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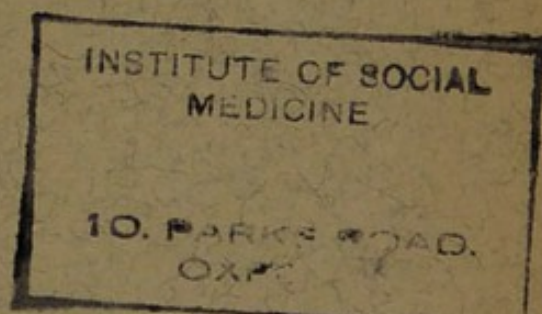


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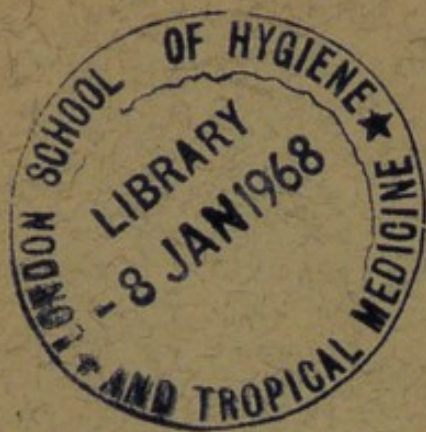
OF THE
SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER
TO THE
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
OF THE
BRECONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

1946



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School Medical Officer

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INSTITUTIONAL
MEDICINE
10. PARKS ROAD,
OXFORD

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BRECONSHIRE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour to present to you the 36th Annual Report of the School Medical Service and its work during the year ending 31st December, 1946.

During the year, 2,673 children were inspected who were attending the Primary and Secondary Schools and 738 attending the County Grammar Schools compared with 2,138 and 1,082 respectively in 1945.

All unnecessary matter has been deleted and only essential figures will be found tabulated in the report.

School Closures.—4 Schools were closed on account of infectious disease.

Staff.—Dr. Robert Cairns Forrester, M.B., Ch.B. (Edin.), Diploma in Psychological Medicine, who commenced duties on 26th March, 1945, was made permanent on 24th September, 1946.

I have the honour to be,
Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,

W. F. W. BETENSON,
School Medical Officer.

County Health Offices,
Watton, Brecon,
30th August, 1947.

**TABLE OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AND COUNTY
GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHILDREN.**

Number of Departments	...	105
Number of Scholars on the Roll	...	7539
Average Attendance	...	6766.9

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION—

Number of children immunised during the six months ended 30th June, 1946:—

	Aged 0-5	5-15
Combined districts of Brecon Urban and Rural; Builth Urban and Rural; Hay Urban and Rural; and Llanwrtyd Urban...	206	33
Brynmawr Urban	26	6
Crickhowell Rural	51	52
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural	12	—
Ystradgynlais Rural	65	—
Totals	360	91

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS—

Number of children examined:—

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Routine Inspections	1190	1040	2230
Special Inspections	93	98	191
Re-Inspections	129	123	252
Totals	1412	1261	2673

COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS—

Number of children examined:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Routine Inspections	322	299	621
Special Inspections	9	10	19
Re-Inspections	34	64	98
Totals	365	373	738

TREATMENT OF VISION—

1. Number of children examined in the year	...	387
2. Number for whom spectacles		
(a) were prescribed	...	358
(b) were obtained	...	357

3. Of the 387 cases examined in the year 228 were examined by the Eye Specialist, these cases having previously been seen by the Assistant School Medical Officer.

EYE OPERATIONS—

Mr. G. W. Hoare, the Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, held five operative sessions at Brecon War Memorial Hospital during the year, and operated on 18 children for squint or other defects. Each child was detained in hospital for eight nights, and following up visits to the hospital were paid by the Assistant School Medical Officer. On re-inspection all cases operated on were found to have made satisfactory progress.

Date.	Number of Children Operated on.	Type of Operation.	Following up Visits by Asst. S.M.O.
10.7.46	3	2 Squints 1 Excision of Lachrymatory Duct	3
26.7.46	4	3 Squints 1 Ptosis	3
29.8.46	3	3 Squints	2
30.10.46	4	3 Squints 1 Ptosis	3
5.12.46	4	3 Squints 1 Enucleation of Eye	3
Totals	18		14

ORTHOPÆDIC.

Table showing Cases referred to Orthopædic Surgeon.
(Primary, Secondary, and County Grammar).

CENTRE. DATE OF EXAMINATION.	Brecon 26/9/46.	Ystradgynlais 5/12/46	Total.
1. Number of Children called up for examination ..	63	42	105
2. Number of Children Present and Examined ..	60	42	102
3. Number found not to require Treatment ..	1	..	1
4. Number found to require Domiciliary or Clinic Treatment ..	52	33	85
5. Number found to require Hospital Treatment ..	4	1	5
6. For X'Ray ..	3	8	11

Only two Clinics were held owing to Miss Leefe, the Orthopædic Nurse, being on sick leave from 1st January, 1946, to 1st July, 1946.

Six operations were performed at Brecon Hospital on 19th November, 1946.

DENTAL TREATMENT—

Apart from the treatment figures given in Table II, Group IV, the following treatment has been carried out:—

Dentures supplied	... 3
Reg. Plate Adjustments	... 138
No. of Reg. Plates supplied	... 15
Number of Impressions taken	... 35
Number of Vincents treatments	... 43
Number treated for Vincents	... 6

NUTRITION—1946.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY.

DR. W. F. W. BETENSON.

Group	Number Ex'min'd	A	%	B	%	C	%	D	%
Entrants ...	291	7	2'41	230	79'04	49	16'84	5	1'71
Intermediates...	436	28	6'42	349	80'05	59	13'53	—	—
Leavers ...	283	16	5'65	219	77'39	42	14'84	6	2'12
Other Ages ...	22	—	—	17	77'27	5	22'75	—	—
Totals ...	1032	51	4'94	815	78'98	155	15'02	11	1'06

DR. R. CAIRNS FORRESTER.

Entrants ...	626	28	4'47	562	89'78	36	5'75	—	—
Intermediates	393	24	6'11	325	82'69	44	11'20	—	—
Leavers ...	157	18	14'01	116	73'88	23	14'65	—	—
Other Ages ...	22	4	18'18	15	68'18	3	13'64	—	—
Totals ...	1198	74	6'17	1018	84'97	106	8'86	—	—

TOTALS.

Entrants ...	917	35	3'82	792	86'37	85	9'27	5	'54
Intermediates	829	52	6'27	674	81'31	103	12'42	—	—
Leavers ...	440	34	7'73	335	76'14	65	14'77	6	1'36
Other Ages ...	44	4	9'09	32	72'72	8	18'19	—	—
Grand Totals ...	2230	125	5'61	1833	82'20	261	11'70	11	'49

NUTRITION—1946.

COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

DR. W. F. W. BETENSON.

Group.	Number Ex'min'd	A	%	B	%	C	%	D	%
Entrants ...	154	12	7'79	127	82'47	15	9'74	—	—
Intermediates ...	119	25	21'01	79	66'39	14	11'76	1	0'84
Leavers ...	50	14	28'00	31	62'00	5	10'00	—	—
Other Ages ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	323	51	15'79	237	73'37	34	10'53	1	0'31

DR. R. CAIRNS FORRESTER.

Entrants ...	166	22	13'25	138	83'13	6	3'62	—	—
Intermediates ...	88	18	20'45	66	75'00	4	4'55	—	—
Leavers ...	44	11	25'00	32	72'73	1	2'27	—	—
Other Ages ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	298	51	17'12	236	79'19	11	3'69	—	—

TOTALS.

Entrants ...	320	34	10'62	265	82'81	21	6'57	—	—
Intermediates ...	207	43	20'77	145	70'05	18	8'70	1	0'48
Leavers ...	94	25	26'60	63	67'02	6	6'38	—	—
Other Ages ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand Totals ...	621	102	16'42	473	76'17	45	7'25	1	0'19

**PRIMARY, SECONDARY, & COUNTY GRAMMAR
SCHOOLS.**

TABLE I.

Return of Medical Inspections, 1946

A.—Routine Medical Inspections.

NUMBER OF CODE GROUP INSPECTIONS—				
		P. & S.		C.G.
Entrants	...	917	...	320
Second Age Group	...	829	...	207
Third Age Group	...	440	...	94
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Totals	...	2186	...	621
NUMBER OF OTHER ROUTINE INSPECTIONS—				
		44	...	—
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B.—Other Inspections .				
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Number of Special Inspections		191	...	19
Number of Re-Inspections	...	252	...	98
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Totals	...	443	...	117
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Grand Totals	...	2673	...	738
,, ,,	(1945)	2138	...	1082

**PRIMARY, SECONDARY, & COUNTY GRAMMAR
SCHOOLS.**

TABLE II.—Continued.

Return of Defects treated during the Year ended
31st December, 1946.

Group II.—Defective Vision and Squint

(excluding Minor Eye Defects treated as Minor Ailments).

Defect or Disease.	Number of Defects dealt with.					
	Under the Authority's Scheme.		Otherwise.		Total.	
	P. & S.	C. G.	P. & S.	C. G.	P. & S.	G. C.
Errors of Refraction (including squint), (Operations for Squint are recorded separately in the body of the Report) ...	290	97	—	—	290	97
Other Defects or Diseases of the Eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	290	97	—	—	290	97

Number of Children for whom Spectacles were—

	Under the Authority's Scheme.		Otherwise.		Total.	
	P. & S.	C. G.	P. & S.	C. G.	P. & S.	C. G.
(a) Prescribed ...	276	82	—	—	276	82
(b) Obtained ...	276	81	—	—	276	81

PRIMARY, SECONDARY, & COUNTY GRAMMAR
SCHOOLS.

TABLE II.—Continued.

Return of Defects during the Year ended
31st December, 1946.

Group III.—Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat (Enlarged
Tonsils and Adenoids).

NUMBER OF DEFECTS.

Received Operative Treatment.						Received other forms of Treatment.		Total Number Treated.	
Under the Auth- ority's Scheme in Clinic or Hospital.		By Private Prac- titioner or Hos- pital, apart from the Authority's Scheme.		Total					
P.&S.	C.G.	P.&S.	C.G.	P.&S.	C.G.	P & S.	C.G.	P & S.	C.G.
160	19	12	—	172	19	—	—	172	19

PRIMARY, SECONDARY, & COUNTY GRAMMAR
SCHOOLS.

TABLE III.

Summary of Weekly and Monthly Reports of
School Nurses, 1946.

DISTRICT.	Number of Monthly Visits Paid by Nurses to Schools.	Total Number of Children Examined.	Number of Visits paid for "Following-Up" Defects				Special Visits paid to Homes.
			First Visits.		Re Visits.		
			Home	School	Home	School	
FULL-TIME NURSES—							
Brecon Town and Country ...	97	3893	57	4	65	20	125
Brynmawr ...	34	8527	6	5	—	21	—
Talybont and Llanfrynach	23	886	1	—	2	2	13
Cefn Coed and Vaynor	68	4694	39	9	75	34	43
Ystradgynlais ...	191	14739	35	110	—	46	71
PART-TIME NURSES—							
Beulah (Llwynmadoc) ...	33	904	20	—	16	—	11
Brecon (Llanspyddid) ...	9	264	3	—	5	—	—
Builth Wells ...	42	2311	27	4	12	3	6
Crickhowell ...	89	3814	36	9	267	52	—
Defynock ...	78	2367	—	—	35	113	—
Hay ...	38	2237	8	—	—	5	40
Llanelly Clydach & Gilwern	45	2576	34	—	41	14	35
Llanelly Darenfelen ...	22	1229	12	—	5	—	16
Llangorse ...	42	1044	11	—	16	2	58
Llanigon and Glasbury	33	1012	7	—	15	2	18
Llanwrthwl ...	20	456	—	—	—	—	—
Llanwrtyd Wells ...	22	1130	16	—	75	12	—
Llyswen and Erwood ...	29	713	—	—	—	—	2
Newbridge-on-Wye ...	7	213	23	—	302	16	—
Talgarth ...	66	2278	10	19	1	—	—
Relief Nurse ...	1	10	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	933	50802	345	160	932	42	438
.. 1945 ...	1017	48359	178	77	626	371	256