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BOROUGH OF BEXLEY

ANNUAL REPORT

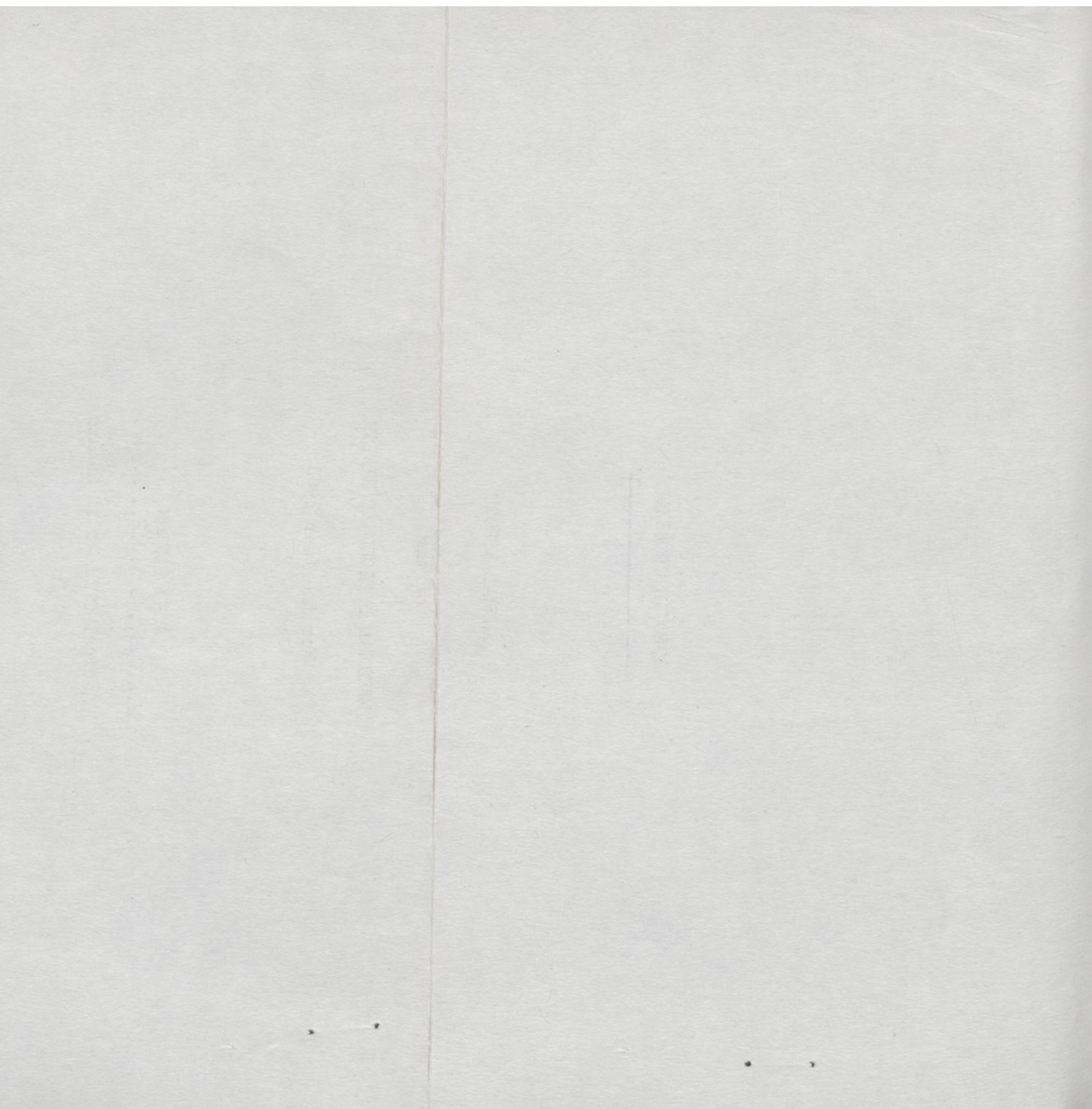
of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year 1964

JOHN LANDON,
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Medical Officer of Health



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Bexley.

MR MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for
1964.

Owing to the coming into operation of the London
Government Act, 1963 and the creation of the London Borough
of Bexley on April 1st, 1965, the usual form of presentation
has had to be modified, the contents being largely statistical
and intended to preserve continuity with previous reports.

My thanks are due to the Members of the Authority
and Staff of the Department for their unfailing help and
encouragement over the years.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN LANDON,

Medical Officer of Health.

**SECTION A. - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL
CONDITIONS OF THE BOROUGH**

AREA.

4,869 acres

POPULATION.

NEW DWELLINGS ERECTED

Registrar General's
Estimate mid-
year, 90,160

Houses 393

Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1964
(according to Rate Books) approximately 29,422

Rateable Value £3,729,136

Sum represented by a penny rate... £15,300

UNEMPLOYMENT.

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
December 31st, 1963	234	68	17	9	328
December 31st, 1964	156	30	9	2	197

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

	England and Wales	Borough of Bexley
	Rates per 1,000 Home Population	
BIRTHS:-		
Live	18.4	16.43
Still	0.31	0.29
	16.4(a)	17.25(a)
DEATHS:-		
All Causes	11.3	9.86
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	-
Whooping Cough ...	0.00	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Tuberculosis.	0.05	0.02
Influenza	0.02	0.01
Smallpox	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polio-encephalitis)	0.00	-
Pneumonia	0.63	0.72
NOTIFICATIONS (corrected)		
Typhoid Fever ...	0.00	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever ...	0.00	-
Meningococcal Infection	0.01	0.01
Scarlet Fever ...	0.42	0.68
Whooping Cough ...	0.67	0.60
Diphtheria	0.00	-
Erysipelas	0.04	0.03
Smallpox	-	-
Measles	6.47	4.92
Pneumonia	0.19	0.03
Acute Poliomyelitis (Including Polioencephalitis)		
Paralytic	0.00	-
Non-Paralytic ...	0.00	-
Food Poisoning ...	0.11	0.01
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	6.67(a)	7.96(a)
	Rates per 1,000 Live Births	
DEATHS:-		
All causes under one year of age	20.0	12.83
Enteritis and Diarrhoea under two years of age	0.57	-

(a) Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births

A dash (-) signifies that there were no deaths or notifications

MATERNAL MORTALITY

	England and Wales	Borough of Bexley
	Rates per 1,000 total live and still births	
Maternal causes, excluding abortion	0.20	0.66
Due to abortion	0.06	-
Total maternal mortality ...	0.25	0.66

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1964

The Registrar General's Estimate of home population for the mid-year is 90,160 and this figure is assigned for the purpose of calculation of all rates.

BIRTHS.

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births - Total	...	772	709	1481
Legitimate	...	727	678	1405
Illegitimate	...	45	31	76

BIRTH RATE.

Rate per 1,000 estimated home population	15.32
Rate per 1,000 for England & Wales	18.4

The Registrar-General has supplied a comparability factor for 1964. The standardised birth rate which allows for comparison with other parts of the country is 15.78

76 illegitimate live births were registered against 54 in 1963 giving a percentage of 5.13 of total live births.

STILLBIRTHS.

STILLBIRTHS.	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	11	15	26
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		17.25	

26 Stillbirths were registered during the year. This represents a rate of 0.29 per 1,000 population against 0.23 per 1,000 population in 1963.

Rate per 1,000 for England and Wales 1964 ... 0.31

There was one Stillbirth registered as illegitimate.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total Live and Stillbirths	783	724	1,507

INFANT MORTALITY, 1964

DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES AT VARIOUS AGES UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

These relate to deaths occurring in 1964 but not necessarily registered in that year.

Causes of Death as Certified	D A Y S												M O N T H S											
	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	6-	7-	14-	21-	28-	2-	3-	4-	5-	6-	7-	8-	9-	10-	11-	12-		
Congenital Malformation	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Prematurity	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Broncho Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Pyelocystitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Acute Capillary Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Asphyxia	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
TOTALS	9	1	2	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

The number of infants under one year of age who died during the year 1964 as shown by the table is 19. 16 of these deaths, that is 88 per cent, occurred in the neonatal period (within one month of birth). In 1963 the corresponding figure was 77 per cent.

INFANT DEATHS.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths of Infants under one year of age	11	8	19
Legitimate	11	8	19
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Death rate of Infants under one year of age:			
Total per 1,000 live births		12.83	
Legitimate per 1,000 legitimate live births		13.52	
Illegitimate per 1,000 illegitimate live births		-	
Neo-natal Deaths per 1,000 live births		10.13	
Early Neo-natal Deaths		8.78	
Perinatal Deaths		25.88	

MATERNAL DEATHS.

There was one maternal death during the year.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth:

From Puerperal and Post Abortive Sepsis	...	-
From other Puerperal causes	...	1
Death rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still)births		0.66

DEATHS ALL CAUSES.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
All Causes	479	410	889
Death rate per 1,000 of estimated home population	...	...	9.86
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	-	-	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-
Deaths from Enteritis (under 2 years of age)	...	...	-
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	120	96	216
Death rate per 1,000 for England and Wales, 1964	...	...	11.3

The rate for Bexley compares favourably with that for England and Wales.

The Registrar-General has supplied a comparability factor for 1964. The standardised death rate which allows for comparison with other parts of the country is 11.34

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE BOROUGH REGISTERED
DURING THE YEAR 1964

CAUSES OF DEATH.

				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	All Causes			479	410	889
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	2	-	2
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	3	1	4
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	-	-	-
8.	Measles	...	...	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases ..			-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	18	13	31
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	47	9	56
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	-	27	27
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	-	5	5
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms .			55	42	97
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	2	1	3
16.	Diabetes	...	...	2	1	3
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	37	52	89
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	128	80	208
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	9	14	23
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	26	43	69
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	26	21	47
22.	Influenza	...	...	-	1	1
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	28	37	65
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	31	7	38
25.	Other diseases of the respiratory system .			5	3	8
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	3	3	6
27.	Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea	...	...	2	1	3
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	2	2	4
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	2	-	2
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	-	1	1
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	4	3	7
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..			25	33	58
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	12	1	13
34.	All other accidents	...	...	6	5	11
35.	Suicide	...	...	4	4	8
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	-	-	-

DEATHS REGISTERED (IN AGE GROUPS) IN 1964

CAUSE OF DEATH	Total All Ages.		Under 4 weeks		4 weeks & under one yr.		AGE IN YEARS																		
							1 -		5 -		15 -		25 -		35 -		45 -		55 -		65 -		75 & over		
	M	F.	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3. Syphilitic disease	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
8. Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9. Other infective & parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	18	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	4	6	3	5	6	
11. Malignant neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	47	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	19	4	16	3	7	1	
12. Malignant neoplasm, Breast	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	4	-	9	-	9	-	-	2	
13. Malignant neoplasm, Uterus	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	55	42	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	7	9	13	8	19	7	14	14	-	-	
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-		
16. Diabetes	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-		
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	37	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	8	6	12	9	17	35		
18. Coronary disease, Angina	128	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	13	4	41	4	36	24	34	48	-	-	
19. Hypertension with heart disease	9	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	5	5	9	-	-	
20. Other heart disease	26	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	7	12	15	27	-	-	
21. Other circulatory disease	26	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	7	2	9	1	8	16	-	
22. Influenza	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
23. Pneumonia	28	37	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	-	6	8	14	27	
24. Bronchitis	31	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	17	2	7	4	-	-	
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	2	2	1	
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
31. Congenital malformations	4	3	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	25	33	7	4	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	3	1	1	9	4	5	17	-	
33. Motor vehicle accidents	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	
34. All other accidents	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	-	
35. Suicide	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	479	410	9	6	2	2	1	2	2	1	5	1	4	4	9	5	37	34	124	46	148	95	138	214	

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE BOROUGH

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Action taken under Section 47.

During the year a number of cases of elderly persons not receiving proper care and attention (reported to the department) were visited. It was necessary for action to be taken under the Act for removal of one person to hospital.

Action taken under Section 50.

It was not necessary to arrange for any burial under this Section during the year.

NURSING HOMES

Registration of Nursing Homes, Public Health Act, 1936
(Authority of Registration transferred from Kent County Council to the Bexley Borough Council - 17.4.39)

No. of Homes on the Register at beginning of year	2
No. of patients provided for:-	
Maternity	-
Others	36
Total ...	36
No. of Homes first registered during year ...	-
No. of patients provided for:-	
Maternity	-
Others	-
Total ...	-
No. of Homes on the Register at end of year ...	2
No. of patients provided for:-	
Maternity	-
Others	36
Total ...	36

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BOROUGH.

1. (i) Water Supply.

The water supply to the district is supplied by the Metropolitan Water Board and is derived from several sources namely, Bexley, Crayford, Darenth and Wilmington wells together with River Thames derived filtered water.

The water supply to this area has been satisfactory in both quality and quantity during the year.

There have been no specific cases of contamination and the waters are not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

No new sources of piped water supply were instituted in the Borough of Bexley during 1964, but 1178 yards of new service mains were laid.

During the year 6 samples of water from piped supplies were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination and all were found to be satisfactory.

(ii) Drainage and Sewerage.

New drainage and sewage works were carried out during the year as follows:

East Welling Surface Water Scheme - In progress.

Comprises length of concrete culvert in Danson Park and continues in 63"-42" pipe line via Danson Lane, Roseacre Road, Park View and Gipsy Roads (a completed distance of 1,830 l in.yd) and involved thrust boring under Railway, relaying 200 lin. yd. of foul sewer, manholes and incidentals.

Danson Road to River Shuttle Surface Water Outfall - In progress

The clearance, excavation and regrading of existing water course. The construction of brick and reinforced concrete culverts and the thrust boring of 72" concrete pipe under the A.2., a completed distance of 1,450 lin. yd., including reinstatements and renewals to private properties.

Gravel Hill Improvement - In progress

830 lin. yds. of pipes varying from 45" to 24" in dia. have been laid in the surface water sewer.

300 lin yds. of 12" pipes have been laid in the foul sewer.

Wansunt Road Surface Water Outfall - Completed

A 24" and 21" concrete pipe line extending from Wansunt Road via Heath Road (made up) to watercourse bounding Mr. Maybanks farm. Length 420 lin. yds. including manholes.

Wansunt Road and Heath P.S.W. Surface Water Drainage - Completed.

All pipe lines varying from 21" to 9" have been laid for a length of 650 lin. yds. including manholes and gully connections.

Yew Tree Close Surface Water Drainage - Completed

The pipe lines comprised 130 lin. yds. of 24" and 85 lin. yds. of 9" together with manholes.

I am indebted to the Chief Public Health Inspector for the following report:

TABLE No. 1.

DETAILS OF INSPECTION WORK CARRIED OUT

		<u>Inspection.</u>	<u>Re-inspections</u>
Houses inspected (all particulars recorded)	...	17	173
Houses inspected (defects only records)	...	142	389
Houses inspected (certificates of disrepair)	...		
Houses inspected (improvement grants)	...	32	-
Houses inspected (Housing Act, 1936, Over-crowding)	...	4	2
Houses inspected re Infectious Disease (including scabies)	...	844	266
Factories with mechanical power	...	96	19
Factories without mechanical power	...	3	-
Outworkers' premises	...	33	3
Other premises under the Act	...	1	-
Bakehouses	...	51	42
Water Samples	...	24	1
Food and Drugs Act Samples	...	123	1
Dairies and distributors	...	23	1
Ice Cream premises	...	185	2
Restaurants, etc.	...	218	99
Fish premises	...	84	47
Meat Shops	...	296	127
Public Houses	...	68	23
Shops re unsound food	...	339	54
Other premises where food is prepared	...	1589	267
Offensive accumulations	...	72	133
Stables	...	12	4
Keeping of Animals	...	45	17
Rats	...	173	100
Drains inspected	...	633	360
Drains tested (water, smoke or colour)	...	87	-
Dustbins	...	1	2
Verminous premises	...	41	51
Smoke observations	...	6	6
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	30	92
Refuse Tips	...	145	-
Refuse Removal and Salvage	...	387	9
Conveniences	...	67	32
Pet Animals Act, 1951	...	26	7
Council House Applicants	...	158	10
Shops Act, 1950	...	558	2
Employment of Young Persons Act, 1938	...	-	2
National Assistance Act, 1948 - Sec.47	...	9	6
Miscellaneous inspections	...	437	13
Clean Air Act, 1956. Smoke Control Areas	...	537	179
Clean Air Act (Other than Smoke Control Areas)	...	6	1
Rent Act	...	20	45
Noise Abatement Act	...	26	58
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	...	151	22
Boarding of Animals Act	...	8	5
Housing Act 1961. (Houses let in multiple occupation)	...	3	9
Litter Act.	...	1	-

Glenmore Road Surface Water Outfall - Completed.

The work consisted of regrading and diverting part of the old watercourse into a 42" concrete pipe line for a distance of 210 lin.yds.

Crook Log and Devonshire Road Renewal of Foul Sewer (section) - Completed

The work was carried out exclusively in tunnel and involved laying 27" and 24" pipes for a length of 240 lin. yds. with new manholes, tunnelling shafts and marrying in to existing sewer.

Northdown Road Renewal of Surface Water Sewer (section) - Completed.

The work involved taking up and renewing a length of 43 lin. yds. of 42" pipe mainly situated on private premises.

Wates Estate Section II Surface Water Drainage - Completed

The provision of 1,607 lin. yds. of pipeline varying from 15" to 7" in diameter with manholes, gullies and alterations to soil sewer connections. The new sewer replaces existing soakaway system.

Bourne Road Surface Water Sewer - Completed

Number of cesspools emptied	...	9
The total number of emptyings	...	18

TABLE No.3.

FOOD INSPECTION.

The following is a summary of unsound food surrendered and destroyed:

Corned Beef	...	...	lbs	179 $\frac{3}{4}$
Cooked Ham	...	...	"	326 $\frac{1}{2}$
Veal	...	...	"	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Beef	...	...	"	999 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	...	...	"	572
Lamb	...	...	"	1006 $\frac{1}{4}$
Poultry	...	...	"	179 $\frac{3}{4}$
Offal	...	...	"	506 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bacon	...	...	"	59
Rabbit	...	...	"	60
Fish	...	...	"	238
Sausages	...	...	"	8
Flour	...	...	"	30
Fats	...	...	"	60
Sugar	...	...	"	280
Fruit and Fruit juices	...	...	tins	256
Vegetables	...	...	"	136
Meat	...	...	"	77
Fish	...	...	"	25
Milk	...	...	"	29
Soups	...	...	"	14
Cream	...	...	"	4
Preserves	...	...	"	4
Preserves	...	...	jars	37
Biscuits	...	...	pkts	26
Frozen Foods	...	...	"	5486
Frozen Foods	...	...	lbs	2062 $\frac{1}{2}$
Miscellaneous items	...	...		18

TABLE No.2.

IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED AND DEFECTIVE SANITARY
CONDITIONS REMEDIED

HOUSES:-	No.
Provided with sufficient w.c. accommodation	1
Provided with sufficient ashplace accom- odation	...
Provided with sufficient water supply	16
HOUSES IMPROVED INTERNALLY:-	
Walls and ceilings repaired	121
Dampness in rooms remedied	45
Defective floors repaired	21
Ventilation of Rooms improved	32
Windows repaired	61
Stoves, fireplaces, etc. provided or repaired	1
HOUSES IMPROVED EXTERNALLY:-	
Roofs repaired	22
Eaves gutters and down spouts fixed or repaired	40
Yards paved or repaired	2
Chimney stacks repaired	13
Walls repointed or repaired	29
Miscellaneous repairs	23
DRAINAGE:-	
Drains cleansed or repaired	591
New drains constructed	3
New gullies provided	-
Ventilation of drainage system im- proved	4
Inspection chambers built or repaired	10
Waste pipes provided or repaired	2
New sinks provided	2
Offensive accumulations removed	-
Nuisances from animals abated	-
Other nuisances abated	2

TABLE No. 4.

FACTORIES ACT, 137 and 1948

1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH,
INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS.

Premises 1	Number of:		
	Inspec- tions. 2	Written Notices 3	Prose- cutions. 4
Factories without mechanical power	3	-	-
Factories with mechanical power	147	3	-
*Other Premises under the Act (In- cluding works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises) *Electrical Stations should be reckoned as factories.	1	-	-
Total ...	151	3	-

2. DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars 1	Number of defects			Number of Prose- cutions. 5
	Found 2	Reme- died 3	Referred to H.M. Inspector. 4	
Want of cleanliness(S.1)	2	2	-	-
Overcrowding				
Unreasonable temperature(S.3)				
Inadequate ventilation(S.4)				
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)				
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) -				
Insufficient ...	3	3		
Unsuitable or defective ...	2	2		
Not separate for sexes ...				
Other Offences ...				
(Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Work- shops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921 and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937)				
TOTAL ...	7	7	-	-

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE

The Health Committee is responsible for the collection and disposal of house and trade refuse, the collection and sale of salvageable materials and the cleansing and maintenance of public conveniences.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The collection and disposal of house refuse is carried out by direct labour, and a weekly collection is made. Trade refuse is cleared from shops and factories by arrangement with the occupiers. A charge is made for this service, based on the average quantity to be removed each week.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956 - SMOKE CONTROL AREAS

The Borough of Bexley (No.1.) Smoke Control Order, 1962, came into operation on the 1st October, 1963.

During 1964 a survey of the second area was continued.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Details of surface infestations dealt with during the year are set out below :-

Number of Properties inspected	...	...	765
Number of Inspections	...	...	2126
Number of Infestations found - Rats	-	Major	-
		Minor	224
		Mice	49
Number of Properties Treated		Rats	Mice
Local Authority's premises	...	2	1
Dwelling Houses	...	204	32
Business Premises	...	18	16

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Licences to keep pet shops were issued to 9 persons under the Act. No contraventions were observed during the year.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

There were approximately 800 shops on the Council's Register at the end of the year.

During the year, 558 inspections were made under the Shops Act, 1950, and no legal proceedings were instituted.

SECTION D - HOUSING.

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)	159
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose (including re-inspection) ...	721
(2)		Number of dwelling houses to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	17
(3)		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	142
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notice.			
		Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	93
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.			
A. Proceedings under the Housing Act, 1957			
		Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
	(a)	By owners	10
	(b)	By local authority in default of owners	1
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts -			
		Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
	(a)	By owners	2
	(b)	By local authority in default of owners	1
C. Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of Housing Act, 1957 -			
	(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ...	11
	(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ...	11
	(3)	Number of houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	2
D. Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 -			
		parts of buildings closed ...	-

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	Discretionary Standard	
Number of applicants for improvement grants	7	34
Total amount of grants made	£1,505.18.4	£3,009.18.7

SECTION E. - INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION
OF FOOD.

(a) MILK SUPPLY.

The milk retailed for consumption in the area is all pasteurised and bottled.

No. of Distributors with Dairy Premises	...	4
No. of Distributors with Shop Premises	...	29
No. of Distributors from outside area	...	7

Licences granted by the Council under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960:-

Dealers' Licences:-

Pasteurised Milk	...	34
Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	36
Sterilised Milk	...	39

21 samples of milk were forwarded to the Public Health Laboratory for the Methylene Blue and Phosphatase Tests. All were satisfactory.

(b) ADULTERATION OF FOOD. FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

139 samples were taken during the year.

THE FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

During the year further improvements were carried out at food shops and generally speaking co-operation of food traders was satisfactory.

Registration of Premises under Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

No. of premises registered for:-

Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream	...	2
Sale of Ice Cream	...	168
Preparation of Sausages, etc.	...	52

31 samples of Ice Cream were submitted for examination under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947. Two were unsatisfactory.

SECTION F. - PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND OTHER DISEASES

IMMUNIZATION

The following table shows the diphtheria immunisation and whooping cough immunisation figure for 1963 based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

Year of Birth.	Diphtheria Immunisation (Singly or in combination)		Whooping Cough Immunisation (Singly or in combination).
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary
1964	725	-	724
1963	720	11	710
1962	32	683	32
1961	12	240	11
1960	3	100	3
1955-1959	7	888	4
1950-1954	-	7	-
TOTAL	1,499	1,929	1,484

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION.

The following table shows the number of injections given in the various groups during the year ended 31st December, 1964

Year of birth.	3rd and 4th Dose (Salk and Oral).	3 Orals (Complete course)
1964	1	296
1963	15	1061
1962	18	112
1961	2	55
1949 - 1960	1376	98
1933 - 1948	356	27
Others	2	26
TOTAL	1,770	1,675

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

The following table shows the smallpox vaccination figures for 1964 based on the return submitted to the Ministry of Health.

Primary Vaccination 1 year	Re-vaccination School Age but under 8 years
996	-

The following table gives the particulars concerning the cases of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified in the area during the year.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1964

	Total Cases Noti- fied	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 24	25 and over	Cases Admitted to hos- pital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	61	-	-	2	4	8	41	4	1	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	4	12	-
Pneumonia	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-
Erysipelas	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	17	1	1	1	-	1	4	1	1	7	-	-
Typhoid Fever	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Meningococcal Infection	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Measles	444	9	43	52	58	70	198	9	5	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	54	5	7	9	8	5	18	1	-	1	-	-
Scabies	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTALS	599	16	51	65	70	85	262	15	16	19	14	-

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year 25 new cases were notified.

Particulars relating to the same, and also to the deaths which occurred during 1964 are contained in the following table:-

Age Period	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	3	4	-	4	1	-	-	-
45 - 64	6	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and over	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	12	9	-	4	2	-	-	-

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PART I.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED
AND ASSISTED PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

A. PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Age Groups Inspected (By years of birth).	No. of pupils inspected.	Physical condition of pupils inspected.			
		SATISFACTORY		UNSATISFACTORY	
		No.	% of Col.2.	No.	% of Col.2.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1960 and later	84	83	98.8%	1	1.2%
1959	548	546	99.6%	2	.4%
1958	645	639	99.1%	6	.9%
1957	326	325	99.7%	1	.3%
1956	514	514	100%	-	-
1955	429	429	100%	-	-
1954	150	150	100%	-	-
1953	483	483	100%	-	-
1952	379	379	100%	-	-
1951	102	102	100%	-	-
1950	85	85	100%	-	-
1949 and earlier	712	710	99.7%	2	.3%
TOTAL	4457	4445	99.7%	12	.3%

B. - Pupils Found to Require Treatment at Periodic Medical Inspections

Age groups Inspected (by year of birth) (1)	For defective vision (excluding squint) (2)	For any of the other conditions recorded in Part II (3)	Total individual pupils (4)
1960 and later	-	5	5
1959	41	78	107
1958	71	89	142
1957	24	30	50
1956	42	46	79
1955	36	40	67
1954	11	13	24
1953	57	54	97
1952	45	47	81
1951	12	10	17
1950	11	14	22
1949 and earlier	107	79	156
Total	457	505	847

C. - Other Inspections

Number of Special Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	1,518
Number of re-Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	1,703
			Total	...	...	<u>3,221</u>

D. - Infestation with Vermin

(a)	Total number of individual examinations of pupils in school by school nurses or other authorised persons	...	...	2,790
(b)	Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	...	...	13
(c)	Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	...	...	-
(d)	Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944)	...	...	-

PART II - Return of Defects Found by Medical Inspection in the Year
A.- PERIODIC INSPECTIONS

Defect Code No. (1)	Defect or Disease (2)	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS							
		ENTRANTS		LEAVERS		OTHERS		TOTAL	
		(T) (3)	(O) (4)	(T) (5)	(O) (6)	(T) (7)	(O) (8)	(T) (9)	(O)* (10)
4	Skin	26	69	37	54	59	113	122	256
5	Eyes - a. Vision	110	154	102	33	218	189	430	376
	b. Squint	37	31	7	8	31	29	75	68
	c. Other	8	2	6	9	19	23	33	14
6	Ears - a. Hearing	23	93	2	17	17	81	42	191
	b. Otitis Media	7	65	-	11	7	49	14	125
	c. Other	12	18	7	1	14	20	33	39
7	Nose and Throat	22	327	3	64	16	341	41	732
8	Speech	9	62	-	5	6	37	15	104
9	Lymphatic Glands	2	258	-	22	-	205	2	485
10	Heart	-	31	1	18	4	53	5	102
11	Lungs	21	83	-	23	8	109	29	215
12	Developmental -								
	a. Hernia	4	26	-	-	2	19	6	45
	b. Other	-	55	1	9	12	78	13	142
13	Orthopaedic -								
	a. Posture	2	35	2	30	16	116	20	181
	b. Feet	27	91	1	25	39	222	67	338
	c. Other	8	64	7	87	20	140	35	291
14	Nervous System -								
	a. Epilepsy	3	10	1	3	2	11	6	24
	b. Other	1	7	-	1	-	12	1	20
15	Psychological -								
	a. Development	1	55	-	11	-	80	1	146
	b. Stability	2	111	4	28	2	237	8	376
16	Abdomen	1	13	-	7	1	44	2	64
17	Other	8	23	4	49	14	107	26	179

* (T) - Requiring Treatment
(O) - Requiring Observation

PART II - Return of Defects Found by Medical Inspection in the Year

A.- SPECIAL INSPECTIONS

Defect Code No. (1)	Defects or Disease (2)	SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
		Pupils requiring Treatment (3)	Pupils requiring Observation (4)
4	Skin	20	14
5	Eyes - a. Vision	37	31
	b. Squint	2	-
	c. Other	7	4
6	Ears - a. Hearing	27	57
	b. Otitis Media	2	2
	c. Other	5	2
7	Nose and Throat	41	52
8	Speech ...	6	8
9	Lymphatic Glands	2	-
10	Heart ...	3	27
11	Lungs ...	6	35
12	Developmental -		
	a. Hernia	1	3
	b. Other	1	16
13	Orthopaedic -		
	a. Posture	3	15
	b. Feet	3	8
	c. Other	11	35
14	Nervous System -		
	a. Epilepsy	1	9
	b. Other	4	1
15	Psychological -		
	a. Development	31	66
	b. Stability	24	70
16	Abdomen ...	5	8
17	Other ...	33	93

PART III

A. - Eye Diseases, Defective Vision and Squint

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint	249
Errors of refraction (including squint)	1,550
Total	<u>1,799</u>
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed ...	635

B. - Diseases and Defects of Ear, Nose and Throat

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
Received operative treatment	
(a) for diseases of the ear ...	2
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	126
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	5
Received other forms of treatment	<u>129</u>
Total	<u>262</u>
Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids	
(a) in 1964	2
(b) in previous years	25

C. - Orthopaedic and Postural Defects

	Number of cases known to have been treated
(a) Pupils treated at clinics or out-patients departments	177
(b) Pupils treated at school for postural defects	-
Total	<u>177</u>

D. - Diseases of the Skin

				Number of cases known to have been treated
Ringworm - Scalp	...	...	...	-
Body	...	...	...	-
Scabies	...	...	...	-
Impetigo	...	...	...	-
Other skin diseases	...	...	...	69
Total				<u>69</u>

E. - Other Treatment Given

				Number of cases known to have been dealt with
(a)	Pupils with minor ailments	...	...	511
(b)	Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service Arrangements	...	...	-
(c)	Pupils who received B. C. G. vaccination	...	...	787
(d)	Other than (a), (b) and (c) above			-
Total				<u>1,298</u>

PART IV - Dental Inspection and Treatment

(1)	Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers -				
	(a) Periodic inspections	...	...		7,063
	(b) Specials	...	...	...	555
				Total (1)	7,618
(2)	Number found to require treatment	...	...		4,437
(3)	Number offered treatment	...	...		3,543
(4)	Number actually treated	...	...		1,277
(5)	Attendances made by pupils for treatment, including those recorded at heading 11(h) below	...	...	...	5,666
(6)	Half days devoted to: Inspection	...	...		46
	Treatment	...	...		1,061
				Total (6)	1,107
(7)	Fillings: Permanent Teeth	...	...		3,430
	Temporary Teeth	...	...		917
				Total (7)	4,347
(8)	Number of teeth filled: Permanent Teeth	...			3,019
	Temporary Teeth	...			836
				Total (8)	3,855
(9)	Extractions: Permanent Teeth	...	...		189
	Temporary Teeth	...	...		515
				Total (9)	704
(10)	Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	...	...	...	288
(11)	Orthodontics:				
	(a) Cases commenced during the year	...			44
	(b) Cases carried forward from previous year				51
	(c) Cases completed during the year	...			16
	(d) Cases discontinued during the year	...			21
	(e) Pupils treated with appliances	...			61
	(f) Removable appliances fitted	...	...		65
	(g) Fixed appliances fitted	...	...		9
	(h) Total attendances	...	...	...	664
(12)	Number of pupils supplied with artificial dentures	...	...	...	13

PART V.

Handicapped Pupils requiring Education at Special Schools or boarding in Boarding Homes

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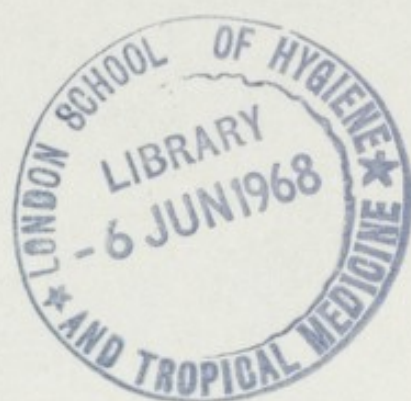
PART V. (Continued)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
I. (i) were on the registers of:											
1. maintained special schools as:											
(a) day pupils ...	-	7	4	-	11	2	-	39	-	-	63
(b) boarding pupils ...	-	-	-	-	6	4	-	7	-	-	17
2. non-maintained special schools as:											
(a) day pupils ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) boarding pupils ...	2	-	-	3	3	6	3	-	-	-	17
(ii) were on the registers of independent schools under arrangements made by the Authority ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	21	1	-	-	23
(iii) were boarded in homes and not already included under (i) or (ii) ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total (D) ...	2	7	5	3	20	12	24	47	-	-	120
E. On or about 20.1.65, how many handicapped pupils (irrespective of the areas to which they belong) were being educated under arrangements made by the Authority in accordance with Section 56 of the Education Act, 1944:											
(i) In hospitals ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(ii) in other groups (e.g. units for spastics, convalescent homes) ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iii) At home ...	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2

During the calendar year ended 31.12.64:

- (i) how many children were the subject of new decisions recorded under Section 57(4) of the Education Act, 1944 ...
- (ii) how many decisions were cancelled under Section 57A(2) of the Education Act, 1944 ...





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