and Foods.

to the Mayor, Aldermen and Council of the Borough of Haveray.

W. J. Wilson, M.S.I.A.,  
 Cert. R.San.I., Cert. Insp.  
 of Meat and Foods.

N. Smith, Cert. R.San.I.

E. Choosman

Chief Clerk ...

W. A. Simons (On Active Service)

Assistant Clerks ...

T. Hadley (On Active Service)

Miss E. A. Smith

Miss S. P. Nunn

Miss M. Chesterman

Miss D. M. Sellman

Miss M. Humphreys

Mr. L. Wells

Miss H. Croak

Health Visitors ...

Miss A. Godden, H.V. Cert.,  
 S.R.N., S.C.M.

Mrs. L. Hatton, H.V. Cert.,  
 S.R.N., S.C.M. (Part-time  
 Health Visitor and School  
 Nurse)

Miss E. Whimster, H.V. Cert.,  
 S.R.N., S.C.M.

Miss W. Molhuish, H.V. Cert.,  
 S.R.N., S.C.M.

Miss E. N. Gibbon, H.V. Cert.,  
 S.R.N., S.C.M.

Midwives ...

Miss M. Andrews, S.C.M.

Miss L. Hughes, S.C.M.

Miss A. C. Matthews, S.C.M.

Miss R. Jones, S.C.M.

Mrs. M. Jamison, S.C.M. (Part-time)

Rodent Operator ...

E. Mead

Disinfectors and Mortuary  
 Attendants ...

W. H. Lewis

P. Hall

Medical Services Motor Driver.

P. Martin (On Active Service)

R. Wood

Veterinary Inspector under  
Discusses of Animal Acts

F. G. Buxton, M.R.C.V.S.  
15, Jackson's Lane.N.6.

NOTE -

- \* Officers in respect of whom salary contribution is made under the Public Health Acts or by Exchequer Grants.
- \*\* Part-time Officers.

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Miss B. F. Bann  
Miss M. C. Bann  
Miss D. M. Bann  
Miss K. Bann  
Mr. J. Bann  
Miss A. Bann  
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Miss Y. Bann  
Miss Z. Bann

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 31st December, 1945.

The birth rate 17.6 and the death rate 13.25 are both a little down  
from the previous year (19.08 and 14.94). The infant mortality is the  
same as in 1944, namely 38 per thousand live births.

Having regard to the age-distribution of the population of the Borough  
with its undue proportion in the older age groups, there is nothing  
unusual about these figures - nothing about which to be unduly elated or  
depressed. The infant mortality should be lower and the mortality  
amongst illegitimate infants is a social and moral problem of great  
complexity which has not responded to the general measures for the  
improvement of infant hygiene and nutrition. The unmarried mother and  
her child have all the maternity and child welfare services at their  
disposal and, indeed, have special attention and help from Medical  
Officers, Health Visitors, Welfare Workers and other municipal and  
voluntary agencies. In spite of these sources of help, the illegitimate  
child is so often unwanted that the balance is heavily loaded against its  
survival.

The two big problems which are engaging the attention of the Council  
in circumstances of exceptional difficulties are -

A) Environmental. More houses and better housing.

B) Personal. Better preventive health services.

A) Housing.

The return of men and women from the Services and of families from  
evacuation has brought the population nearly to its pre-war level.

As a result of enemy action there were, at the end of 1945, still well  
over 1,000 houses or self-contained flats demolished or so damaged as to  
be un-inhabitable. This number is being steadily reduced by repair, but  
about 700 to 800 houses have been either completely demolished or so badly  
damaged as to require demolition.

The acute shortage of housing accommodation created in this way has  
resulted in serious overcrowding in many houses.

Before the war the housing position was good in that all groups of old  
houses unfit for habitation had been demolished and their occupants re-  
housed and overcrowding was minimal. At the end of 1939 -

the number of dwellings overcrowded was	25
the number of families dwelling therein was	27
the number of persons dwelling therein was	165



The position is vastly different to-day but cannot be presented in figures because the Sanitary Inspectors are not keeping records of overcrowding as was done continuously in accordance with the requirements of the Housing Act, 1936. We know from the Officers of the Department - Sanitary Inspectors, Health Visitors, School Nurses, Midwives - that overcrowding is serious and becoming more so. We also know that there are some 5,800 applicants for house accommodation.

In addition to this unhappy position is the fact that restrictions in the use of materials and labour to carry out necessary maintenance repairs is resulting in a lower standard of cleanliness and sanitation of existing accommodation.

#### B) Personal Preventive Health Services.

The National Health Service Bill which is likely to become "The National Health Service Act, 1946", is concerned chiefly with the provision of a complete Hospital Service under Regional Boards and a Medical Practitioner and Specialist Service for every citizen in his own home or at proposed "Health Centres".

It would be a contribution to accurate thinking if these were referred to as "Hospital and Medical Services" and the phrase "Personal Preventive Health Services" confined to the work which the present Local Authorities have built up since 1900 for mothers and children under the age of five, and since 1907 for school children under Maternity and Child Welfare and Education Committees respectively.

The Personal Preventive Health Services are carried out at the Council's four Maternity and Child Welfare Centres, at the School Clinic, in the Schools, at the Maternity Home, at five Day Nurseries and in the homes of the people by Sanitary Inspectors, Health Visitors, School Nurses and Midwives. The work of the Council's whole-time and part-time Medical Officers and Specialists deals chiefly with healthy people and the aim is to maintain their health and so enable them to achieve full mental and physical development, and, incidentally, to relieve the burden on the "Hospital and Medical Services".

#### Future Developments in Personal Preventive Health Services.

A summary of the further developments in providing better health services approved by the Council and waiting only for the necessary sanctions to the use of materials, labour and staff, are -

- 1) Extension of the Town Hall Centre.N.8. with a view specially to the provision of a better ante-natal service.
- 2) Completion of the conversion of Burgoyne Hall.N.4.
- 3) A new Centre in Highgate to replace the Centre at Church Road.N.6.
- 4) A new Centre at Fortis Green.N.10. The conversion of the Electricity Showrooms has been completed and was opened on 29th April, 1946. It is hoped that the Electricity undertaking may soon be in a position to offer more accommodation in this building.

- 5) A new Centre to serve Stroud Green and Finsbury Park. The work of converting a blitzed shop and residential building to provide a Centre on the ground floor and flats above, has begun at the corner of Stroud Green Road and Lorne Road.N.4.
- 6) Provision of a new Centre for Central Hornsey. So far no suitable building or site has been found.
- 7) Extension of the Maternity Home. The building of a new wing to provide twelve additional beds with two labour wards and all necessary ancillary accommodation is nearing completion and, it is hoped, will be fully occupied before the end of 1946.
- 8) Extension of the School Clinic.N.8. by the provision of a temporary building alongside to accommodate the Orthopaedic Department.
- 9) Provision of a Dental Clinic either at Coldfall or at Burgoyne Hall to accommodate a third whole-time Dentist.
- 10) The appointment of extra Health Visitors and other personnel to staff these extensions.
- 11) Provision of a Day Nursery to serve the Highgate district.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. P. GARROW,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS FOR 1945  
(Section A)

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS

Area (acres)	2,873
" (square miles)	4.49
Population (Census 1931)	95,524
Do., Registrar-General's estimate, 1945	78,660
Number of separately-assessed inhabited premises (end of 1945), according to Rate Books	23,775
Rateable value (General Rate) at 31st December	£1,055,467
Product of a penny rate	£4,175

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	654	626	1,280
Illegitimate	64	48	112
	<u>718</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>1,392</u>

Birth Rate - 17.60 (per 1,000 population)

STILL-BIRTHS

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	18	16	34
Illegitimate	1	1	2
	<u>19</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>36</u>

Still-Birth Rate - 25.21 (per 1,000 total live and still-births)

DEATHS

Males	496
Females	546
	<u>1,042</u>

Death Rate - 13.25 (per 1,000 population)

INFANT DEATHS (under 1 year of age)

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	19	18	37
Illegitimate	12	4	16
	<u>31</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>53</u>

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

All infants per 1,000 live births	38.07
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	28.90
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	142.86

MATERNAL MORTALITY

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births
Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis	1	0.7
Other maternal causes	1	0.7
Total	<u>2</u>	<u>1.4</u>

DEATHS FROM SPECIAL CAUSES

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	181
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	1
Deaths from Whooping-Cough (all ages)	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	9

Small-pox contacts	1,113
Public Health (Air)	1,113
Shops	11
Butchers	21
Slough-houses	3
Dairies and dairymen	88
Greenhouses	11
Hotels	21
Fish	11
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WATER SUPPLY

	No. of samples	No. of on days	100 ml.	per 100 ml.
Stoke Newington	383	2.1	98.98	0.018
Kingdon Park	133	0.0	98.51	0.016

The water supply for Harnsey is provided by the Metropolitan Water Board. During 1945 the supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity. Samples were allowed by standpipe in various parts of the Borough during the period of 194 days. Harnsey is supplied from two sources - (a) Water from the New River, crossed at the Board's filtration works at Stoke Newington, and (b) River Thames water stored in filtration reservoirs and treated at the Board's filtration works at Kingdon Park. Water from these sources is pumped from these works into service reservoirs at Green Hill. Samples of water are collected on five days in every week at each standpipe of the purification process and tests include physical, chemical and bacteriological examination. The water applied to this area is not phospho-solvent.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA  
(Section B)

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

AMBULANCE SERVICE

As from the 30th June, 1945, the Ambulance Service ceased to operate as part of the Civil Defence Services and Hornsey joined with Finchley, Wood Green and Friern Barnet to provide a Joint Ambulance Service to cover the four districts. The ambulances are based at a depot at The Health Centre, Oak Lane, East Finchley.

The following Hornsey calls were made on the Joint Ambulance Service from the time of its inception until the end of the year -

Accident calls	162
Other removals	951
	<u>1,113</u>

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA  
(Section C)

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WATER SUPPLY

The water supply for Hornsey is provided by the Metropolitan Water Board.

During 1945 the supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity. Supplies were afforded by standpipe in various parts of the Borough owing to burst mains on a total of  $19\frac{1}{2}$  days.

Hornsey is supplied from two sources -

- (a) Water from the New River, treated at the Board's filtration works at Stoke Newington, and
- (b) River Thames water stored in Littleton reservoir and treated at the Board's filtration works at Kempton Park. Water is pumped from these works into service reservoirs at Crouch Hill.

Samples of water are collected on five days in every week at each stage of the purification process and tests include physical, chemical and microbiological examination.

The water supplied to this area is not plumbo-solvent.

Results of Bacteriological Tests.

	No. of samples	Colony Count on Agar at 37° C.	% of Samples negative 100 ml.	Bact. coli per 100 ml.
Kempton Park	563	9.1	98.95	0.018
Stoke Newington	252	6.0	99.21	0.016

SANITARY INSPECTION

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

Complaints	2,496
Re-inspections	4,271
Information from builder	279
Special Inspections	593
Drainage	325
Water tests applied (new drains)	32
Smoke and Chemical tests (old drains)	82
Verminous conditions	110
Memorandum from Borough Engineer & Surveyor	5
Overcrowding surveys	6
Surveys (Permitted Number)	2
Re-surveys (Permitted Number)	3
Notifiable Infectious Diseases	285
Scabies	47
Small-pox Contacts	40
Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations, 1938	70
Sunday Trading Inspections	273
Shops Acts	11
Butchers' shops	12
Slaughter-houses	3
Dairies and Milkshops	20
Grocers' shops	27
Bakehouses	8
Fish shops	4
Restaurant kitchens	6
Greengrocers' shops	9
Ice Cream	1
Other food shops	11
Food inspections	236
Milk Examinations	2
Offices inspected	27
Factories	64
Outworkers	22
Conveniences	2
Passages	3
Music and Dancing Licences	9
Cinemas	6
Petroleum Stores	124
River pollution	3
Rats & Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919	540
Salvage Sites	10
Survey of Unoccupied Houses	925
Landlord & Tenant (War Damage) Amendment Act, 1941	90
Air Raid Shelters	151
Fuel and Lighting Orders	20
Control of Building Operations Orders	3,670
	<u>14,935</u>

NOTICES

The Notices served during the year are as follows:-

Under the -	<u>Verbal</u>	<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Statutory</u>
Public Health and Housing Acts	372	1,092	78
Housing Byelaws	---	15	1
	<u>372</u>	<u>1,107</u>	<u>79</u>

SUMMARY OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT

DRAINAGE

Number of houses and premises re drained	5
Repairs or amendments to existing drains	50
Drains or gullies unstopped or cleansed	115
Manholes provided	17
Manholes repaired	34
Intercepting traps fixed	3
New gully traps fixed	42
New soil pipes and ventilating shafts fixed	22
Soil pipes and ventilating shafts repaired	37

WATER-CLOSETS AND SANITARY FITTINGS

New water-closet buildings	1
New water-closet basins fixed	74
Water-closets unstopped, cleansed or repaired	45
New sinks provided	20
New lavatory basins provided	12
Waste-pipes trapped, repaired or unstopped	77
Waste-pipes diverted into proper drain	5
Baths provided or made usable	5

MISCELLANEOUS

Roofs repaired	206
Eaves guttering renewed, cleansed or repaired	95
Rain-water pipes provided, repaired	55
Damp walls remedied	47
Damp-proof courses inserted	11
Paving of yards repaired	13
Rooms cleansed, distempered or papered	19
Premises disinfested of vermin	123
Drinking-water cisterns repaired, cleansed and covered	36
Water supply pipes repaired	41
Water supply (additional) provided	12
Windows and skylights provided or made usable	19
Sub-floor ventilation	56
Floors repaired	120
Walls and ceilings repaired	94
Windowsills repaired	9
Sashcords and fittings repaired	18
Sanitary dustbins provided	49
Accumulations of manure and refused removed	10
Stoves, ranges and coppers repaired or renewed	65
Food stores provided	7
Sundry items	48

**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**

One house has been dealt with under these Byelaws during the year and the following work carried out -

<u>Byelaw</u>		
4 (b) Water supply		1
3 (h) Handrail		1

SHOPS ACTS

The following are the particulars of action taken during the year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934, relating to ventilation and temperature of shops and to sanitary conveniences -

	<u>Notices</u>	<u>Complied with</u>
Temperature	1	1

HOUSING STATISTICS  
(Section 2)

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)	1,664
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	3,148
(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	627

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without service of formal Notices:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	369
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:-

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 | 7   |
| (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 | 71  |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-         |     |
| (a) by owners  | 13  |
| (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. Housing Act, 1936. Overcrowding:-

- |  |     |
|--|-----|
| (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year   | 34  |
| (ii) Number of families dwelling therein                         | 41  |
| (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein                         | 239 |
| (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year | 4   |
| (c) (i) Number of cases overcrowding relieved during the year    | 2   |
| (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases                   | 23  |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD  
(Section E)

	lbs.	ozs.		lbs.	ozs.
Tinned Meat	327	9	Lard	6	0
Tinned Fish	400	12	Cheese	10	4
Tinned Milk	579	5	Bacon	78	8
Tinned Vegetables	438	11	Mincedmeat	8	0
Tinned Fruit	48	8	Jam	295	0
Tinned Soup	17	6	Marmalade	53	0
Dried Vegetables	346	12	Golden Syrup	4	0
Dried Milk	1,075	13	Breakfast Cereals	34	8
Dried Egg	5	14	Bread	62	0
Dried Fruit	351	8	Cakes	204	0
Fresh Meat	829	14	Biscuits	20	0
Fresh Fish	3,073	0	Sweets	77	10
Fresh Vegetables	11,301	0	Cake & Pudding Mixtures	79	8
Fresh Fruit	570	0	Custard Powder	2	
Smoked Fish	28	0	Baking Powder		6
Frozen Fish	98	0	Popper	3	8
Cooked Meats	28	8	Salt	11	8
Poultry	52	2	Mustard	18	0
Flour	123	0	Pickles	14	6
Soya Flour	143	0	Soup Powder	6	8
Oatmeal	22	0	Meat Paste		3
Rice	24	8	Stuffing		2
Semolina	55	8	Ginger	4	0
Pearl Barley	50	8	Soda Bicarbonate		10
Rolled Oats	16	0	Powdered Gelatine	7	0
Macaroni	12	0	Spaghetti	31	0
Tea	54	4	Cocoa	8	8
Sugar	61	0	Chocolate	2	10
Butter	9	6	Margarine	162	0
Eggs	1,092		Rabbits	40	

2 Horses were slaughtered

13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lbs. of meat were condemned including lungs

RODENT CONTROL

On the 1st February, 1944, the Middlesex County Council delegated its powers and duties under the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919, to this Council.

The investigation of complaints of rat and mice infestation at private and business premises is carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors. The disinfection of the premises either by gassing, poisoning, or trapping, is carried out by the Rodent Operator.

During the twelve months ending 31st December, 1945, the following work was carried out under the Act:-

Visits by the Sanitary Inspectors	540
Visits by the Rodent Operator	2,635
Premises disinfested for rats	132
Premises disinfested for mice	53
Premises rat-proofed	15
No evidence of infestation	128
Disinfestation in hand - rats	10
Disinfestation in hand - mice	3
Estimates submitted	61

#### 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. Legal action has been taken in one case in 1945 which resulted in treatment being administered under the Scabies Order, 1941.

The following cases were treated at the Cleansing Station at the rear of the Town Hall:-

(1) Number of women over 15 years treated for Scabies	214
(2) Number of children aged 5 - 15 years treated for Scabies	374
(3) Number of children aged 0 - 5 years treated for Scabies.	118
(4) Number of women over 15 years treated for verminous heads	4
(5) Number of children 5 - 15 years treated for verminous heads	22
(6) Number of children 0 - 5 years treated for verminous heads	4

44 men were treated for Scabies at the Central Depot.

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASES (Section F)

#### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The following are the numbers of children immunised during 1945:-

Under 5 years of age	1,034
Over 5 years of age	71
Total	<u>1,105</u>

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

Scarlet Fever	120
Diphtheria	12
Pneumonia	41
Erysipelas	15
Puerperal pyrexia	15
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	8
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	5
Dysentery	25
Measles	414
Whooping Cough	79
Para-typhoid Fever	3
Polio-myelitis	1
	<u>738</u>
Admitted to Joint Isolation Hospital	156
Admitted to other hospitals	32
Nursed at home	<u>550</u>
	<u>738</u>

## VACCINATION

The public Vaccinators inform me that they performed vaccination of persons in the Borough during 1945, as follows:-

Dr. E. Buckler	252
Dr. R. Mackay	514

### PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS (PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1925, SECTION 66)

8 cases of ophthalmia neonatorum were notified, ~~both of which were nursed at home.~~

Cases			Vision unimpaired	Vision impaired	Total blindness	Deaths	Rem. from dist.
Notified	Treated						
	At home	In hospital or nursing home					
8	4	4	8	0	0	0	0

## TUBERCULOSIS

### PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS

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

The total number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1945 was 1,165, viz., pulmonary 920, non-pulmonary 245, an increase of 89 on the total for last year.

## MORTUARY

One hundred and four 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 1945 as follows:-

Total number of Licences issued under the Contagious Diseases of Animals Acts	0
Inspections made under the Contagious Diseases of Animals Acts	8
	(Figs 137)

No action was necessary under the Tuberculosis Order, 1925.

I N F A N T I L E   D E A T H S   1 9 4 5

Int. List No.		Sex	Under 1 day	1 day & under 1 week	1 wk.	2 wks.	3 wks.	Total under 4 wks.	1-2 mns.	3-5 mns.	6-8 mns.	9-11 mns.	Total under 1 year
35	Measles	F	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
81	Meningitis (Non-Meningoc)	M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
89B	Dis. of the Mastoid Antrum	M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
107	Broncho Pneumonia	M	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	1	.	3
"	" "	F	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	.	.	4
109	Pneumonia (Unspec.)	F	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
119A	Enteritis & Diarrhoea	M	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	3	2	.	7
"	" "	F	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	2
122B	Intussusception	F	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
157B	Spina Bifida & Meningocele	M	1	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2
"	" " "	F	1	2	.	.	1	4	.	.	.	.	4
157E	Congen. Pyloric Stenosis	M	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
157H	Cystic Disease of Kidney	M	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
157IC	Gastro-Intestinal	M	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
159	Premature Birth	M	4	1	1	.	.	6	.	.	.	.	6
"	" "	F	2	1	.	1	.	4	.	.	.	.	4
160A	Injury at Birth	F	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
161A	Asphyxia during or after Birth	M	2	.	.	1	.	3	.	.	.	.	3
"	" " " " " " Atelectasis	F	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
161D	Melaena Neonatorum	M	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
161EI	Hoemolytic Dis. of the Newborn	M	.	.	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2
178	Accidental Absorption of Poisonous Gas	F	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
182	Accidental Mechanical Suffoc.	M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
"	" " " " " "	F	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	2
195D	Other Unspecified Accidents	M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
		M	7	4	4	1	1	17	4	5	5	.	31
		F	4	4	.	1	1	10	6	3	2	1	22



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" L. J. Valette, 30 Tottenham Lane, N.6.

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" Mrs. B. L. Bryan, -----oOo----- N.5.

" E. W. Burns, 7, Womersley Road, N.5.

" Mrs. W. C. Clark, 25, Starburst Road, N.6.

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" Mrs. E. M. Crump, 34, Wood Vale, N.10.

" J. Edwards, 102, Trafalgar ON N.6.

" Miss E. C. McCullough, 20, Friar's Avenue, N.10.

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" M. Maldon, 22, Beach Drive, N.5.

" G. F. E. Norman, 12, W 1945 Crescent, N.10.

" G. W. P. Pallett, 23, Pondington Road, N.6.

" J. L. R. Webb, 11, Tilner Way, N.10.

" A. J. Young, Woodland, 30, Great North Road, N.5.

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Mrs. B. Bradfield, 33, Emsaldene Avenue, N.10.

Miss E. G. Dixon, 3, Woodside Avenue, N.5.

Mrs. M. Eling, 45, Wood Vale, N.10.

Mrs. E. Jones, 254, Albert Road, N.10.

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- " M. W. Burns, 7, Womersley Road.N.8.
- " Mrs. N. C. Clegg, 28, Stormont Road.N.6.
- " Mrs. K. M. Crump, 84, Wood Vale.N.10.
- " J. Edwards, 102, Tarnpike Lane.N.8.
- " Miss E. C. McCullough, 20, Prince's Avenue.N.10.
- " N. Muldoon, 22, Beech Drive.N.2.
- " G. F. N. Norman, 12, Woodberry Crescent.N.10.
- " G. W. F. Pallett, 28, Fordington Road.N.6.
- " J. L. R. Webb, 11, Wilmer Way.N.14.
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- Mrs. M. King, 45, Wood Vale.N.10.
- Mrs. E. Jones, 256, Albert Road.N.22.
- Miss B. I. Smith, 43, Weston Park.N.8.
- Mrs. M. A. Vautier, 20, Dorchester Court.N.10.

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, 1945

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live births	767	763	1,530
Still-births	16	15	31
	<u>783</u>	<u>778</u>	<u>1,561</u>

The births were notified

By doctors	9
" Borough Midwives	315
" Alexandra Maternity Home	268
" Other Midwives	20
" Hospitals	656
" Others	276
	<u>1,544</u>

Not notified (information extracted from Registrar's Returns)

Live births	17
Still-births	--
	<u>1,561</u>

Of this number there were

	<u>Live births</u>	<u>Still-births</u>
Occurring in the Borough and transferred to other districts	210	1
Belonging to Hornsey and occurring in Hospitals, etc., outside the district	653	16

The 1,350 nett number of notified births belonging to Hornsey were divided among the districts of the Centres, as follows:-

	<u>Live births</u>	<u>Still births</u>	<u>Total</u>
Town Hall Centre	579	12	591
Burgoyne Road Centre	275	9	284
Church Road Centre	228	7	235
Coldfall Centre	258	2	240
	<u>1,320</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1,350</u>

Births notified by Borough Midwives:-

Miss Andrews	108
Miss Hughes	67
Miss Matthews	79
Miss Jones	25
Miss Buckeridge	33
Miss Fenwick-Tome	3
	<u>315</u>

ALEXANDRA MATERNITY HOME

The following statistics relate to the work of the Maternity Home during 1945.

2)	Number of maternity beds in the Institution (exclusive of isolation and labour beds) at 31st December, 1945	19
2a)	Number of beds, if any, included under item 2 which have been reserved for expectant mothers in need of hospital treatment	2
3)	Number of maternity cases admitted during the year	286
3a)	Number of women treated during the year in the ante-natal beds shown against item 2a (these women should be included also against item 3)	15
3b)	*Average duration of stay of expectant mothers in the ante-natal beds shown against item 2a	6 days
4)	*Average duration of stay of cases in the lying-in wards	14 days
5)	+Number of cases delivered by -	
	(a) Midwives	238
	(b) Doctors	33
6)	Number of cases in which medical assistance was sought by a midwife in emergency	44
7)	Number of cases admitted after delivery (these cases should be included in item 3)	1
8)	Number of cases notified as -	--
	(a) "puerperal fever	1
	(b) //puerperal pyrexia	
9)	Number of cases of pemphigus neonatorum	--
10)	(a) Number of infants who have at any time received a supplementary or complementary feed while in the Institution (excluding those given during the first three or four days while breast feeding is being established)	30

(b) Number of infants wholly breast-fed on leaving the Institution	234
11) Number of cases notified as ophthalmia neonatorum	--
12) Number of maternal deaths	--
13) (a) Number of still-births	5
(b) Cause in each case, and results of post-mortem examination (if obtainable)	
1) Macerated	
2) Macerated	
3) A.P.N. Prematurity	
4) Extended breech in primigravida	
5) Prolonged labour - early rupture of membrane	
14) (a) Number of infant deaths within 10 days of birth	2
(b) Cause of death in each case, and results of post-mortem examination (if obtainable)	
1) Prematurity	
2) Congenital abnormality i.e. complete absence of nose	

\* Based on the actual number of days each patient stayed.

+ Students' cases should be included under (a) unless they were delivered by a doctor.

"In London only.

//i.e., rise of temperature to 100.4° F. for 24 hours, or its recurrence within that period.

#### HOME HELPS SERVICE

The undermentioned report on the work of the Home Helps Service has been supplied by the Organiser, Mrs. H. Inward.

Number of Maternity & Child Welfare cases	147
Number of Domestic cases	128
Total number of cases served (increase on 1944 total of 91)	<u>275</u>
	Full fee    Part fee    Free cases
Number of Maternity & Child Welfare cases paying	<u>8</u> <u>135</u> <u>4</u>
Number of Domestic cases paying	<u>89</u> <u>28</u> <u>11</u>
Total persons paying	<u>97</u> <u>163</u> <u>15</u>
Number of Helps employed at 1st January, 1945	9
Number of Helps resigned during the year	23
Number of Helps engaged during the year	29
Number of Helps employed at 31st December, 1945	15
Total number of visits made by Helps	4,275

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:-

	<u>Town</u>	<u>Burgoyne</u>	<u>CENTRE</u>		
	<u>Hall</u>	<u>Hall</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Coldfall</u>	<u>Total</u>
			<u>Road</u>		
No. of foster-mothers on register:					
At the beginning of 1945	12	5	1	2	18
" " end " "	12	5	1	2	20
No. of foster-children on register:					
At the beginning of 1945	24	8	2	4	38
" " end " "	22	11	1	2	36
Died during the year	6	---	-	-	6
On whom inquests were held during the year	1	---	-	-	1
Visits to foster-children:					
First visits	26	24	5	-	55
Total visits	203	158	19	19	399

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 & Child Welfare Dental Scheme for children under five years of age:-

Inspections	171
Old cases	46
New cases	125
Attendances	443
Finished cases	129
Teeth extracted	102
Teeth filled	423
General anaesthetics	54
Local anaesthetics	1
Other treatments (silver nitrate dressings, scalings, gum treatments, etc.)	424

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

Attendances		705
New cases		152
Examinations		176
Extractions (133 under local anaesthetic, 538 under gas)		671
General anaesthetics		5
Fillings		234
Dressings		118
Scalings		38
Attendances for dentures		160
Dentures provided -	Upper and lower	28
	Single dentures	10
Dentures repaired		2
Finished cases		85
X-ray		1

### MATERNITY STATISTICS

#### ANTE-NATAL, NATAL AND POST-NATAL

#### RECORD OF WORK OF MUNICIPAL MIDWIVES, 1945

<u>Midwife</u>	<u>Confinements attended</u>	<u>Ante-natal Clinics attended</u>	<u>Ante-natal visits</u>	<u>Post- natal visits</u>
Miss Andrews	113	45	393	1,444
Miss Hughes	78	86	244	1,250
Miss Matthews	81	45	214	1,150
Miss Jones	18	17	119	192
Miss Buckeridge	33	41	190	622
Mrs. Jamison	--	--	---	913

	CENTRES				Totals					
	Town Hall	Burgoyne Hall	Church Road	Coldfall						
Number of Children's sessions held	227	134	151	82		594				
" ante-natal sessions held	149	55	54	49		307				
No. of indiv. mths. seen by Doctor:-										
Ante-natal New cases	540	199	257	133		1,129				
" " Old cases	1,750	677	663	524		3,614				
Post-natal New cases	112	74	83	3		272				
" " Old cases	21	3	1	53		78				
	2,423	953	1,004	713		5,093				
Tot. att. of mths.	3,322	1,137	1,112	970		6,541				
No. of babies att. Cens. 1st time:-										
Under 1 year	632	302	440	191		1,565				
1 - 3 years	103	30	222	30		385				
3 - 5 years	26	15	29	6		76				
No. of indiv. babies on Cen. reg. at end of 1945	1,704	742	577	360		3,383				
Babies seen by Dr.	4,414	2,294	854	500		8,062				
Atts. of babies at medical cons.	12,833	5,793	1,099	575		20,300				
Tot. atts. of babies at Centres:-										
Under 1 year	8,265	4,092	2,529	1,787		16,673				
1 - 3 years	3,977	1,470	972	346		6,765				
3 - 5 years	576	231	193	31		1,031				
Ref. own priv. drs.	5	15	34	46		100				
Ref. to hosps.	60	31	39	31		161				
					Grand Totals					
	1st vst	Tot vst	1st vst	Tot vst	1st vst	Tot vst	1st vst	Tot vst		
Vsts. paid by Nurses										
To exp. mothers	129	213	50	70	44	110	35	46	258	439
To inf. und. 1 year	556	1,428	177	330	254	945	201	340	1,188	3,043
To chil. agd 1-5 yr	59	2,504	88	517	169	644	15	435	331	4,100
Total visits	744	4,145	315	917	467	1,699	251	821	1,777	7,582

CHILD LIFE  
PROTECTION

Vats. pd. to Foster Children	26	203	24	158	5	19	---	19	55	399
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WAR-TIME DAY NURSERIES

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

Name	Address and Telephone No.	Number of Children accd.	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 Rigg
Clemence House	24, Queen's Ave. N.10. Tudor 6730	50	24/1/1944	Mrs. Bawcomb
Stone-croft	100, Priory Road, N.8. Mountview 7050	60	13/8/1945	Miss Brindle

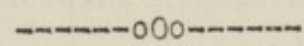
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Councillor H. F. Burns, Vice-Chairman, 7, Walsley Road, N.10.  
The Mayor, Alderman W. T. Vally, J.P., Hilton Lodge, Seven Cross, Tot.

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A. E. Dale, 10, Marlborough Road, N.10.



A. V. Edwards, J.P., 25, Galsley Park, N.10.

L. J. Willett, 50, St. Thomas Lane, N.10.

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O F T H E

Mrs. K. E. Camp, 24, Wood Vale, N.10.

S C H O O L M E D I C A L O F F I C E R

W. H. Clark, 47, Wood Vale, N.10.

F O R

Mrs. H. C. McMillan, 20, Shelton Avenue, N.10.

H. Dalcock, 20, South

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C. Huxford, 10, Wood Vale, N.10.

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" W. E. Lark, 27, Avenue Road.N.8.  
" Miss E.C.McCullough, 20, Princes Avenue.N.10.  
" N. Muldoon, 22, Beech Drive.N.2.  
" C. MacPhee, 76, Upper Tollington Park.N.4.  
" R. F. T. Nottage, 16, Redston Road.N.8.  
" G.W.F. Pallett, 28, Fordington Road.N.6.  
" Mrs. G. M. Reid, 60A, Shpherd's Hill.N.6.  
" F. Wilders, 12, Woodberry Crescent.N.10.  
" A. J. Young, "Woodend", 48, Great North Road.N.6.

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Rev. E.S. Duval, M.A., The Rectory, Hornsey.N.8.

Mrs. D. A. MacPhee, 76, Upper Tollington Park.N.4.

Mr. J. W. Palmer, 30, Crescent Road.N.8.

Rev. N. Turner-Smith, Park Chapel, Crouch End.N.8.

Appointed Members

County-Alderman F. Messer, 176, Wightman Road.N.8.

County-Councillor W. H. Evans, 50, Clifton Road, Alexandra Park.N.22.

Borough Education Officer

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

STAFF OF SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICES  
(December, 1945)

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., D.O.M.S.
Assistant School Medical Officer...		Margarot 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.
Oculist	...	Dr. Marian Lones
Aurist	...	F. P. M. Clarke, B.A., B.Sc., L.R.C.P., L.R.F.P.S. (Glas).
Orthopaedic Surgeon	...	J. A. Cholmeley, M.B., F.R.C.S. (Eng.) (Resident Medical Superintendent, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Country Branch, Stanmore).
Masseuse	...	Mrs. Yorke (Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital).
Orthoptist	...	Miss P. Montague-Smith
Speech Therapist	...	Miss Dorey
Educational Psychologist	...	Miss M. Kent
Nurses	...	L. M. Oliver L. Hatton C. Martin
Dental Attendants	...	L. Bird J. Hughes
Clerk	...	H. M. Cavalier
Assistant Clerk	...	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 Service for the year ending 31st December, 1945.

The 31st March, 1945, marks the end of arrangements under the Education Act, 1921, and on 1st April, 1945, the Education Act, 1944, came into operation. So far as the School Medical Services are concerned the work has been carried on in all its branches by the same staff.

#### Scope of the Work.

The medical service available to all children attending primary and secondary and grammar schools in the Borough includes-

#### 1) Periodical Medical Inspection (ages 5, 8, 11 and 14 years):-

Medical inspection is carried out at entrance, age 8, age 11 and on leaving school. This periodical medical inspection which takes place in all the schools at morning and afternoon sessions, by previous arrangement with the Head Teachers, consists of a complete survey of each child. The School Nurse weighs and measures the child and tests vision in each eye. She also records the previous medical history of the child and its present state of cleanliness. The School Medical Officer examines the whole child - hands, feet, limbs, skin, hair, eyes, ears, nose, throat, teeth, heart, lungs, nutrition, posture and physique, noting anything that is abnormal. The parents get previous notice of this examination so that they are able to attend and ask any questions or raise any point in the health and physical or mental development of the child. The Head Teacher is also present (except when shortage of staff compels him or her to be otherwise engaged). Periodical medical inspection is, therefore, in my view, an important occasion on which Doctor, Head Teacher, School Nurse and Parent enter into consultation in the interests of the child. Views differ as to the value of periodical medical inspection. If done in a routine, humdrum, donkey-fashion, I agree that it is useless. If done by a team who are keenly interested in the development of normal children, it is a health service of the highest importance with unique opportunities for influencing for good the well-being of the children not only in their school years, but also in later life.

#### 2) Periodical Dental Inspection and Treatment:- Dental inspection of all the school children should be carried out every year. The present staff of two Dentists (who also undertake the treatment of children under 5 years of age) is not sufficient, and approval has already been given to the appointment of a third whole-time Dentist. A new Dental Clinic

in one of the outlying parts of the Borough will be required for this third Dental Officer.

Nevertheless a steady improvement in the dental state of the children is taking place and the position over a period of 17 years has quite changed. In 1929 three part-time Dentists working 10 sessions per week extracted 5,574 teeth, mostly under general anaesthetics, which were administered to 1,690 children. In the same year they did 2,390 fillings.

In 1930 a whole-time Dentist was appointed who worked 11 sessions weekly. She was assisted in 1938 by a half-time Dentist working 6 sessions weekly. From 1942 two whole-time Dentists have been employed.

Extractions fell and fillings rose until in 1938 for the first time the latter exceeded the former. Subsequent progress was interrupted by the war and the evacuation of children, but, in spite of these conditions, conservative dental work has continued to exceed extractions. Ninety per cent of the extractions in 1945 were of temporary teeth and seventy per cent of the fillings were in permanent teeth.

The importance to health, hygiene and good appearance and happiness of the development of a sound dental scheme for children cannot be exaggerated. More boys and girls are leaving school each year with sound sets of teeth.

Better nutrition helps in maintaining sound teeth and sound teeth lead to better nutrition - a propitious circle of great importance in the establishment and maintenance of good health and physique.

- 3) Periodical Inspections by the School Nurses:- Inspection for cleanliness and the condition of boots and clothing is carried out by the School Nurses as early as possible in every school term and repeated as necessary to assist in maintaining a high standard of personal cleanliness.
- 4) Schemes of Treatment:- A complete scheme of treatment is available for all school children, Primary and Secondary, at the School Clinic and the Centres comprising:-
  - (a) Treatment of Minor Ailments by School Nurses.
  - (b) Medical Consultations as required or asked for by parents or teachers.
  - (c) Dental Treatment.
  - (d) Ophthalmic, including refraction, squint, diseases of the eyes or eyelids, orthoptic training.
  - (e) Treatment of conditions of the Ear, Nose and Throat.
  - (f) Orthopaedic Treatment.
  - (g) Speech Therapy, including the treatment of stammering and defects of articulation.
  - (h) Psychological Investigations and treatment of difficult children.



Immediate needs of the School Medical Service.

1) Orthopaedic

2) Dental

The School Clinic built in 1932, has been adequate to the needs of the service for sixteen years but extensions and developments of the work in the last year or two in orthoptics, speech-therapy and dentistry have rendered it too small to-day.

Approval has been given to the building of an Orthopaedic Department adjacent to the Clinic and to the equipment of a Dental Clinic in an outlying part of the Borough.

When these are provided and staffed, the service available will meet present needs.

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, 1945.

BOROUGH OF HORNSEY

TABLE I

Medical Inspections of Pupils attending Maintained  
Primary and Secondary Schools.

A. Routine Medical Inspections.

1. Number of Inspections.

	Entrants	2nd age Group	3rd age Group	Total
Primary	1,117	1,543	374	2,834
Secondary - 1st January - 31st March	29	141	42	212
1st April - 31st December	205	153	72	430
<u>2. Number of Other Routine Inspections (in Primary Schools)</u>				<u>13</u>
Grand Total				<u>3,489</u>

B. Other Inspections.

Number of Special Inspections and Re-inspections 1,888

TABLE II

Classification of the Nutrition of Pupils Inspected during the year in  
the Routine Age Groups (Primary Schools only)

<u>Number of Pupils Inspected</u>	A	B	C (Slightly subnormal)	D (Bad)
	(Excellent)	(Normal)		(Bad)
2,847	1,433 (50.3%)	1,394 (48.9%)	20 (0.7%)	Nil

TABLE III

Group 1. Treatment of Minor Ailments (excluding uncleanliness).

Total number treated 9,531

Group 2. Treatment of Defective Vision and Squint.

Errors of Refraction	447
Other defects	<u>14</u>
	<u>461</u>

Number of pupils for whom spectacles were	(a) Prescribed	273
	(b) Obtained	222

Group 3. Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat.

Received operative treatment	Nil
Received other forms of treatment	342
Total treated	<u>342</u>

TABLE IV

Dental Inspection and Treatment

1. Number of pupils inspected by Dentist -	(a) Routine age groups	3,878
	(b) Specials	875
	Total	<u>4,753</u>
2. Number found to require treatment		4,036
3. Number treated		2,754
4. Attendances for treatment		4,500
5. Half-days devoted to -	Inspections	47
	Treatment	615
	Total	<u>662</u>
6. Fillings -	Permanent teeth	4,130
	Temporary teeth	592
	Total	<u>4,722</u>
7. Extractions -	Permanent teeth	507
	Temporary teeth	2,745
	Total	<u>3,052</u>
8. Administrations of general anaesthetics for extractions		872
9. Other operations -	Permanent teeth	321
	Temporary teeth	3,622
	Total	<u>3,943</u>

TABLE V

Verminous Conditions

1. Average number of School Nurses visits	33
2. Total number of examinations of pupils by School Nurses	18,202
3. Number of <u>individual</u> pupils found unclean	86

TABLE VI

Totally Blind and Totally Deaf Pupils  
NOT at present being Educated in a Special School

	<u>At Primary or Secondary School</u>	<u>At an Institution other than a Special School</u>	<u>At no School or Institution</u>
Totally Blind	Nil	Nil	1
Totally Deaf	Nil	Nil	Nil

TABLE VII

School Medical and Dental Staff

	<u>Proportion of Time</u>	
	<u>School Health Service</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
School Medical Officer -		
R. P. Garrow	15/40	25/40
Assistant School Medical Officers -		
Marian Lones	6/11	5/11
Margaret Robinson	2/11	9/11
Senior Dental Officer - Miss W. M. Hunt)	Both whole-time	
Other Dental Officers - Miss D. Young )		

School Nursing Staff

School Nurses (whole-time)	3
Dental Attendants "	2

by

Doctor F. P. M. Clarke.

The usual weekly Session of the Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic has been carried on during 1945 as in previous years (including the war years). There was some disorganisation in the matter of attendances during the first half of the year, due to the V.1 and V.2 bombings which were heavy in this area. A number of children were evacuated and the attendances due on appointments were frequently interrupted by the raids. Notwithstanding this, the total number of children who attended the Clinic and continued afterwards for the required treatment compares favourably with the numbers in previous (pre-war) normal years.

The weekly Session of the Aural Clinic is held every Saturday morning and the required treatment is carried out on two Sessions a week at three convenient Centres in the Borough. This arrangement assures a much better attendance than if the treatment was carried out at one Centre only. It is convenient for the children and also for the schools and saves a good deal of school time. A certain number of the treatments which require special apparatus and special knowledge in their application, such as Zinc Ionisation, Proetz Displacement, Tonsil Suction, etc., are always done at the Chief "Treatment Clinic" at the Town Hall Centre. The treatments usually carried out at the auxiliary Centres are, diastolisation or intra-nasal massage for rhinitis and catarrh, suction treatment for acute otorrhoea, tonsil painting and the instillation of nasal antiseptic drops, etc.

An increasing number of pre-school children is now being seen at the Clinic, including infants and welfare centre children. This inclusion of children (and infants) of the pre-school age group in the scheme for ear, nose and throat examination and treatment is a very important and desirable advance in the cause of preventive medicine. Many conditions such as rhinitis, acute otitis, deafness, nasal obstructions, etc. occur at this age which, if taken in time, can be quickly and satisfactorily resolved, but if overlooked or neglected can become chronic and present a much more difficult problem by the time the child reaches his school inspection age.

During the last three years we have found aural suction a most valuable method in the complete and rapid cure of the great majority of cases of acute otorrhoea (running ears). The treatment is carried out at the Clinic daily by means of the Fowler ear suction tube and most cases heal up within a week or ten days. This method is used in conjunction with the instillation of a 10% solution of Albucid (Schering) into the ear once a day.

The French (Gautier) method of intra-nasal massage, with the special Gautier diastolisation bougies which has proved so successful in previous years, has been largely employed for such conditions as "catarrh", rhinitis, nasal obstructions of non-organic origin, mouth breathing etc. The results have been very satisfactory.

The number of children seen now at the Clinic with chronic otorrhoea is very small - only seventeen cases in all were seen during the year. This is in marked contrast to the findings of some years ago when the great majority of ear cases then seen at a clinic were suffering from chronic otorrhoea. Two factors have in the main been responsible for this welcome improvement, 1) early detection and treatment of acute otorrhoea and nasal conditions predisposing to ear suppuration, and 2) treatment of chronic otorrhoea by the Friel method of zinc ionisation.

The subject of the treatment of "enlarged tonsils" is one that always engages attention. It is still a subject of debate - "Tonsils: In or Out?" We adopt a conservative line towards removal. Hypertrophy, "enlargement" (unless gross) in itself is not a clinical indication for removal. We have treated a large number of children during the last six years by conservative methods, such as tonsil suction with suitable antiseptic, tonsil painting with attention to any nasal defects present, especially sinusitis and we are satisfied that this procedure is preferable to "hit or miss" method of mass removal. A certain number of children have had tonsillectomy performed before they attended the Clinic, privately, and we have found amongst many of these the most intractable cases of sinusitis.

The condition of sinusitis in children is one that demands special attention. It is much commoner than is supposed and sinusitis can be present without showing much, if any, "external" signs. This can be easily demonstrated by the use of Proetz sinus "displacement". We find the "displacement" method of the greatest value in sinus infections and during the year we have been using in displacement a 10% solution of Albuclid (Schering) after the usual ephedrine. The results are remarkably good.

A summary of the statistics of the Ear, Nose and Throat work is appended:-

Total number of children seen at the Aural Clinic during 1945		360
School children		253
Pre-school children		76
Ear cases - School	- acute	38
	chronic	17
	Pre-school - chronic	25
Nose and throat cases - School		167
	Pre-school	51
Miscellaneous cases		31
Number of cases treated by - Ionisation		14
	Diastolisation	106
	Proetz Displacement	20
	Tonsil (conservative)	50

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ORGANISERS OF

PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR

ENDED 31st MARCH, 1946.

The year under review should be regarded as having been a year of planning for the future rather than one of specific achievement. The reliefs brought about by the end of hostilities were not reflected in improved conditions in the schools from any point of view. In fact many of the difficulties were increased.

During the war years there was a marked deterioration in all the conditions and facilities required for Physical Education. Frequent staff changes together with a fluctuating school population inevitably resulted in a general lowering of the standard of work in the schools. From the date of the first evacuation there was little stability in things pertaining to physical education. The drop in the intake of new staff, in addition to young men entering the forces, deprived the Authority of the services of many able teachers, and, one by one, the facilities provided for Physical Education suffered.

The Organisers would like to place on record however, that there was the utmost co-operation in the schools in endeavouring to overcome the difficulties experienced. The Heads were most accommodating in regard to time-table and staffing arrangements, and the teachers were persistent in their efforts to maintain a reasonable standard of efficiency. In particular, the older teachers, untrained in modern methods of physical education, are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Equipment.

In some cases successful efforts were made to improvise footwear, clothing and apparatus. The importance to the child of being properly clad for physical activities cannot be over-emphasised. Although it will doubtless be some time before all children will have shorts and vests, for physical training it is encouraging to note that supplies of rubber shoes are increasing. The Organisers appreciate the Committee's recent purchase of 2,000 pairs of plimsolls.

Good use is being made of some of the black-out material by converting it into shorts. The teachers are to be commended for undertaking this additional work.

Although the annual allocation of new apparatus was small some items were more generously distributed this year. The chief need is in respect of all types of balls particularly in the Primary Departments.

Swimming.

The Organisers have always been concerned that large numbers of school children in the Borough could not be offered facilities for learning to swim. Upon the cessation of hostilities, plans were made which it was hoped would eventually result in swimming being regarded as a class subject for all who were physically fit. In the first place, as a new venture, arrangements were made for swimming to be continued throughout the winter, and the response from schools was regarded as being most encouraging for the first season.

In order to ensure that every child should be given the opportunity of learning to swim during school life, it was envisaged that the present inadequate facilities in the Borough would demand a scheme limiting instruction to certain age groups. The appointment of a Swimming teacher, together with transport facilities to and from the schools, were necessary for the full implementation of the Scheme. The Committee authorised this new venture, and it is hoped that good results will be quickly observed.

The need for an additional instruction Bath in the Borough is urgent. It is still necessary to secure extra accommodation at Finchley, Islington and Wood Green as in the past. The scheme as outlined will only develop swimming in Hornsey in a very limited degree until another bath is available.

#### Playing Fields.

The Organisers are pleased to report that there has been a resumption of Organised games at the playing fields on a pre-war scale. Requests for allocation of times were made by Youth Organisations and Grammar Schools in addition to Modern and Primary schools. It was not possible to meet the demands. This situation will persist until additional playing field acreage is secured. The wear and tear upon the fields is too great and it is feared that the grass will deteriorate rapidly, particularly in view of the limited attention the fields have received during the war years.

Under present conditions some fields are used more than others. The provision of transport to and from schools would lead to more even use in addition to enabling Heads to plan their time-tables more economically.

At present there are approximately 30 acres in Hornsey available to the schools. It must be pointed out that this does not permit of organised games lessons for all school children for whom provision should be made. A survey of the Borough shows that additional playing fields space cannot be acquired and it may be necessary to consider the purchase or hire of additional grounds outside the Borough, or even outside the County areas as in the cases of Stationers and Hornsey County Playing Fields. This suggestion might apply particularly to grounds for the use of Youth Organisations, and thus relieve pressure on the school grounds.

Greater stress should be laid on the training in hygiene and general health matters in connection with the games lesson. The Organisers, therefore, would strongly urge that, as soon as conditions permit, consideration should be given to the provision of suitable changing and washing accommodation on all fields. Improved storage facilities for both games apparatus and groundsmen's equipment should also be planned.

#### Sports Meetings.

In reviewing the war period the Organisers wish to congratulate the schools upon their tenacity and courage in the matter of Sports Meetings. Not only have they continued their annual meetings throughout a difficult period, but they have also accepted and developed a new Athletics Scheme which is already ensuring a better all-round training for a greater proportion of children. This has been achieved in spite of a shortage of experienced staff.

#### Inter-School Matches.

There has been a resumption of inter-school matches, and it is hoped that



experience in matches will help to raise the general standard of play.

### Teachers' Courses.

Preliminary arrangements were made to hold a two-day Course in Physical Education for all teachers in the Borough. It was a matter of great disappointment that permission to close the schools for two days was not granted by the County Authority. Consequently plans for the Course were abandoned.

The chief aim of the Course was to give all teachers an opportunity to observe progression in the various aspects of physical education from infant to secondary work. The Course was designed for propaganda purposes and to serve as a general stimulus to all teachers. Specialist courses in particular branches would have followed. The disappointment upon the cancellation of the Course was particularly felt by Heads who realised the need for such stimulus.

### Staffing.

The Organisers would urge that when future appointments to Secondary Modern Schools are made, consideration should be given to the need for Specialist Teachers of Physical Education in these schools.

The Organisers welcome the men demobilised from the Forces and look forward to the return of the remainder in 1946.

### Recreative Work.

It is encouraging to note that there has been an increase in the number of evening classes during the season, although in some cases they have not been consistently well attended. There will doubtless be a marked improvement in recreative work as conditions in general become more settled and when an additional number of qualified leaders are available.

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