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of the

SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER

for the year

1944

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SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER.

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COMMISSIONER OF THE

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

TO THE

UNITED STATES SENATE

AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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To the Chairman and Members of the
WALTHAMSTON EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit, herewith, a report on
the School Medical Service for the year 1944.

The nutritional assessments at medical
inspections placed 96.9% in the excellent and normal group,
as compared with 93.7% in 1943. The excellent school meals
scheme contributed materially to the maintenance of adequate
and even improved nutrition.

Cleanliness inspection revealed greater
cleanliness but ringworm, scabies and eye defects were
increased.

I regret to have to record that
Dr. Mary Clarke left your Service on account of ill health.

I have again to thank you for your
consideration and to express my appreciation of the good
work of the Staff.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

A.T.W. POWELL,

School Medical Officer.

SCHOOL CLINICS.

Aural	Monday	2 - 4.30 p.m.	Town Hall
Child Guidance	Monday	2 p.m.	Old Education Offices
x Minor Ailments	Monday) Wednesday) Friday) Saturday)	9 a.m. - 12 noon	Town Hall
	Tuesday	9 - 11 a.m.	Handsworth Ave. School
	Thursday	9 - 11 a.m.	Low Hall Lane
Ophthalmic	Tuesday) Thursday) Saturday)	9 a.m. - 12 noon	Town Hall
Orthopaedic -			
(a) Consultant	Third Thursday in each month 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.		Open Air School
(b) Massage and Sunlight	Monday) Tuesday) Wednesday) Friday) Thursday	1.30 - 4.30 p.m.	Open Air School
		9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Open Air School
Orthoptic	Tuesday) Friday)	9.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.	Town Hall
Speech	By appointment		Old Education Offices.
Rheumatism	Alternate Thursdays	2 - 4.30 p.m.	Town Hall
x Immunisation	Tuesday	2 p.m.	Town Hall
x Scabies	Wednesday	2 p.m.	Town Hall
x Infectious Disease	Wednesday	3 p.m.	Town Hall

All clinics, except those marked "x" are "Appointment" clinics.

1. STAFF OF SCHOOL MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Resignations and Appointments:-

Dr.M.Clarke	Assistant School Medical Officer	Assumed duty 22. 3.29 Resigned 31.10.44
Dr.M.Edmond	Temporary Assistant School Medical Officer	Assumed duty 4. 9.44
Mrs.P.Harrison	Temporary Assistant Dental Surgeon	" " 19. 1.42 Resigned 12. 2.44
Dr.A.Hichet	Temporary Assistant School Medical Officer	Assumed duty 6.12.43 Resigned 31. 8.44
Mr.R.E.Hyman	Temporary Assistant Dental Surgeon	Assumed duty 20. 3.44 Resigned 30. 9.44
Mr.C.Shamash	Temporary Assistant Dental Surgeon	Assumed duty 13.12.44
Mr.J.L.Taylor	Temporary Assistant Dental Surgeon	Assumed duty 11. 4.44 Resigned 24. 6.44
Miss E.Woods	Temporary Dental Clerk	Assumed duty 11. 4.44

2. CO-ORDINATION. As given in report for 1938.

3. THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE IN RELATION TO PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

School Hygiene and Accommodation - The following table shows the number of schools in the Borough available during 1944:-

	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Mixed.
Provided	5	5	17	17
Non-provided	-	1	2	4
Special Schools -				
Mentally Defective..	-	-	-	1
Myope Centre.....	-	-	-	1
Open Air School.....	-	-	-	1
Deaf Centre.....	-	-	-	1
Totals	5	6	19	25

	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940
Number of children on Register, Dec.31st.....	9236	12185	11675	9445	6270
Average attendance.....	8488.5	10106.7	9610.2	6659.1	4707.2
Percentage attendance...	78.4	84.1	83.4	84.5	75.6

Mr.Frank H.Heaven, A.R.I.B.A., Architect to the Education Committee contributes the following:-

Renovations - Renovations to sundry rooms at the Residential Nursery School, Farnham Common, have been effected.

Heating - Heating Boilers have been repaired and replaced at various schools.

Sanitation - Hot water supplied to lavatory basins have been provided to 5 schools. Additional hot water storage has been provided at one school and drinking fountains repaired or replaced at another school.

Provision of Milk & Meals- Additional dining room facilities have been provided at 3 schools.

Central

Kitchens - The existing kitchens have been maintained at full capacity. New kitchens have been opened at Selwyn Avenue and Higham Hill. The temporary kitchen at Chapel End School has been closed. Additional facilities have been provided at the Pretoria Avenue and Wood Street kitchens.

4. MEDICAL INSPECTION.

The following gives a summary of the returns:-

A. Routine Medical Inspection -

Entrants	659
Second Age Group	1063
Third Age Group	1691
Total	3413
Other routine inspections ...	156
Grand Total	3569

B. Special inspections and re-inspections 15917.

5. REVIEW OF THE FACTS DISCLOSED BY INSPECTIONS

(a) Classification of the Nutrition of Children inspected during the year in the routine age groups:-

	No. of Children	"A" Excellent		"B" Normal		"C" Slightly Subnormal		"D" Bad	
Entrants	659	326	49.46	308	46.73	24	3.64	1	0.15
2nd. Age Group	1063	326	30.66	715	67.36	22	2.06	-	-
3rd. Age Group	1691	572	33.82	1063	62.86	56	3.31	-	-
Totals	3413	1224	35.86	2086	61.11	102	2.98	1	0.03
Other routine inspections	156	36	23.07	112	71.79	8	5.12	-	-

The findings may be shown comparatively as follows:-

	A & B.	C.	D.
1944	96.97	2.98	0.02
1943	93.71	6.26	0.02

(b) Uncleanliness - No children were cleansed under arrangements by your Committee, nor were any legal proceedings taken.

The following table gives comparative figures for the past two years:-

	1944	1943
Average number of visits to schools	3	5
Total examinations	20346	32802
Number of individual children found unclean...	726	1093
Percentage uncleanliness of average attendance	8.5	10.8

Cases of chronic uncleanliness are followed up in the home and as set out in section 7 (b).

(c) Minor Ailments and Skin Defects:- The following is the number of skin defects found to require treatment -

	1944	1943
Ringworm - Head	8	4
Body	38	24
Scabies	364	205
Impetigo	79	120
Other skin diseases	426	256

(d) Visual Defects and External Eye Diseases:- The number of patients requiring treatment and observation was as follows:-

	<u>1944</u>		<u>1943</u>	
	<u>Treat-</u>	<u>Obser-</u>	<u>Treat-</u>	<u>Obser-</u>
	<u>ment.</u>	<u>vation.</u>	<u>ment.</u>	<u>vation.</u>
Visual defects	391	93	195	40
Squint	91	32	62	7
External Eye Diseases.	237	8	51	2

(e) Nose and Throat defects - The number of patients requiring treatment and observation was as follows:-

	<u>1944</u>		<u>1943</u>	
	<u>Treat-</u>	<u>Obser-</u>	<u>Treat-</u>	<u>Obser-</u>
	<u>ment.</u>	<u>vation.</u>	<u>ment.</u>	<u>vation.</u>
Chronic Tonsillitis	261	419	249	176
Adenoids only	19	42	17	10
Chronic Tonsillitis & Adenoids..	29	7	45	29
Other conditions	340	8	321	8

The 340 cases of other conditions are made up of sore throat and defects requiring diastello treatment.

(f) Ear Disease and Defective Hearing - Patients requiring treatment -

	<u>1944</u>	<u>1943</u>
Defective Hearing	33	39
Otitis Media	129	120
Other ear diseases	127	161

(g) Orthopaedic and Postural Defects - A total of 386 deformities was found to require treatment.

(h) Dental Defects -

	<u>Inspec-</u>	<u>Requiring</u>	<u>Per</u>	<u>Actually</u>	<u>Fill-</u>	<u>Extrac-</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Other</u>
	<u>tion.</u>	<u>Treatment</u>	<u>Cent</u>	<u>treated</u>	<u>ings</u>	<u>tions</u>	<u>Anaesthetics</u>	<u>Oprtns.</u>
1944	6736	4169	61.8	3207	3983	2760	1628	2303
1943	8051	6842	84.9	3943	5521	4473	2608	2246

Reference to dental inspection and treatment at Secondary Schools and Technical Schools is made in section 7G.

(i) Heart Disease and Rheumatism - The findings were as follows -

	<u>1944</u>		<u>1943</u>	
	<u>Treat-</u>	<u>Obser-</u>	<u>Treat-</u>	<u>Obser-</u>
	<u>ment.</u>	<u>vation.</u>	<u>ment.</u>	<u>vation.</u>
Heart Disease - Organic	33	10	22	13
Functional	31	40	19	7
Anaemia	92	12	50	-

(j) Tuberculosis - The same arrangements as for 1938.

(k) Other defects and diseases - The following table shows the numbers of various other defects which were found to require treatment:-

Enlarged Glands	137	Speech	28
Bronchitis	108	Epilepsy	-
Chorea	4	Other defects ...	1094

6. FOLLOWING UP.

The school nurses paid a total of 1958 home visits during 1944.

7. ARRANGEMENTS FOR TREATMENT.

(a) Nutrition - Treatment facilities as in 1939. The following shows the quantities of tonics supplied during 1944:-

Cod Liver Oil.	Farrish's Food.	Syrup Lacto Phosphate.	Cod Liver Oil and Malt.	Cod Liver Oil Malt & Parrish
7 lbs.	36 lbs.	20 lbs.	217 lbs.	236 lbs.

(b) Uncleanliness - Treatment with Lethane was carried out extensively with satisfactory results and advice and treatment is now available at all clinics and welfares. Steel combs are supplied at the various centres at cost price and on loan in cases of necessity. Great difficulty occurs in some homes on account of mothers being at work and in consequence the work of the Health Visitors and School Nurses has increased considerably.

(c) Minor Ailments and Diseases of the Skin. Treatment facilities as for 1938.

The work done at the school clinics is shown on the table given below:-

Conditions	FIRST INSPECTIONS.					
	Number excluded under Art.20 B.		Number not Excluded		Re-inspections	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Ringworm	18	30	9	7	52	53
Scabies	93	84	27	30	562	488
Rheumatism	1	2	8	20	97	66
Impetigo, Sores etc..	60	29	109	67	765	357
Skin	56	42	91	83	254	283
Verminous Head etc...	14	86	22	129	56	460
Sore Throat.....	23	20	35	23	92	58
Discharging Ears.....	3	2	97	111	259	298
Defective Vision	1	1	114	135	291	362
Mumps	57	48	92	94	407	368
External Eye Diseases	3	3	72	68	91	93
Tonsils & Adenoids...	2	1	2	-	2	-
Various	96	94	423	478	1912	1868
Totals	427	442	1101	1245	4840	4754
Number of children seen at first inspection						3215
Number of children sent by Attendance Officers						72
Number of attendances made by children						12809
Number of children sent by Head Teachers						3143
Number of swabs taken						131
Number of specimens of hair examined for Ringworm						2
Number operated on for Tonsils and Adenoids						27
Number of children X-rayed						1
Number of children seen by Ophthalmic Surgeon - New cases						290
- Prescribed for						351
Total Inspections						1695

First attendances number 3215 against 4232 in 1943 and re-attendances 9594 against 12494, the total attendances being 12809 against 16726.

(d) Visual Defects & External Eye Diseases. - Dr. Sheppard has kindly contributed the following account of the work done during 1944:-

"There were 380 new cases seen at the Eye Clinic during 1944 and these, as well as the ordinary periodical inspections, made 2424 attendances. The following tables summarise the defects found in the new cases. There were no alterations made in the clinic routine during the year".

	Under 7 yrs. Bys.Gls.		7-11 yrs. Bys.Gls.		Over 11 yrs. Bys.Gls.		Secondary Schools Bys.Gls.		Total Boys Girls	
Hypermetropia...	4	1	11	17	5	10	1	3	21	31
Hypermetropic Astigmatism ...	1	3	15	10	11	10	1	8	28	31
Myopic Astigmatism ...	2	1	2	1	8	4	8	6	20	12
Mixed Astigmatism ...	1	1	4	7	3	6	2	2	10	16
Myopia	1	1	5	6	24	24	11	26	41	57
Various	18	19	19	11	15	18	6	7	58	55
Totals	27	26	56	52	66	72	29	52	178	202

The details of the group described as "various" are as follows:-

Defects	Boys	Girls	Total
Squint	22	19	41
Headaches, anaemia, styes, debility, etc.....	19	20	39
No visual defects	17	16	33

The Orthoptist has continued her work during the year with excellent results".

The following report on the work of the Orthoptic Clinic has been given by Miss G.H. Montague Smith, Orthoptist:-

New cases 60. Old cases 109. No. of attendances .. 1452.

It is impossible to give the normal full report owing to so much evacuation. The treatment of so many children has been curtailed and the all important factor in orthoptics, i.e., continuity of treatment has been severely affected. Some of the clinics had to be cancelled, although now they are working fully again. In February two extra sessions were begun, and Miss Meyer appointed to take over the additional work, so that at the present time there are six sessions held weekly.

(e) Nose and Throat Defects - The scheme for treatment remained the same as detailed in previous reports.

The following table gives the number of cases treated:-

Year	At Connaught Hospital.	Privately.	Total.
1944	27	1	28
1943	46	7	53

(f) Ear Disease and Defective Hearing - Ear Clinic:-
Dr. Francis Clarke reports as follows:-

The work of the ear, nose and throat clinic was carried on during 1944 along the same lines as in previous years. A total number of 396 new cases were seen and appropriate treatment arranged for. Of this total, 129 were ear cases; 96 acute and 33 chronic and 223 were nose and/or throat cases.

These figures are very interesting in view of the fact that only 33 cases of chronic otitis were found in a total of 396 children, referred to the aural clinic. The number of cases of chronic otorrhoea has declined remarkably in the last decade and this decline is mainly due to the concentration of attention on the early recognition and efficient treatment of otitis in its earliest stages and especially on the treatment of the predisposing factors to this condition, especially affections of the nose or throat. The largely increased number of children, many under school age, now seen and treated for nose and throat affections, has a very important bearing on the number of otitis cases occurring in the school population. Preventive treatment and treatment in the very earliest stages is strongly emphasised in the whole school medical routine. The detection of defects amongst school children is always important but prompt and practical treatment is doubly important.

Unfortunately, a good deal of disorganisation affected the clinic, like all the other clinics, during the year, on account of the persistent bombing which went on during most of the year. Large numbers were evacuated, which interrupted the set course of treatment, and various attendances were not kept owing to immediate local raids and bombs, so that we found an unduly high number of children could not complete their treatment. It is hoped that we will be able to contact most of these cases in the coming year as they return and sessions become more normal, and resume, where necessary, the suspended treatment.

The main principles of treatment have been carried on as in previous years. We would wish to call attention here to the marked improvement in the successful treatment of acute otorrhoea by the use of suction. The prompt cure of acute otorrhoea is so important that we now insist on every case, where it is possible, attending the clinic for special treatment. The customary method of giving the parents "drops" and directions for use at home is not satisfactory, as the majority of the parents, with the best intentions, are not able to carry out the essential details necessary for successful treatment. The clinic has every facility and the staff are trained in this particular work and the end results are altogether much more satisfactory. The suction method is a valuable accessory to our equipment. The middle ear can be emptied of the irritating discharge, the perforation kept patent to allow drainage and a mild protective inflammation produced which helps healing considerably and a better contact allowed between the antiseptic used and the affected parts. For chronic otorrhoea we invariably use zinc ionisation with adjuncts such as silver nitrate cautery, antiseptic packs, Sulzberger powder in the cases of old post mastoid operations, with granulations etc. For rhinitis and nasal catarrh the Goutier method of Diastolisation is largely employed with or without installations of colloidal silver.

We have treated during the year, 46 cases of 'unhealthy' or hypertrophied tonsils by conservative methods; tonsil suction, (Peters method); tonsil painting combined with nasal treatment. The conservative methods, especially suction, has a definite place in the treatment of tonsils. In suitable cases the results are remarkably good. 46 cases of diseased tonsils were referred for operation, but nearly half this number were those from the waiting lists of previous years which had to be cleared up. In certain instances amongst very young children where the tonsils and especially the adenoids have become, as a result of their hypertrophy, definitely obstructive and are diseased, there is no satisfactory alternative to removal.

Taking the total number of children seen during the year generally, we must say that the general standard of health, physique, nutrition has been well maintained and quite satisfactory. We have not noticed any obvious deterioration in general health,

considering the many shortages and restrictions in diet, holidays and special foods, unavoidable in wartime.

Total number of new cases seen at Clinic..... 396

ACUTE OTITIS MEDIA.

Acute suppurative otitis	71
" non- " "	25
(bi-lateral - 13) Total	<u>96</u>

CHRONIC OTITIS MEDIA.

Without complications	15
Post-operated mastoid	11
(bi-lateral, - 5)	
With naso-pharyngeal complications	7
Total	<u>33</u>

NOSE AND THROAT.

Sinus (inflammation: pus or muco-pus in nasal sinuses)...	11
Rhinitis (including deflected septa, nasal obstruction)...	79
Nasal catarrh	41
Enlarged, unhealthy tonsils, adenoids	92
Total	<u>223</u>

MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

Wax in the ear; epistaxis; examination, E.N.T; hearing;
foreign body, nose or ear; injuries: external otitis..... 44.

TREATMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Acute suppurative otitis media.	Suction and antiseptic drops; with nasal treatment where indicated; instructions to parents regarding home treatment.
Acute non-suppurative otitis media.	Analgesic-antiseptic drops; with nasal treatment where required and instructions to parents, re home tr.m.
Chronic suppurative otitis.	Zinc ionisation, with antiseptics, cauterisations, etc. where indicated and co-lateral naso-pharyngeal treatment where indicated. (Ionisation, 24 cases)
Rhinitis.	Diastolisation and vibratory massage and antiseptics where indicated. Diastolisation and vibration. (Diastolisation, 140 cases).
Sinus.	Proetz 'displacement' with antiseptic treatment where indicated. ('displacement' cases, 10.)
Enlarged Tonsils.	Treated by conservative methods, tonsil suction, tonsil paint, or recommended operative removal. Treated by conservative methods, 46. Referred for operative treatment, 46.

Note. These 46, (referred for operation) include cases from the previous year's waiting list: children too young for 'suction' and some who were not amenable to suction treatment and those in which the parents preferred operation.

(g) Dental Defects - Treatment of Secondary and Technical Pupils. The work done for the Essex County Council is shown below and is not included in Table IV at the end of the report.

Inspections.

11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	No. offered Treatment.	% Requiring Treatment.
120	229	249	262	201	46	1	705	64.0

Treatment.

No. of Children.	Attendances	Extractions Temp. Teeth	Extractions Perm. Teeth	Anaesthetics. Local	Anaesthetics. General	Fillings Permanent Teeth.	Other Permanent Teeth	Operations Teeth
326	943	99	174	29	193	762		194

(h) Orthopaedic and Postural Defects. - Details of the work done under the scheme are given in the section dealing with Defective Children.

(i) Heart Disease and Rheumatism. - The following is a report on the work of the Rheumatism Clinic during 1944:-

Number of sessions	12
" " new cases	37
" " old cases	77
" discharged	27
" still under treatment	34
" of new cases with rheumatism or cardiac defect	6
Number excluded from school	2
" " half time school	1
" " from games and exercises	1
" to begin games and exercises	3
" referred for convalescent home treatment.....	3
" sent away	3
" referred to Open Air School	3

(j) Tuberculosis. The number of school children examined during the year was - boys 45 and girls 40 - of which 17 boys and 14 girls were referred by the school medical staff. 32 of the cases were sent by private practitioners, and 22 were examined as contacts.

At the end of the year the live register of notified cases of school age was - Pulmonary 32, Non-pulmonary 24.

(k) Artificial Sunlight Treatment. The number of children treated was 133, making 1356 attendances.

8. INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notification in the 5-15 years age group during 1944 was as follows:- (1943 cases shown in parenthesis) - scarlet fever 124 (55), diphtheria 9 (15), pneumonia 15 (19), erysipelas Nil (Nil), cerebro-spinal meningitis 1 (Nil), measles 208 (245), whooping cough 55 (27), dysentery 25 (37), Anterior Poliomyelitis Nil (1).

Non-notifiable infectious disease is chiefly brought to light by the weekly returns made by Head Teachers under the local "Regulations as to Infectious Diseases in Schools".

The monthly figures were as follows:-

	Sore Throat	Measles	Whooping Cough	Mumps	Chicken Fox	Ringworm & Scabies	Impetigo Sores etc.	Sore Eyes
January	-	13	1	1	-	-	-	-
February	3	75	19	1	-	2	6	6
March	1	222	29	1	3	-	1	7
April	1	144	17	-	6	-	2	2
May	3	62	10	21	8	3	1	1
June	-	37	3	2	26	-	-	-
July	-	7	1	5	7	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	1	-	2	5	-	-	-	-
November	4	-	-	-	1	-	4	-
December	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
Totals	14	560	82	36	52	5	16	16

average

The following are the weekly numbers of children away from school owing to exclusions and the non-notifiable infectious and other diseases named:-

	Exclu- sions	Chic ken pox	Meas les G.M.	Whoop ing Cough	Sore Throat	Influ enza	Diar.	Mps.	Scab ies.	Ring worm	Var icelous	Total
1944	33	14	147	41	23	18	5	4	24	3	373	685
1943	96	53	40	23	48	105	7	11	24	2	525	937

Immunisation and Infectious Disease Clinic. Follow-up arrangements were as detailed in the 1939 report.

The following table shows the work done at the infectious disease clinic:-

No. of clinics held in connection with Infectious Diseases....	52
No. of attendances made	404
Average attendance per session	7.7
No. of children recommended to Rheumatism Clinic	1
No. of children recommended to Ear Clinic	3
No. of clinics held in connection with immunisation	51
No. of attendances	911
Average attendances per session	17.8

The following summarises the work done -

Number of children completing immunisation during 1944 -

School age	191)
Pre-school age.....	862)
Over school age....	4)
	- 1057.

Number of children already immunised who received an extra dose...	38
Number immunised by General Practitioners	80
Number of Schick tested for) Positive ... 4)	- 9.
first time) Negative ... 5)	
S.T.after Immunisation - Positive ... 3)	- 54.
Negative ... 51)	

Vaccination. The vaccinal condition of each child examined at routine medical inspection was noted, and a summary shows the following:-

		Number Examined	Number found to be vaccinated	Percentage vaccinated.
Entrants	Boys	351	69	19.6
	Girls	308	59	19.1
2nd. Age Group ..	Boys	555	107	19.2
	Girls	508	79	15.5

		Number Examined	Number found to be vaccinated	Percentage vaccinated.
3rd. Age Group...	Boys	835	168	20.1
	Girls	856	228	26.6
		3413	710	20.8

Action under Article 20(B) (exclusion of individual children)

At medical inspection 7
At school clinics 869

Action under Article 22. (School Closure) ... Nil.

Action under Article 23(B). (i.e., attendance below 60% of number on Register) ... Not operative.

9. OPEN AIR EDUCATION.

School Journeys and Camps. There were none during the year.

Swimming. Swimming instruction was given throughout the season to boys and girls.

10. PROVISION OF MEALS.

The Director of Education has kindly supplied the following -

(1) "Previous to June 1944, when a further evacuation of children took place, approximately 5,000 meals daily were supplied to school children from seven kitchens.

After evacuation, the number of meals supplied dropped to about 3,000 daily, and one kitchen was, therefore, closed.

From the latter part of 1944, this figure has been increasing daily as the children return from the reception areas.

In spite of difficulties which have arisen from time to time through enemy action the quality of the food supplied and the standard of cooking have been maintained at their high level and it has felt that this has been a contributory factor in maintaining the children's health at a good standard.

The continued co-operation of the teachers in the voluntary supervision of the dining arrangements is much appreciated by the authority and the help of the kitchen staffs, under the supervision of the Supervisor of school meals, has contributed much to the continued success of the arrangements".

(2) Milk Meals - 125,357 milk meals were supplied to children on medical grounds on the recommendation of the medical staff. The number of meals supplied during the preceding year was 213,390.

(3) Milk in school scheme - The arrangements detailed in former reports were continued in 1944, all the milk supplied being pasteurised milk sold under license.

During the school vacations, Centres were opened for the supply of milk meals. The number supplied was as follows:-

Easter 9879 Summer 14617
Whitsun ... 8489 Christmas... 8779.

11. (a) CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS.

The following table shows the attendance of parents during 1944:-

		Number Inspected.	No. of Parents	Per Cent. 1944.	Per Cent. 1943.
Entrants	Boys	351	324	92.3	81.5
	Girls	308	279	90.5	83.3
2nd. Age Group	Boys	555	405	72.9	62.7
	Girls	508	348	68.5	76.2
3rd. Age Group	Boys	835	211	25.2	15.2
	Girls	856	405	47.3	33.8
	Totals	3413	1972	57.7	62.7

(b) CO-OPERATION OF TEACHERS.

Renewed and grateful acknowledgement for the co-operation of Head Teachers and their staffs must be made. Generous help and co-operation has invariably been experienced.

(c) CO-OPERATION OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICERS.

The Superintendent Attendance Officer and his staff have again co-operated with the work of the school medical service.

(d) CO-OPERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES.

(a) The Invalid Children's Aid Association - Miss D.E.Taylor, Secretary of the local branch, has kindly contributed the following report:-

"This past year has shown a marked increase of work at the Child Guidance Clinic, until the Education Committee decided to appoint a full time worker.

A decreasing number of medical cases would seem to point to the fact that rationing and the attacks of V1 and V2 did not affect the health of those children who remained in Walthamstow too adversely. Debility and shock following air raid incidents did occur, and we were able to send urgent cases away for immediate convalescence. There was a remarkably low incidence of heart trouble during the whole year.

Cases were referred by:-

Medical Practitioners, hospitals and dispensaries	40
Tuberculosis dispensaries and T.B.After Care Committees	0
Education Committees, School Medical Officers, Welfare Centres..	32
Local Authorities under schemes for:-	
(i) Rheumatism	4
(ii) Orthopaedic care	39
Assistance Boards and Public Assistance Committee	4
I.C.A.A.	47
C.O.S. and other voluntary agencies	4
Parents	10
Others	2
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Suffering from:-

Anaemia and debility	12
After effects of infectious illness	10
Marasmus and malnutrition	1
Rheumatism chorea and heart	8
Diseases of lungs (non T.B.)	
(a) Bronchitis, pneumonia etc... ..	18
(b) Asthma	2
Diseases of digestive organs	3
Nervous conditions	11
Congenital deformities	21
Hernia	1
Diseases of ears	3
Diseases of eyes	4
nose and throat	18
Child Guidance	56
Various	14
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HELT GIV N TO OLD AND NEW CASES (ALL AGES).

Sent to special Hospitals, Nursing and Convalescent Homes ...	62
Provided with Surgical Appliances and carriages	14
Referred for visiting and advice	77
Referred by I.C.A.A. to other agencies	29
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(b) National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children - The following is a summary of the work done in Walthamstow during 1944:-

<u>Nature of Offence</u>		<u>How dealt with</u>	
Neglect	34	Warned	36
Advice sought	7	Advised	7
Ill-treatment	2	Otherwise dealt with...	1
Other wrongs	1	Total	44
Total	44		

Number of children dealt with over 5 years of age - Boys 20, Girls 38. Number of children under 5 years of age - Boys 19, Girls 17.

116 supervisory visits were made during the year, and 99 miscellaneous visits were made.

(c) Central Boot Fund Committee - The Honorary Secretary, Mr.A.J.Blackhall has very kindly sent the following account of the work of the boot fund during 1944:-

"During the 12 months ended 31st.December 1944, 330 pairs of boots and shoes were distributed, at a cost of £212.

12. BLIND, DEAF, DEFECTIVE & EPILEPTIC CHILDREN.

(1) Blind School - The following table shows the classification of children attending the school at the end of 1944:-

	<u>Walthamstow</u>		<u>Out of District</u>		<u>Total.</u>	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Blind	-	1	2	1	2	2
Partially Blind	11	11	4	4	15	15

The Head Teacher, Miss M.L.Balls has kindly sent the following report:-

"From January, 1944 until the middle of June, the work at the Myope Centre proceeded quietly and as uneventfully as war conditions would permit. During the latter part of June, and for the remainder of that term, the time-table was disorganised and many of the children either evacuated or stayed at home. At the end of this term also, Mrs.Lee left us as her health had seriously deteriorated.

After the summer holiday, many of the children returned from the Reception Areas, and the three classes - Infants, Juniors and Seniors - have since been in charge of two teachers. As wall space is limited, and lighting so unsatisfactory, progress in reading and writing has not been as marked as it might have been under better conditions.

During the year, parties of students under the Tottenham Public Health and Social Training Scheme, and from the Training Colleges for Teachers, visited us, and expressed their thanks for the help and information afforded them.

In October, we were sorry to lose an old and valued friend of the Myope Centre. For many years Dr.May Clarke had conducted the routine medical examinations in this school, and had always shown a kindly interest in every child coming under her care. Her departure is a personal loss to us all.

Finally, we would like to express our deep gratitude to Dr.Sheppard who has been so attentive to the welfare of the children eyes, and who has so unfailingly encouraged the staff by her sympathetic understanding of the difficulties of sight-saving and education in this school".

(ii) Deaf School - Miss V.K.Mitchell, the Head Teacher, reports as follows:-

"On April 1st. 1944, the school had 16 children on the roll, classified as follows:-

<u>Deaf within the meaning of the Act.</u>	<u>Partially Deaf.</u>	<u>Aphasic.</u>
12	3	1
(1 of these has normal language.)		

"During the year (April 1944 to April 1945) five children left, four of them to go to schools outside the London area because of the danger from flying bombs and one to go to work with his father as a plasterer. Two children have been admitted, one of them a boy under school age and the other a partially deaf girl of eleven.

The attendance during the year was very poor because of enemy activity."

(iii) Open Air School - Miss E.Thompson, the Head Teacher, reports:-

"The work of the Open Air School suffered severely from interrupted attendance throughout the year. But in spite of this 16 were discharged by the school medical officer as fit to return to the ordinary elementary school. Evacuation during enemy action accounted for considerable withdrawals, and many of these are still away from Walthamstow.

Two senior boys (over 14) attended evening school after the summer holidays, and were placed No.2 and No.5 on the Christmas examination list. This was considered very gratifying, since this school received delicate and almost inevitably backward children.

Classification of scholars on roll at end of 1944 was as follows:-

Debilitated	34	Orthopaedic	16
Asthma	6	Cardiac	8
Epileptic	2.		

(iv) Orthopaedic Scheme - The scheme is under the clinical charge of Mr.B.Whitchurch Howell, F.R.C.S., Consulting Orthopaedic Surgeon.

The following table shows the work done at this Clinic:-

ORTHOPAEDIC SCHEME.						
	Boys			Girls		
	5-15 yrs.	Under 5 yrs.	Over 16 yrs.	5-16 yrs.	Under 5 yrs.	Over 16 yrs.
Anterior Poliomyelitis	10	-	5	9	-	10
Scoliosis, Kyphosis, Lordosis..	24	-	-	30	3	2
Surgical Tuberculosis.....	7	-	1	2	-	-
Arthritis	2	-	1	-	-	3
Rickets - (a) Genu Varum.....	4	28	-	4	9	-
(b) Genu Valgum....	31	10	-	30	22	-
Pes Planus Valgus.....	128	22	-	92	9	-
Hammer Toe	1	-	-	9	-	-
Perthe's Disease	-	-	-	2	-	-
Amputation of leg	-	-	-	-	-	1
Congenital dislocation of Hip	-	-	-	3	2	1
Spastic Paralysis	9	2	-	5	2	-
Talipes -						
(a) Equino Varus	9	4	1	4	6	-
(b) Pes cavus	1	-	-	1	-	-
(c) Calcane Valgus	1	1	-	-	6	-
Congenital defects	20	6	-	16	11	-
Hallux Valgus	1	-	-	11	-	-
Torticollis	1	4	-	5	9	-
Digitus Varus	-	-	-	5	1	-
Osteomyelitis	-	-	2	-	-	-
Achondroplasia	-	-	-	2	-	-
Miscellaneous	10	2	-	21	3	-
Totals	259	79	10	251	83	17

Number of cases seen by Surgeon -

From Physically Defective School	45
From other schools	291
Over school age	29
Under school age	112
Total	<u>477</u>

New cases seen by Surgeon -

School age	152
Under school age	62

Total number of examinations by Surgeon	691
Total number of cases discharged by Surgeon	128
Average number of examinations made per session	46.1
Number of treatments given	1394
Number of attendances for after care	2431
Number of ultra violet light treatments	1354
Total number of treatments	5183
Average number of attendances per session	12.5
Number of sessions held - Inspections	15
Treatment	428
Total number of visits by Instrument maker	10
Number of children known to be evacuated	61
Admission to Runwell Hospital - Onycho Gryphosis	1
Operation performed - Removal of Toe Nail and 1st Phalanx Digit.	1

Defects seen at Orthopaedic Clinic in Children under 5 years of age

Rickets - Genu Varum	37	Scoliosis	3
Genu Valgum	32	Torticollis	13
Pes Planus Valgus	31	Congenital Dislocation Hip.	2
Spastic Paralysis	4	Digitus Varus	1
Talipes - Equino Varus	10	Congenital Defects	17
Calcaneo Valgus..	7	Miscellaneous	5

(v) Mental Deficiency - Ascertainment. Ascertainment has proceeded along the lines detailed in previous years.

Certification - The school medical officer and one of the assistant school medical officers are recognised by the Board of Education as certifying officers.

A summary of the work done under this heading during the year is given below:-

Mentally Deficient 3, Mentally Deficient (Feeble minded) 4, Imbecile 2, Border line cases 2. Notified under Art 2A.2. To remain at Special School 1. To have a trial at Mentally Defective School 1.

School for Mentally Defective Children - Miss R.E.A. Look, the Teacher in Charge, reports as follows:-

"During the year there has been an average of 28 scholars. Chronological ages range from 5½ - 15½ and I Q's from 38-78. Valuable co-operation has been obtained with the School Psychologist.

The school activities have consisted of three "R" work, mainly in the mornings, with wood, cane and knitting machine occupations in the afternoons.

There has been no noticeable deterioration of the health and general morale of the children despite war conditions. Scholars leaving the school during the year have had no difficulty in obtaining suitable employment".

(vi) Child Guidance Clinic - Miss G.M. Hammond, B.Sc., Psychologist to the clinic contributes the following report:-

"This report covers the period January 1st. to December 31st. 1944. During the year 261 new cases have been referred to the clinic, an average of 21 per month. This includes the period June - July, when the Psychologist was engaged upon duties connected with evacuation due to the fly-bomb attacks and very few referrals were received. In spite of this interruption the variety of the problems offered has increased and the sources of referral have expanded as the detailed statistics at the end of this report proved. Although the majority of the children are sent on the initiative of the teaching staff, an increasing number are referred by the School Medical Department, General Practitioners, Probation Officers (through the Juvenile Court) other L.E.A.'s, and by the parents themselves. This is an indication that the value of psychological treatment for problems of behaviour and for nervous symptoms is being more widely recognised.

Throughout the year 63 cases have been treated at the Clinic (in 18 cases treatment was cut short by evacuation). 40 new cases received full diagnosis by the Clinic team. 20 cases have been closed. 15 of these children are adjusted and the remaining five, two of whom have left school, are improved - that is, 75% of cases closed are adjusted, and the remaining 25% improved. We ascertain by our follow-up system to what extent the adjustment or the improvement is maintained.

STAFF. We have to state with deep regret that Dr. N.H. Bore, B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Psychiatrist to the Clinic, made her last attendance on September 1st. before she died on September 12th. We owe to her inspiring leadership and auspicious beginning, many happy contacts between the Clinic and bodies and individuals whose work impinged upon ours and the shaping and inspiration of our policy.

In September Dr. E. Whatley, M.B., B.S., was appointed Psychiatrist to the Clinic. She attends one session per week and her work includes diagnosis, treatment and administration. A joint conference occurs at the end of every session at which we have welcomed the co-operation of the Director of Education, the Medical Officer of Health and his assistants, Head Teachers and Probation Officers. We have also had interested visitors from other areas, and Social Science Students from the South-west Essex Technical College attend regularly every month.

By May, 1944, the volume of work had increased to such an extent that we felt the need for a second Psychiatric session per week, the full-time services of a Social Worker and more clerical help. A report to this effect was put before the Education Committee and these requests were granted. Then followed the fly-bomb attacks and the number of children in the Borough was reduced by evacuation. It was, therefore, decided to leave the second Psychiatric session in abeyance until more normal times. Nevertheless the volume of referrals continued to increase and it became imperative that our part-time Social Worker should come on a full-time basis. On November 1st. Miss M. Russell was appointed full-time Social Worker. She interviews parents both at the Clinic and in their homes as well as individuals and Agencies concerned with the child's welfare.

The Psychologist is in attendance at the Clinic every afternoon for diagnostic testing, remedial teaching, play interviews and play groups.

PSYCHOLOGICAL WORK IN THE SCHOOLS. This important part of a Psychologist's work occupies the rest of her time and it is concerned with the prevention of mental illness, as the clinic work proper is concerned with the healing of the mentally sick. Diagnostic testing and advisory work takes place in the schools where contact with the teaching staff is thus easily maintained.

School failure is a fruitful cause of anxiety, depression, apathy - in other words, mental ill-health. An experimental attempt has been made to deal with the core of backwardness in a junior school. The

result has been recorded and we await the opportunity to extend the methods employed. Work in this field is made doubly difficult by the shortage of teaching staff but the success of the experiment encourages us to believe that valuable work can be done towards the prevention of mental illness along these lines.

The Fyschologist acts in an advisory capacity to the Education Authority on the psychological aspect of the varied problems concerned with educationally backward and difficult children. She is concerned with special aptitudes and the measures necessary for ensuring the proper education of children possessing them. She also undertakes the mental testing of children under consideration for certification by the Medical Officer."

REPORT ON THE WORK OF WALTHAMSTOW CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

JANUARY - DECEMBER 1944.

Total number of cases referred January - December 31st 1944	261
Number of cases investigated by Psychologist and/or Social Worker	242
Number of cases having received full diagnosis by Clinic team ...	40
Number of cases recommended for intensive treatment	33
Number of cases under treatment on December 31st	27
Number of cases awaiting full diagnosis and treatment	18
Number of cases treated and under treatment throughout year	63
In 18 cases treatment was cut short by evacuation.	

The 7 cases not treated were disposed as follows:

- 1 Adjusted after initial interview.
- 1 Recommended for Nursery School.
- 1 Transfer to Forest School.
- 1 To be transferred to residential special school.
- 3 Advice given at school and at home.

Number of cases treated and closed	20
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Status at closure:-

Adjusted	15
Improved	5 (2 of these have left school).

Problem as referred.

Nervous Disorders.

Fears	6
Seclusiveness	1
Depression	1
Excitability	2
Apathy	2
Obsessions	1
	<u>13</u>

Habit Disorders.

Sleep	1
Movement	1
Feeding	1
Excretory	7
Nervous pains &	
Paralysis	2
	<u>12</u>

Behaviour Disorders.

Unmanageable	7
Temper	2
Aggressiveness	4
Jealous Behaviour	1
Demanding attention	2
Stealing	4
Lying & romancing	1
Truancy	2
Sex Difficulty	3
	<u>26</u>

Educational & Vocational Difficulties.

Backwardness	7
Inability to concentrate	1
Inability to keep jobs	2
Special disabilities	2
	<u>12</u>
<u>For special examination.</u>	
Admission to special homes and hostels	1
Psychological exam.	26
Educational advice	173
	<u>200</u>

Source of Referral.

Schools	211	Other L.E.A.'s	5
S.M.O.	22	Juvenile Court	
Attend. Dept.	10	(Probation Officers)	4
Gen. Practitioners	2	Welsh B. of Health	1
Cent. Adv. Bureau	1	Parents	5
	<u>246</u>		<u>15</u>

Total from all sources 261.

Summary of Attendances.

For Pyschiatric or Psychological Interview	672
For Interview by Social Worker	155
Visits by Social Worker	230
These include:	
Home visits	211
Interviews with relatives, ministers & youth Leaders	14
Visits to agencies and institutions	5

vii) SPEECH THERAPY - Miss I.M.S. Knight, the Speech Therapist, reports a general increase in numbers referred for Speech Therapy - particularly in cases of stammer referred from infant schools - and in spite of evacuation. There was considerable interference in routine treatment.

In the treatment of stammer Miss Knight stresses the need to remove all nervousness and anxiety in the younger patient and the avoidance of excitement in the older patient. Particular emphasis is laid on relaxation and postural exercises.

viii) CONVALESCENT HOME TREATMENT - 54 children were sent away for treatment during 1944. There were 38 remaining in convalescent homes and hospital schools on December 31st 1944. A total of 3 children was sent to convalescent homes or heart homes from the Rheumatism Clinic.

13. FULL TIME COURSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR BLIND, DEAF, DEFECTIVE & EPILEPTIC STUDENTS.

The Authority for the provision of such courses is the Essex County Council.

14. NURSERY SCHOOL.

This school has been evacuated since the outbreak of war.

15. SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

The Authority for the provision of Secondary Schools in Walthamstow is the Essex County Council, for which your Committee provide the following services:-

a) Dental Inspection and Treatment - Reference has been made in Section (g) to the Dental inspection and treatment of pupils attending Secondary and Technical Schools.

b) The following table shows the findings at Medical Inspections -

Number inspected	-	Entrants	77	} - 794
		12 years old	454	
		15 years old	263	
		Specials	221	

Parents present	433
Number referred for treatment (excluding dental & uncleanliness)	237
Number referred for observation	88
Number referred for treatment (excluding vision, dental and uncleanliness)	189

Nutrition -	A	324	28.2
	B	547	68.9
	C	23	2.8
	D	nil.	

Defects -		Requiring treatment.	Requiring observation.
Skin		26	3
Eyes - Conjunctivitis		2	1
Blepharitis		4	-
Vision		48	23
Squint		1	1
Other conditions		3	1
Ear Disease		5	-
Nose & Throat - Enlarged Tonsils		12	27
Adenoids		-	2
Enlarged Tonsils & Adenoids		3	1
Other conditions		7	3
Glands (Non T.B.) Sub-maxillary		-	5
Cervical		4	5
Teeth		14	1
Heart - Organic		3	-
Functional		1	6
Anaemia		1	-
Rheumatism		3	-
Lungs - Bronchitis		-	3
Other conditions (Non T.B.)		4	-
Deformities - Spinal Curvature		1	-
Other forms		72	26
Other diseases and defects		29	6

16. PARENTS' PAYMENTS.

The approved scales for the recovery of fees in respect of treatment is the same as given in the 1933 report.

17. HEALTH EDUCATION - as for 1938.

18. MISCELLANEOUS.

(i) Employment of children. - Thirteen children were examined by the medical staff.

(ii) Employment of children in Public Entertainments - Three children were examined under these Regulations.

(iii) Medical Examinations: The following examinations were made during 1944 by the medical staff - Teachers 30. Others 4.

19. STATISTICAL TABLES.

The statistical tables required by the Board of Education follow:

TABLE I. Medical Inspection of children attending Elementary Schools

A. ROUTINE INSPECTIONS.

Number of inspections in the prescribed groups -

Entrants	659
Second age group ...	1063
Third age group	1691
Total	3413

Number of other routine inspections	156
Grand total	2569

B. OTHER INSPECTIONS.

Number of special inspections and re-inspections 15917

TABLE II. Classification of the Nutrition of children inspected during the year in the Routine Groups.

No. of children inspected.	A		B		C		D	
	Excellent		Normal		Slightly subnormal		Bad.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
3413	1224	35.86	2086	61.11	102	2.98	1	0.02

TABLE III.

Group 1. Treatment of Minor Ailments (excluding uncleanness, for which see Table V.)

Total number of defects treated or under treatment during the year under the Authority's scheme 2964.

Group 2. Treatment of defective vision and squint (excluding Minor Eye defects treated as Minor Ailments - Group 1.)

Errors of Refraction (including squint).	Other defects or Diseases of the eyes.	Number of children for whom spectacles were prescribed. Obtained.	
421	72	419	419

Group 3. Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat.

Received operative treatment.	Received other forms of treatment.	Total
27	146	173

TABLE IV. Dental inspection and treatment.

(i) Number of children inspected by the Dentist 6043.

(a) Routine Age Groups -

Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total
	yrs.	yrs.	yrs.	yrs.	yrs.	yrs.	yrs.	yrs.	yrs.	yrs.	yrs.	yrs.	
	768	695	614	495	457	468	573	752	818	290	108	5	6043

(b) Specials 693

(c) Total (routine and specials) 6736

Number found to require treatment 4169

Number actually treated 3207

Attendances made by children for treatment 7460

Half days devoted to - 7. Extractions -

Inspection	56	Permanent	531
Treatment	1103	Temporary	2229

Fillings - 8. Administrations of general anaesthetics for extractions 1628

Permanent 3032

Temporary 951

9. Other Operations -

Permanent	2160
Temporary	143

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TABLE V. Verminous conditions.

Average number of visits per school made during the year by the school nurses	3
Total number of examinations of children in the schools by the school nurses	20346
Number of individual children found unclean	726

TABLE VI. Blind and Deaf children.

Number of totally or almost totally blind and deaf children who are NOT at the present time receiving education suitable for their special needs Blind, NIL. Deaf, NIL.