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Annual Report

OF THE

School Medical Officer

ON

Medical Inspection of Children in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools for the Year 1944

BY

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Glamorgan County Council.

To the Chairman and Members the Education Committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of presenting to you my third Annual Report on the work of the School Medical Service for the year ending 31st December, 1944.

As all other services, it has been carried on under great difficulties, and the staffing problems have not eased. The greatest shortage has again been in relation to the dental staff. Before the war, it was considered that about sixteen dentists should be employed to cover all County work, but the dental staff during the year consisted of four full-time dentists and the occasional service of three part-time dentists. Hence it will be obvious how far short of a complete service it has been possible to give. In order to give equal service throughout the area, certain officers had to travel great distances and did so willingly. Towards the end of the year it seemed likely that certain of your dental officers would be released from H.M. Forces, but this has not yet materialised. The establishment of school nurses fortunately has been maintained, their average visits per school for cleanliness surveys being 6·1. Thus the figure of last year has been almost equalled. Lethane Oil has been used by the nurses for children with verminous heads where necessary, and the Committee's scheme has been a very useful procedure.

Reports have been included on aspects of the dental and orthopaedic work by Mr. John Young and Dr. Naunton Jenkins respectively, and also a report by Mr. Hewitt, Principal of the Blind School. I am grateful to these officers for the reports.

The clerical staff have spent an active year in the many tasks necessary in the administration of a large School Medical Service.

The head teachers and teachers have again given the service great help and shown much interest without which the medical care of school children would be rendered much less effective. Their efforts have, I assure the Committee, been deeply appreciated.

The school children of Glamorgan lost a great friend in the death of the Chairman of the Education Committee, Sir William Jenkins, M.P. Countless Glamorgan children have cause to be deeply grateful for his long and faithful service to this County.

This has been a momentous year in the history of education in this country. The Education Act, 1944, is law, and great changes can be foreshadowed as a result. Examples of change are the doing away with the need of certifying children for special schools under ordinary circumstances and the provision of free treatment (other than domiciliary treatment) for all school children. The Act is a challenge, in the best sense, to local education authorities.

Again I would like to thank the members of the Committee for the support and interest shown in the School Medical Service throughout another year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. CULLEY, School Medical Officer.

SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER'S DEPARTMENT.

STAFF.

The Medical, Dental, and Nursing Staff of the County School Medical Service during the year 1944 was as follows:—

SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER.

ARTHUR R. CULLEY, M.D., B.CH. (Wales), B.SC., M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), D.P.H.

DEPUTY SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER.

WILLIAM EVAN THOMAS, M.B., B.CH., B.SC., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

MEDICAL INSPECTORS.

DAVID T. LEWIS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

NAUNTON R. JENKINS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

MOREEN WHELTON, B.SC., M.B., B.CH., B.A.O., D.P.H.

GWLADYS EVANS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

AMY L. JAGGER, B.SC., M.D., B.CH., D.P.H.

T. M. A. Lewis, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. (H.M. Forces.)

PHILIP L. SIMON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Returned from H.M. Forces, 9th October, 1944.)

Temporary.

BERYL BEVAN, M.B., B.CH., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., B.SC.

Annie M. Evans, M.B., B.CH. (To 30th June.)

V. S. HAWKES, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (From 2nd October.)

CONSULTING ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON.

ARTHUR O. PARKER, M.D., C.M., M.C.P.S.

DENTAL SURGEONS.

JOHN YOUNG, L.D.S.

MARY M. M. DAVIES, L.D.S.

FRANK G. EVANS, L.D.S. (H.M. Forces.)

QUENTIN A. DAVIES, L.D.S. (H.M. Forces.)

WYSTAN A. PEACH, L.D.S.

T. P. Ellis, L.D.S. (H.M. Forces.)

J. GRAHAM JONES, L.D.S. (H.M. Forces.)

J. B. CLARK, L.D.S. (H.M. Forces.)

Temporary.

E. HEVIN JONES, L.D.S.

P. J. GEORGE, L.D.S. (From 2nd October to 28th October.)

Part-time.

D. Cowin, L.D.S. (To 30th November.)

W. TREVOR FLOOKS, L.D.S.

MALDWYN VAUGHAN, L.D.S.

SCHOOL NURSES.

Annie Williams, s.r.n. (Superintendent).
Ceinwen C. Thomas.
Carrie Brazell, s.r.n.
Avice Mathews. (To 30th June.)
Gwladys G. Jones, s.r.n.
Ceinwen Edwards, s.r.n.
Annie Morris, s.r.n.
Ellen Roberts, s.r.n.
Florence E. Cole, s.r.n.

LUCY A. BEVAN, S.R.N.
DOROTHY M. TREMBATH, S.R.N.
GWEN JONES, S.R.N.
OLIVE M. HOWELLS, S.R.N.
MAIR EVANS, S.R.N.
RHONWEN EVANS, S.R.N.
IRENE TOYE, S.R.N.
V. M. C. BEVINGTON, S.R.N.

Temporary.

F. M. Henderson, s.r.n.
IVY DAVIES, S.R.N.
A. M. HOPKINS, S.R.N.
M. S. THOMAS, S.R.N. (To 30th September.)

CERIDWEN JONES, S.R.N.
IRENE POWIS, S.R.N.
E. RADCLIFFE, S.R.N. (Evacuated.)
G. E. Le'Ber, S.R.N. (From 6th November.)

ORTHOPAEDIC NURSES.

EDYTHE A. THURSTON, C.S.P., M.E., O.N.C.

Temporary.

CYNTHIA HETT, C.S.P., M.E., O.N.C.

The following statistics show the extent of the work of the Department during the last ten years. The figures relating to members of the staff during the war years include those serving in H.M. Forces.

BRIEF SURVEY OF THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE DURING THE YEARS 1934–1944.

| A. Staff. | 1934. | 1937. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. | 1944 |
|--|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| (i) Assistant Medical Officers | 11†† | 13††† | 11† | 9†† | 13‡ | 9†† | 9†† |
| (ii) Consultant-Orthopaedic | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| (iii) Dental Surgeons | 9 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10;; | 12 |
| (iv) School Nurses | 32* | 29* | 28* | 28§§ | 28** | 26*** | 27§ |
| B. MEDICAL INSPECTION. | | | | | | | |
| (i) Routine Examinations | 24,871 | 13,877 | 15,923 | 12,184 | 7,916 | 12,997 | 14,214 |
| (ii) Special Examinations | 1,750 | 1,924 | 2,645 | 1,888 | 3,902 | 2,356 | 1,934 |
| (iii) Re-examinations | 13,554 | 7,202 | 8,354 | 5,388 | 8,958 | 13,157 | 7,782 |
| Totals | 40,175 | 23,003 | 26,922 | 19,460 | 20,776 | 28,510 | 23,930 |
| C. DENTAL INSPECTION. | | | | | | | |
| (i) No. of children inspected by | DEFE | 12.02 | | | | COL ST. | |
| School Dentists | 22,024 | 30,034 | 31,925 | 28,331 | 21,089 | 10,682 | 15,359 |
| D. TREATMENT. | 198 | | NA BULL | THE STATE OF | | | |
| (i) No. of Treatment Centres | 39 | 44 | 45 | 43 | 44 | 37 | 34 |
| (ii) Attendances at School Clinics. | alka a | | THE THE | | 201 | May - | Marie Tolkins |
| (a) Dental | 48,845 | 51,691 | 52,185 | 38,587 | 28,256 | 20,750 | 19,032 |
| (b) Refractions | 6,906 | 5,780 | 4,922 | 4,802 | 5,248 | 4,862 | 4,613 |
| (c) Orthopaedics | 4,095 | 3,165 | 2,934 | 2,699 | 2,463 | 2,359 | 2,306 |
| (d) Tonsils and Adenoids | 869 | 817 | 525 | 324 | 639 | 1,024 | 821 |
| Totals | 60,715 | 61,453 | 60,566 | 46,412 | 36,606 | 28,995 | 26,772 |
| (iii) Treatment. | | Billin VE | (1) | | | | |
| (a) No. of teeth extracted | 37,362 | 40,534 | 39,956 | 31,823 | 29,013 | 17,937 | 16,965 |
| (b) No. of teeth filled | 14,547 | 15,303 | 15,022 | 14,945 | 8,255 | 5,271 | 5,835 |
| (c) No. of other operations | 4,653 | 5,470 | 8,132 | 7,698 | 3,475 | 2,680 | 3,292 |
| Totals | 56,562 | 61,307 | 63,110 | 54,466 | 40,743 | 25,888 | 26,092 |
| (iv) No. of pairs of spectacles | lia thans | Total Total I | a such desired | | | onom at to | an market |
| provided | 2,136 | 1,429 | 977 | 1,085 | 819 | 858 | 758 |
| E. School Nurses. | il propried | ally in tank | MIES WAS | men delimina | Special Control | (A) | A Principal |
| (i) No. of examinations of chil- dren at school for uncleanli- | | | E ORUM PACE | pein genn | | edea Amen | |
| ness | 216,718 | 157,272 | 167,285 | 192,996 | 240,806 | 254,038 | 265,111 |
| (ii) No. of re-examinations | 30,255 | 22,047 | 22,681 | 32,213 | 41,712 | 41,158 | 27,158 |
| (iii) No. of visits paid to homes | 36,167 | 28,713 | 28,189 | 31,810 | 40,905 | 39,935 | 33,517 |
| (m) 110, or visits paid to nomes | 00,107 | 20,710 | 20,100 | 01,010 | 10,000 | 00,000 | 00,017 |

- * Including two trained Orthopaedic Nurses.
- †† Including two temporary Assistant School Medical Officers.
- \dagger Including three temporary Assistant School Medical Officers.
- ‡ Including six temporary Assistant School Medical Officers.
- §§ Including two trained Orthopaedic Nurses and two temporary School Nurses.
- ** Including two trained Orthopaedic Nurses and five temporary School Nurses.
- *** Including two trained Orthopaedic Nurses (one temporary) and six temporary School Nurses.
- § Including two trained Orthopaedic Nurses (one temporary) and eight temporary School Nurses.
- tt Including two temporary Assistant Dental Officers (one part-time).
- ††† Including four temporary Assistant School Medical Officers.
 - || Including four temporary Assistant Dental Officers (three part-time).
 - ||| Including one temporary Assistant Dental Officer.
- III Including two temporary Assistant Dental Officers.

SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.

(1) NUTRITION.

It is interesting to compare the nutritional classification of children examined in the routine age groups since 1938—the pre-war year. The following table shows the position:—

| Year | Number of Children | (Exce | | | mal) | (Slig Sub-Ne | htly | D (Bad) | | |
|------|-----------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------|------|--|
| | Inspected - | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | |
| 1938 | 17,807 | 1,145 | 6.43 | 12,629 | 70.92 | 3,935 | 22.10 | 98 | 0.55 | |
| 1939 | 10,136 | 455 | 4.49 | 6,488 | 64.01 | 3,078 | 30.37 | 115 | 1.13 | |
| 1940 | 11,644 | 580 | 4.98 | 7,954 | 68-31 | 2,871 | 24.66 | 239 | 2.05 | |
| 1941 | 7,527 | 391 | 5.19 | 4,707 | 62.54 | 2,349 | 31.21 | 80 | 1.06 | |
| 1942 | 7,174 | 638 | 8.89 | 5,287 | 73.70 | 1,216 | 16.95 | 33 | 0.46 | |
| 1943 | 9,648 | 771 | 7.99 | 7,638 | 79-17 | 1,205 | 12-49 | 34 | 0.35 | |
| 1944 | 9,730 | 1,053 | 10.82 | 7,397 | 76.02 | 1,243 | 12.78 | 37 | 0.38 | |

The medical officers who made the classification of the children are nearly all officers who have had many years experience of this work and have acted throughout the years indicated in the table. One can fairly expect under these circumstances the figures to be comparable.

In 1938 the A + B group shows a figure of 77.35% and C + D group 22.65%. In 1944 the position was A + B group 86.84% and C + D group 13.16%.

Thus, in spite of rationing of foodstuffs, on these figures the nutritional state of the school children shows a distinct improvement. A comment was made in the 1943 Annual Report regarding this matter in which certain reasons were given which may account for this heartening result. A repetition is not out of place as it is proper to learn something from what the war has demonstrated to us as well as to suffer its great disadvantages:—

- (i) An increased earning capacity, especially in families who before the war had not sufficient earning capacity to maintain adequate nutrition.
- (ii) Addition of protective and other food factors to the nation's diet and of which the public is not actually conscious.
- (iii) The increase of feeding in schools, which is in many cases supplementary and not merely complementary.
- (iv) The policy of the Government of subsidy so as to prevent the rise in cost of certain food stuffs.

One feels justified in saying that whatever defects there may be in classifying nutritional states, the figures given above (the result of work of the same officers throughout the period given) indicate that there is no evidence of deterioration in the general nutritional standard of the children.

(2) CLEANLINESS AND SKIN INFECTIONS.

The figures relating to scabies and impetigo are as follows:-

| Year. | Scabies. | Impetigo. |
|-------|----------|-----------|
| 1941 | 554 | 148 |
| 1942 | 966 | 408 |
| 1943 | 1,116 | 359 |
| 1944 | 864 | 335 |

There has been a decrease in scabies, but by no means an elimination of the infestation. Cases are brought to the notice of the Department by the following means: Routine Medical Inspection, Nursing Inspections, School Attendance Officers, and District Medical Officers of Health.

All cases are notified to the District Medical Officer of Health, who deals with them under the Scabies Order, 1941. Excellent work has been done by most District Councils in their Scabies Treatment Centres.

Impetigo returns show no improvement, and one may hope that some more specific treatment will be forthcoming in the not too distant future.

Verminous heads—on routine examinations the state of cleanliness appears to be satisfactory. 265,111 examinations were made, and as usual it was found that certain families continue to be constant offenders.

Lethane Oil was used by the school nurses to treat 717 children with reasonably good results, and is certainly an added weapon in the hands of the nurses. No difficulties have arisen in the procedure laid down relating to its use.

(3) ROUTINE INSPECTIONS.

10,786 routine inspections were made during the year, and 44,971 other inspections—all these in elementary schools. In addition, 3,428 secondary school children were inspected. It will be noted that in secondary school pupils the state of general nutrition was well maintained.

- (4) MILK AND MEALS IN SCHOOLS.
- (a) Milk in Schools.

The sources of the milk supplied in school were as follows :-

| | | No | o. of Sci | hool | | |
|---|--------|----------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Grade of milk su | pplied | . De | partme | nts. | | |
| Tuberculin-tested | | | 7 | | | |
| Accredited | | | 10 | | | |
| Pasteurised | | | 247 | | | |
| Ungraded | | | 48 | | | |
| (Some departments receive | more | than or | ne grad | e of n | nilk.) | |
| Number of children receiving free milk in | schoo | ol (Octo | ber, 19 | 944) | | 9,858 |
| Number of children receiving milk at a | cheap | rate in | school | (Oct | ober, | |
| 1944) | | | | | | 24,245 |
| Number of milks biologically tested | | | | | | 32 |
| Number found to contain tubercle bacill | i | | | | | Nil |

(b) Meals in Schools.

Number of pupils receiving free dinners (October, 1944) . . . 1,686

Number of pupils paying for dinners (October, 1944) 13,461

Percentage of children in attendance receiving meals in schools . . . 29.74

School canteens have been increased steadily throughout the year. Towards the end of the year a report was received from the Board of Education on the standard of the meals service, which was highly commendable to the officers of the Education and Architect's Departments. From observations made on visits to schools, one can but congratulate all those concerned with the arrangements.

One outbreak occurred of a form of food poisoning. This was carefully investigated, but no organism could be incriminated. This experience decided the need for the urgent notification of any symptoms which may be related to the school canteens. The Director of Education gave instructions to all head teachers as to the need of reporting immediately any form of outbreak of a food poisoning nature. Local Education Authorities are becoming food caterers in a big way, and it can be anticipated that occasionally such accidents will occur, and early information is essential for the necessary investigations.

Towards the end of the year the Public Health, Public Assistance, and Education Committees gave consideration to the joint appointment of a dietician who could do detailed work and food surveys where necessary. The appointment was approved in principle.

(5) Provision of Spectacles.

Difficulty and delay in procuring glasses continued during the year, but by the effort made by all concerned it can be said that the children have not suffered excessively. Too many parents, who do not come within the "free" glasses scheme, still do not obtain glasses prescribed for their children.

(6) MENTALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN.

The shortage of residential accommodation for mentally defective children is acute. It seems to have been our experience that it is almost impossible to find the precise conditions in any one mentally defective child to satisfy the restrictions imposed. Children with mixed defects, e.g. epilepsy and mental deficiency, simply cannot be found accommodation, and it appears to be a waste of time to attempt to find a place for them. The Education Committee would be well advised to consider at the opportune moment the establishment of a residential school for educable mental defectives. In fact, the administration of the new Education Act places the Local Education Authority in a position to provide, with advantage, special schools for nearly all prescribed purposes.

(7) Tonsils and Adenoids.

It will be noted that there has been a reduction in the number of operations for the removal of tonsils and adenoids. This has been due to the shortage of hospital accommodation due to the demands for accommodation for the Armed Services and "D" Day preparations. Waiting lists have grown and many parents have been pressing to have their children done, but it has been impossible to prevent exceedingly long periods of waiting.

(8) DENTAL TREATMENT.

Mr. Young's report has been included in this Report, and hence just a few comments need be made. Eighty per cent of the children inspected required treatment, which is a little better than the results quoted in the Interim Report of the Teviot Committee on Dentistry.

Three hundred more general anaesthetics were given for dental extractions, and in the post-war development of the service it is hoped that many more "general anaesthetic" clinics will be made available.

This year the proportion of teeth filled to those extracted was 1 to 4, and last year (1943) it was 1 to 5. This is just a pointer, and with a full establishment of officers the aim will be to allow children to leave school with as many of their permanent teeth as possible.

ORTHOPAEDIC TREATMENT.

(Report of Dr. N. R. Jenkins.)

In spite of another difficult year of war it has still been possible to maintain regular sessions at the clinics for the treatment and after-care of crippled children under the Glamorgan Education Authority, and for similar care of the pre-school children referred by mutual arrangements by the various local authorities within the Glamorgan Administrative Area. The clinics, which are held weekly at Bridgend and fortnightly at Caerphilly, Maesteg, Neath, Pontardawe, and Penarth, are staffed by a Medical Officer in Charge assisted by two trained Orthopaedic Nurses and one trained School Nurse, whilst the County Orthopaedic Surgeon, Mr. A. O. Parker, visits Bridgend, Caerphilly, and Neath quarterly for the purpose of consulting with the Medical Officer. Where operative treatment is advised, arrangements are made in due course for this to be carried out at the Mid- and West Glamorgan County Hospitals, and in special cases at the Prince of Wales' Orthopaedic Hospital, Cardiff. Some few cases requiring just prolonged recumbency for their cure are admitted to Crossways, near Cowbridge, a convalescent annexe of the Prince of Wales' Hospital. Unfortunately, but of necessity, operations have had to be somewhat curtailed since "D" Day owing to the need of maintaining vacant beds and to the urgent engagement of the Orthopaedic Surgeon in attending to battle casualties.

Cases seen and treated at the clinics and hospitals include all types of congenital and acquired deformities and crippling conditions. Under congenital defects might be mentioned club feet, claw feet, flat feet, hammer toes, supernumerary toes and fingers, joined toes or fingers or syndactyly, hip dislocations, wry neck or torticollis and also those defects arising from birth palsies-Erbs' palsy of the upper arm, Klumpke's palsy of the lower arm, and Little's disease or spastic (stiff) paralysis of the arms and legs. The acquired deformities are those arising from infantile (flail) paralysis; postural deformities causing flat and claw feet, the spinal curvatures of scoliosis, kyphosis and lordosis; great toe conditions such as hallux valgus and rigidus; some rare cases of sub-inflammatory non-tuberculous bone diseases including Calve's disease of the spine, Köhler's disease of the ankle, Osgood's disease (apophysitis) of the heel bone, and Perthe's disease of the hip, this latter having shown a definite increase in the past year and whether this is purely due to coincidence, some avitaminoses, or metabolic changes due to war diet or conditions it is not possible yet to form an opinion. Fortunately under treatment all these sub-infectious conditions mentioned usually clear up. One or two children under our care are suffering from very rare diseases of the spinal cord such as Friedreich's Ataxia, Progressive Muscular Atrophy, and Disseminated Sclerosis. It is a pity that children suffering from deformities following old fractures or healed tuberculous conditions are still excluded from the provisions of the Education Committee's Cripple Scheme.

Attendances during the year were fairly maintained in spite of extreme transport difficulties. The problem of obtaining boots and corrective apparatus is more acute than ever, and as I mentioned in my last report the position will worsen until this dreadful war ends.

Statistical figures for the year were as follows :-

| Total attendances made at clinics | 2,306 |
|--|-----------|
| Number of Secondary School pupils with crippling defects | 35 |
| Number of Secondary School pupils with postural deformities | 26 |
| Number of Elementary School children with crippling defects | 318 |
| Number of Elementary School children with postural deformities | 324 |
| Number of visiting scholars with crippling defects | 31 |
| Number of visiting scholars with postural deformities | 10 |
| Number of Infant Welfare cases | 279 |
| Number of operations performed at :- | |
| West Glamorgan County Hospital | 6 |
| Mid-Glamorgan County Hospital | 13 |
| Prince of Wales' Hospital | 11 |
| Number of children cured during the year | 31 |

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.

(Report of Mr. J. Young.)

During the year 1944 we were able to carry out treatment in as many as 34 centres, albeit we were only able to keep some of these clinics operating for periods that were all too short; included in the above figure is the Gower group of schools, where, as formerly, treatment is performed by the use of portable equipment. As far as was possible with our very much reduced staff, we carried out our routine inspections and treatment of cases upon lines followed in previous years.

Of the 15,359 children inspected, including 578 evacuees, 11,969 required treatment, 5,489 were actually treated or re-treated and 19,032 attendances were recorded. Maternity and child welfare cases who attended our clinics for treatment made 2,178 attendances, making a grand total of 21,210. 14,373 temporary teeth and 2,592 permanent teeth were extracted, a total of 16,965. 5,835 fillings were inserted in temporary and permanent teeth, and 3,292 other operations were performed.

At our selected clinics where nitrous oxide and oxygen anaesthesia sessions are held, 1,270 administrations were given. To this figure, as usual, must be added the number of cases dealt with under the other schemes administered by Glamorgan County Council. The gas clinics in these difficult times have proved of inestimable value, in that where multiple extractions have been necessary, they have been performed in the minimum of time, usually one visit, allowing us to offer treatment to more patients in the time saved. In passing, it is pleasant to note that our patients appreciate this service. I have several times expressed regret to patients that they have had to travel so far to a gas centre. They have always made light of it, saying that they regarded it as a "day out!"

Staffing is still our great difficulty. Our staff throughout the year consisted of four whole-time officers. We congratulated ourselves when we secured the services of a temporary whole-time officer, but after a month with us he was called for service with H.M. Forces. We were fortunate in making arrangements with the dental officers of Aberdare and Mountain Ash Urban Districts, whereby we had their respective services for one half-day each week for the treatment of our County School cases in these two areas. We retained the services of one temporary part-time officer in Barry area until November, when he resigned.

We continued to keep our clinics at Bargoed, Caerphilly, and Whitchurch functioning under the scheme introduced the previous year, when we found ourselves without any dental officers in the eastern end of the County. Mr. Peach continues to conduct Whitchurch clinic, whilst I maintain Bargoed and Caerphilly clinics.

It is very probable that when the proposed National Health Service is instituted, a comprehensive dental service will be included, but in the more immediate future we are faced with the new Education Act and all the obligations it lays upon responsible local authorities. A very bright prospect is the fact that young adolescents will at last be eligible for treatment. This is really important, for prior to this, only those children who continued their school life in County and Secondary schools were able to avail themselves of the health services. In our own particular service a large number of County and Secondary school pupils always have taken advantage of this. Now under the new Act, arrangements may cover pupils in County colleges, i.e. young people between the age of leaving school and 18. This is an age group which previously has been unprovided for and which incidentally is very susceptible to certain illnesses, and the knowledge that their welfare is now an affair of national concern, is I believe a good augury for the future.

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

(Report of Mr. F. E. Hewitt, Principal.)

NUMBER OF PUPILS.

The numbers on the register in December were 92 pupils as compared with 86 in December, 1943.

HEALTH.

Two of the younger children passed away at the Mid-Glamorgan County Hospital during the year. A few pupils were admitted to the hospital for adenoid and tonsil treatment; otherwise, the health of the pupils was quite good.

Music.

Again this year music has played a very big part in the School curriculum. Nine pupils took the various grades in the Associated Board pianoforte examinations in November, and all were successful in getting through, one pupil with a distinction. Three pupils took the violin examinations during the year, and all three were successful in passing.

It is always a great joy to listen to the singing of the Senior Choir. The choir was invited to sing at some of the local churches, and on one occasion they sang at a wedding. The junior pupils of the School also have a choir and the children sing away with great gusto.

The dance band which is run by the senior boys is quite a busy concern these days. They have a number of standing engagements to play for dances in the town in addition to casual engagements. During the year in question, they made quite a large contribution towards the School fund as a result of fees they had been paid for their services.

SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD, SCHOOL SPORTS, AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

The three main events of the year all kept up the high standards set in previous years.

A tense atmosphere of keen competition is always felt at the School eisteddfodau. This was not lacking in 1944.

The pupils had a fine day for their sports last year, and all the events went off well. It is at the sports that the good physique of the pupils can be seen. In this event also there was keen competition amongst the pupils, who all belong to the five houses in the School which have been named after famous people who have done outstanding work for the blind. Wire tracks are set up with a concrete post at each end to keep the wire in position. The blind pupils are guided along these tracks by spools which run along the wires, so that the blind and partially sighted can compete in a fair manner.

The School Christmas concert ending with the operetta "The King of Sherwood" attained its usual high standard. Two performances were given, the first being in aid of the School fund and the second in aid of the Bridgend Comforts for the Troops Fund. The pupils were delighted to be in a position to hand over to the Comforts for the Troops Fund a cheque for £18 1s. 0d., as by so doing they felt they made some small contribution to the happiness and comfort of those fighting in the front line.

SALES.

The goods produced in the three technical departments were in great demand during the year. We had so many orders towards the end of the year that it was found necessary to stop accepting any more until the existing ones had been fulfilled.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

This society still continued to flourish in 1944. Its members held debates, mystery nights, mock parliaments, mock trials, etc. The last night of the term was reserved for the reading of messages written personally to the members by well-known B.B.C. artists. This afforded a great deal of interest and pleasure to the members of the society. The Literary and Debating Society is held during the Spring and Christmas terms.

RETIREMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

The good wishes of the staff and pupils were expressed to Mr. F. E. Rees on the occasion of his retirement by Mr. Hewitt at the County Hall. As a practical token of esteem each of the technical departments sent along a gift made by the pupils.

DEATH OF CHAIRMAN.

It was with deep regret that the staff and pupils learned of the passing away of the Chairman of the School, Alderman Sir William Jenkins, M.P. He had a very warm place in the hearts of all connected with the School, and the memory of his kind words of cheer along with the practical assistance he always rendered for the benefit of the School will linger for ever with those who had the good fortune to be acquainted with him. The pupils held a memorial service at the School at the same time as the funeral was taking place at Cymmer.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF CHILDREN ATTENDING PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

A .- ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

| Number of Inspections in the pres | scribed | Group | os:— | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|------------|
| Entrants | | | | | | 6,176 |
| Second Age Group | | | | | | _ |
| Third Age Group | | | | | | 3,554 |
| | | То | TAL | | | 9,730 |
| Number of other Routine Inspect | ions— | Visitin | g Scho | lars | | 970 |
| | | -Brid | gend E | Blind S | chool | 86 |
| | | Т | OTAL | | | 10,786 |
| | В.—С | THER | Inspec | CTIONS | | |
| Number of Children | seen a | t Gene | eral Su | rveys | | 36,321 |
| Number of Special I | nspect | ions | | | | 1,880 |
| Number of Re-inspe | ctions | | | | | 6,770 |
| | | То | TAL | | | 44,971 |

C.—CHILDREN FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT.

Number of individual children found at Routine Medical Inspection to require treatment (excluding Defects of Nutrition, Uncleanliness, and Dental Diseases).

| GROUP. | For defective vision (excluding squint). | For all other conditions recorded in Table IIa. | Total number of individual children requiring treatment. | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|---|-------|
| Entrants | | 35 | 516 | 547 |
| Second Age Group | | _ | _ | _ |
| Third Age Group | | 257 | 157 | 396 |
| Total (Prescribed Groups) | | 292 | 673 | 943 |
| Other Routine Inspections—Evacuees | | 27 | 48 | 75 |
| Bridgend Blind School | | 4 | 9 | 13 |
| Grand Total | | 323 | 730 | 1,031 |

TABLE II.

A.—Return of Defects found by Medical Inspection in the Year ended 31st December, 1944.

| | | Rot | TINE IN | SPECTION | NS. | SP | ECIAL I | SPECTIO | NS. |
|--|---------------|-------|---|--------------|-------------------------|---------|--|----------|-------------|
| | | | No. of | Defects. | | | No. of | Defects. | |
| Defect or Disease. | Requ Treat | | Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring Treatment. | | Requiring Treatment. | | Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring Treatment. | | |
| (1) | Ros | (2) | (3) Eva- | (4) | (5) Eva- | (6) | (7) Eva- | (8) | (9) Eva- |
| Ringworm: | | Glam. | cuees | Glam. | cuees | Glam. | cuees | Glam. | cuees |
| Scalp | | 1 | _ | _ | _ | 1 | _ | _ | _ |
| Body | | 28 | _ | _ | _ | _ | | _ | _ |
| Skin Scabies | | 49 | 13 | _ | _ | 13 | 1 | _ | _ |
| Impetigo | | 8 | _ | | | 5 | _ | - | _ |
| Other Diseases (non-tuberculous) | | 9 | 1 | 14 | 2 | 3 | _ | 3 | _ |
| | | | | 1,18 | REAL PROPERTY. | EBINY. | | | |
| Blepharitis | | 19 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 3 | _ | | |
| C | | 2 | | - | | 1 | 1 | | _ |
| Keratitis | | | | | | _ | | _ | _ |
| Eye Corneal Opacities | | 1 | Programme 1 | OF THE | _ | _ | _ | | |
| Other Conditions (excluding Defect | | 1 | | | Leby h | n er ma | | | |
| Vision and Squint) | | 9 | 1 | 5 | _ | 2 | _ | _ | 1001 |
| Defective Vision (excluding Squint) | | 296 | 27 | 9 | _ | 159 | 15 | 1 | _ |
| Squint | | 64 | 7 | 12 | _ | 19 | _ | 1 | _ |
| | | | | | 3011 | | | | |
| Defective Hearing | | 4 | | 7 | | 2 | | 2 | |
| For Othio Modio | | 15 | | 20 | 2 | 3 | | 3 | |
| Other Fee Diseases | | 15 | _ | 5 | _ | _ | | _ | _ |
| (Other Ear Diseases | • • • | 1 | | 3 | | | | - | |
| (0) | | | | | 000 | 00 | | 32 | 1 |
| Chronic Tonsillitis only | | 170 | 13 | 733 | 60 | 33 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Nose and Adenoids only | | 5 | - | 6 | 1 | 5 | | 6 | 1 |
| Throat Chronic Tonsillitis and Adenoids Other Conditions | | 64 | 4 | 125 | 11 | 26 3 | | 6 | 1 |
| Other Conditions | | 6 | _ | 8 | 1 | 3 | | 0 | |
| | | | | The state of | ALTHOUGH S | -210 | minut. | | (ANIC) |
| Enlarged Cervical Glands (non-tuberculous) | | 9 | - | 151 | 10 | 4 | - | 12 | - |
| Defective Speech | | | | 5 | 2 | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Detective operation | 707 | | | | - | | | | |

TABLE II-continued.

A .- RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION IN THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1944.

| | | | | Ro | UTINE I | NSPECTIO | ons. | SPI | CIAL IN | SPECTION | is. |
|-------------------|---|--------|-------|----------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| | | | | | No. of | Defects. | | | No. of | Defects. | |
| | Defect or Disease. | | | Requ Treat | uiring ment. | Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring Treatment. | | Requiring Treatment. | | Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring Treatment. | |
| Total S | (1) Heart Disease :— | | | (2) Glam. | (3) Eva- cuees | (4) Glam. | (5) Eva- cuees | (6) Glam. | (7) Eva- cuees | (8) Glam. | (9) Eva- cuees |
| Heart and | Organic | | | _ | _ | 24 | 3 | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Circulation | Functional | | | _ | _ | 88 | 6 | _ | _ | 3 | _ |
| | Anaemia | | | 6 | 2 | 20 | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | - |
| Lungs | ∫Bronchitis | | | 30 | _ | 38 | 2 | In the state of | | 2 | 100 |
| Zungo | Other non-tuberculou | is Dis | eases | 26 | 1 | 55 | 4 | _ | - | 3 | 1 |
| Tuber- culosis | Pulmonary:— Definite Suspected Non-pulmonary:— Glands Bones and Joints Skin Other Forms | | :: | - 14 - - - | | - 1 - - - | | — 11 — — — | | | |
| Nervous | Epilepsy | | | _ | 7_1 | 1 | _ | _ | _ | - | _ |
| System | Chorea | | | - | _ | 3 | - | _ | _ | - | - |
| Cystem - | Other Conditions | | | - | - | - | - | _ | _ | - | _ |
| | Rickets | | | 2 | _ | 1 | _ | _ | - | 1 | _ |
| Deformities | Spinal Curvature | | | 7 | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| | Other Forms | | | 56 | 2 | 9 | - | 17 | 1 | 2 | _ |
| | ts and Diseases (exclu Uncleanliness, and De | | | 10 | 1 | 24 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | _ |
| | Total Number of De | fects | | 911 | 76 | 1371 | 108 | 316 | 23 | 87 | 3 |

TABLE II—continued.

B.—Classification of the Nutrition of Children inspected during the year in Routine Age Groups.

| Age Groups. | Number of Children | A (Excellent). | | (Nor | | (Slig | C ghtly ormal). | D (Bad). | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|
| | Inspected. | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Entrants | 6,176 | 663 | 10.73 | 4,711 | 76.28 | 786 | 12.73 | 16 | 0.26 |
| Second Age-Group | - | _ | - | _ | _ | - | - | _ | - |
| Third Age-Group | 3,554 | 390 | 10.97 | 2,686 | 75.58 | 457 | 12.86 | 21 | 0.59 |
| Total | 9,730 | 1,053 | 10.82 | 7,397 | 76.02 | 1,243 | 12.78 | 37 | 0.38 |
| Other Routine Inspections | | | | | | | THE PARTY NAMED IN | | is, the pi |
| Evacuees | 970 | 149 | 15.36 | 734 | 75-67 | 85 | 8.76 | 2 | 0.21 |
| Bridgend Blind School | 86 | _ | _ | 85 | 98.84 | 1 | 1.16 | - | _ |
| Total | 10,786 | 1,202 | 11.15 | 8,216 | 76-17 | 1,329 | 12.32 | 39 | 0.36 |

TABLE III.

RETURN OF ALL EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN IN THE AREA.

CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM MULTIPLE DEFECTS.

| Combination of Defect. | At Certified Special Schools. | At Public Elementary Schools. | At other Institutions. | At no School or Institution. | Total. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| Feeble-minded and cripple | _ | 1 | 18 <u>-</u> 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Feeble-minded and epileptic | | 3 | _ | 2 | . 5 |
| Feeble-minded, semi-mute | _ | 1 | e o - class | des - List | 1 |

TABLE III—(continued).

RETURN OF ALL EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN IN THE AREA—continued. BLIND CHILDREN.

| | | | | | В | LIND CHILDE | REN. | | | | |
|----------|--|--------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|
| | ified Scl | | | ıblic Elen y Schools | 111111111111111111111111111111111111111 | At othe Institution | | At no Sc Institu | | | Total. |
| | 17 | | | Nil. | | Nil. | | N | il. | | 17 |
| | | | | P | ARTIA | LLY BLIND (| CHILDRE | EN. | | | |
| | At Certified Schools At Certified Schools for for the Blind. At Partially Blind. At en | | | | | | 100 | t other titutions. | At no So Institu | | Total. |
| | 6 | | Nil. | | | Nil. | | Nil. | N | il. | 6 |
| | 1 | | | | Γ | DEAF CHILDR | EN. | | | | |
| | At Certified Schools At Public Elementary Schools. | | | | | At othe Institutio | | At no Sc Institu | | | Total. |
| | 28 | | | 4 | | Nil. | | 9 | | | 41 |
| | | | | I | PARTIA | LLY DEAF C | HILDRE | EN. | | | |
| | for th | tified S ne Dea tially D | f and | At Public tary So | | | | At no Sch or Institut | | Total. | |
| | | Nil. | | | 1 | Nil | | 1 | | 2 | |
| | | | | ME | | y Defective le-minded Ch | | | | | |
| for Ment | At Certified Schools for Mentally Defective Children. At Public Elementary Schools. | | | | | At other | | At no Sc Institu | | | Total. |
| | 11 | | | 71* | | Nil. | | | | | 95 |
| *] | * Includes 3 evacuees. EPILEPTIC CHILDREN. | | | | | | | | | | |

Children suffering from severe Epilepsy.

| At Certified Special | At Public Elemen- | At other | At no School or | Total. |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------|
| Schools. | tary Schools. | Institutions. | Institution. | |
| Nil. | 1 | Nil. | 4 | 5 |

TABLE III-(continued).

RETURN OF ALL EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN IN THE AREA—(continued).

PHYSICALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN.

A. TUBERCULOUS CHILDREN.

| At Certified Special Schools. | At Public Elemen- tary Schools. | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|--|--|
| 30 | 111 | 3 | 32 | 176 | | |
| | II. Children sufferin | ng from Non-Pulmo | nary Tuberculosis. | | | |
| At Certified Special Schools. | At Public Elemen- tary Schools. | At other Institutions. | At no School or Institution. | Total. | | |
| 43 | 306 | 14 | 39 | 402 | | |
| and the second s | В. 1 | DELICATE CHILDRE | N. | | | |
| At Certified Special Schools. | At Public Elemen- tary Schools. | At other Institutions. | At no School or Institution. | Total. | | |
| Nil. | 384 | Nil. | 6 | 390 | | |
| | C. (| CRIPPLED CHILDRE | v. | | | |
| At Certified Special Schools. | At Public Elemen- tary Schools. | At other Institutions. | At no School or Institution. | Total. | | |
| 10 | 683* | Nil. | 27 | 720 | | |
| * Including 41 | evacuees. | | | | | |
| | D. CHILDI | REN WITH HEART I | DISEASE. | | | |
| At Certified Special Schools. | At Public Elemen- tary Schools. | At other Institutions. | At no School or Institution. | Total. | | |
| Nil. | 19* | Nil. | 8 | 27 | | |

^{*} Including 1 evacuee.

TABLE IV.

TREATMENT TABLE.

Group I.—Minor Ailments (excluding Uncleanliness, for which see Table VII).

| | Numbe | umber of Defects treated or under treatm during the year. | | | | |
|--|---------|--|-------|----------|-------|--|
| Disease or Defect. | Auth | er the ority's eme. | | rwise | Total | |
| Skin :— | Glam. | Evacuees | Glam. | Evacuees | | |
| (i) X-ray treatment. | 4 | _ | - | - | 4 | |
| Ringworm.—Scalp (ii) Other treatment. | _ | _ | 15 | 1 | 16 | |
| Ringworm.—Body | _ | _ | 24 | - | 24 | |
| Scabies | | - | 799 | 65 | 864 | |
| Impetigo | - | - | 312 | 23 | 335 | |
| Other Skin Diseases | - | - | 54 | 15 | 69 | |
| Minor Eye Defects (external and other, but exclud- | 7231134 | DWIE AN | | | | |
| ing cases falling in Group II) | - | - | 29 | 1 | 30 | |
| Minor Ear Defects | _ | - | 72 | 1 | 73 | |
| Miscellaneous (e.g., minor injuries, bruises, sores, | SHAME! | | | | | |
| chilblains, etc.) | - | - | 97 | - | 97 | |
| TOTAL | 4 | | 1,402 | 106 | 1,512 | |

TABLE IV-continued.

GROUP II.—DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT (EXCLUDING MINOR EYE DEFECTS TREATED AS MINOR AILMENTS—GROUP I).

| | | Number of | f defects de | Number of defects dealt with. | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Defect or Disease. (1) | Autho Scho | er the prity's eme. 2) | | Otherwise. | | | | | | |
| | Glam. | Evac. | Glam. | Evac. | | | | | | |
| Errors of Refraction (including Squint) | 2,939 | 128 | 6 | _ | 3,073 | | | | | |
| Other Defect or Disease of the eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I) | _ | _ | _ | August . | _ | | | | | |
| Total | 2,939 | 128 | 6 | _ | 3,073 | | | | | |
| No. of children for whom spectacles were:— (a) Prescribed | 1,008 | 67 79 | 6 | _ | 1,081 759 | | | | | |

GROUP III.—TREATMENT OF DEFECTS OF NOSE AND THROAT.

Number of Defects.

| | | | | I | Recei | ved C | | LINES TO SE | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--|----|----|---|-------|-------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--|----|----|------------------------------------|----|----|-----|
| | | | | Under the Authority's Scheme, in Clinic or Hospital. (1) | | | or Hospital, other Total. forms of nu | | Practitioner or Hospital, apart from the Authority's Scheme. | | | Total number treated. (5) | | | |
| | | I | II | III | IV | I | II | III | IV | I | II | III | IV | | |
| Glamorgan | | 14 | 2 | 745 | | 45 | _ | 13 | _ | 59 | 2 | 758 | _ | 42 | 861 |
| Evacuees | | _ | _ | 35 | _ | _ | _ | _ | - | _ | _ | 35 | _ | _> | 35 |
| Total | | 14 | 2 | 780 | _ | 45 | _ | 13 | _ | 59 | 2 | 793 | _ | 42 | 896 |

Tonsils only.
 Adenoids only.
 Tonsils and Adenoids.
 Other defects of nose and throat.

TABLE IV—continued. GROUP IV.—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS.

| | Under | the Authority (1) | y's scheme. | i semoje sla Sur ostavara de | Otherwise (2) | innanza sa teo | |
|----------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------|
| | Residential treatment with Education. | Residential treatment without Education. ii. | Non-residential treatment at an Orthopaedic Clinic. iii. | Residential treatment with Education. | Residential treatment without Education. | Non-residential treatment at an Orthopaedic Clinic. iii. | Total number treated. |
| Number of children treated | } 11 | 19 | 710* | | _ | | 740 |

^{*} Including 41 evacuees.

TABLE V.

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.

Number of children inspected by the Dentist :-

(a) Routine Age-groups.

| (4) | Teour | me Age- | Sroups. | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|-----------|-------|----------|---------|---------|--|
| Age | | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | Total. |
| Glamorgan | | 1,149 | 1,155 | 1,150 | 1,099 | 1,062 | 1,072 | 834 | 751 | 542 | 429 | 9,243 |
| Evacuees | | 42 | 23 | 38 | 30 | 56 | 54 | 23 | 14 | 15 | 10 | 305 |
| Total | | 1,191 | 1,178 | 1,188 | 1,129 | 1,118 | 1,126 | 857 | 765 | 557 | 439 | 9,548 |
| | 17. 19 | | | | + 135 | | | | Glamorga | n Fn | acuees. | Total. |
| (b) | Specia | als | | | | | | | 4,165 | | 267 | 4,432 |
| | | (Routine | e and Sp | ecials) | | | | | 13,408 | | 572 | 13,980 |
| Number for | | | | | | | | | 10,976 | | 255 | 11,231 |
| Number act | | | | | | | | | 4,914 | | 11 | 4,925 |
| Attendance | | | dren for | treatme | nt | | | | 15,559 | 4 | 451 | 16,010 |
| Half days d | | d to :- | | | | Extracti | | | | | | |
| Inspectio | | | | | 56 | | nent Te | | 2,022 | | 63 | 2,085 |
| Treatmen | it | | | 1, | 859 | Temp | orary Te | eth | 13,766 | | 336 | 14,102 |
| | | | Total | 1, | 915 | | Total . | | 15,788 | : | 399 | 16,187 |
| | | | | | 970 | Admin | istratio | ns of | | | | Marie Control |
| | | | | | | | l anae | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | tractions | | 1,237 | | 33 | 1,270 |
| | | Glamorg | an. Eva | cuees. T | otal. | | | | | - | - | and the same of th |
| Fillings :- | | | | | 3389 | | perations | | | | | |
| Permaner | | | | | 967 | | nent Te | | 2,418 | | 30 | 2,448 |
| Temporar | ry Tee | eth 287 | - | _ | 287 | Temp | orary Te | eth | 48 | | 2 | 50 |
| То | tal . | . 4,152 | 10 | 2 4, | 254 | | Total . | | 2,466 | (table | 32 | 2,498 |

TABLE VI.

UNCLEANLINESS AND VERMINOUS CONDITIONS.

Average number of visits per school made during the year by the School Nurse-6.1.

Total number of examinations of children in the schools by School Nurses-292,269.

Number of individual children found unclean-5,930 (including 271 evacuees).

Number of individual children cleansed under Section 87 (2) and (3) of the Education Act, 1921-Nil.

Number of cases in which legal proceedings were taken :---

- (a) Under the Education Act, 1921-Nil.
- (b) Under School Attendance Bye-laws-Nil.

TABLE VII.

UNCLEANLINESS

Showing the result of the examination and re-examination of children in regard to cleanliness by the School Nurses.

| | | | | | Boy | YS. | Gn | RLS. |
|----------|--------------|-------|----|------|---------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | Number of ex | A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH | Number of e | examinations 2,650 |
| Head :- | -Clean | | | | 141,928 | % 99·62 | 118,337 | % 96·48 |
| ircad . | Nits | | | | 491 | 0.35 | 4,043 | 3.30 |
| | Pediculi and | | | | 42 | 0.03 | 270 | 0.22 |
| Body :- | -Clean | | ./ | | 141,254 | 99-15 | 122,340 | 99.75 |
| | Dirty | | | | 1,195 | 0.84 | 302 | 0.24 |
| | Verminous | | | | 12 | 0.01 | 8 | 0.01 |
| Clothing | :—Clean | | | | 141,519 | 99.34 | 122,448 | 99.84 |
| | Dirty | | | | 942 | 0.66 | 202 | 0.16 |
| | 1 | | | | Number of re- | The state of the s | Number of re- 20, | examination 554 |
| | | | | | | % | | % |
| Head :- | -Clean | | | | 4,544 | 68.81 | 4,036 | 19-64 |
| | Nits | | | | 2,019 | 30.57 | 15,845 | 77.09 |
| | Pediculi and | Sores | | | 41 | 0.62 | 673 | 3.27 |
| Body :- | -Clean | | | | 2,896 | 43.85 | 18,689 | 90.93 |
| - | Dirty | | | | 3,628 | 54.94 | 1,781 | 8-66 |
| | Verminous | | | | 80 | 1.21 | 84 | 0.41 |
| Clothing | :Clean | | | | 3,409 | 51.62 | 18,991 | 92.40 |
| 0 | D: 1 | | | | 0.105 | 48.38 | 1,563 | 7.60 |

SECONDARY.

TABLE I.

A.—ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

| Number of Inspections in | the pre | scribe | d Grou | ps : | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|--------|---------|-------|--------|----------|-------|-------|------|-----------|
| Entrants | | | | | | | | | | 1,865 |
| Second Age Group | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Third Age Group | | | | | | | | | | 944 |
| | | | | | | Total | | | | 2,809 |
| Number of other Routine | Inspect | ions— | -Junior | Techn | ical D | ay Scho | ols | | | 619 |
| | | | | | | Grand | Total | 4 | one. | 3,428 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | В.— | OTHER | Inspi | ECTIONS. | | | | |
| Number of Special Inspect | ions | | | | | | | | | 54 |
| Number of Re-Inspections | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 " | 1,012 |
| | | | | | | Total | | | | 1,066 |

C.—CHILDREN FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT.

Number of individual children found at Routine Medical Inspection to require treatment (excluding Defects of Nutrition, Uncleanliness, and Dental Diseases).

| Group | | | | | For defective vision (excluding squint). | For all other conditions recorded in Table IIa. | Total number of individual children requiring treatment. |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------|--------|-----|--|--|--|
| Entrants | | | | | 204 | 295 | 459 |
| Second Age Group | | | | | _ | American roll | 1 - |
| Third Age Group | | | | ` | 106 | 71 | 171 |
| Total (prescribed Groups) | | | | | 310 | 366 | 630 |
| Routine—Other Inspections—Schools | | | hnical | Day | 98 | 32 | 125 |
| | Gran | nd Tot | al | | 408 | 398 | 755 |

TABLE II.

A.—Return of Defects found by Medical Inspection in the year ended 31st December, 1944.

| | | ROUTINE I | INSPECTIONS. | Re-Ins | PECTIONS. |
|---------------|---|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| | | No. of | DEFECTS. | No. of | Defects. |
| 0000 | Defect or Disease. | Requiring Treatment. | Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring Treatment. | Requiring Treatment. | Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring Treatment. |
| | Ringworm: | | | | |
| | Scalp | | | _ | _ |
| | Body | 1 | _ | _ | _ |
| Skin | Scabies | 20 | - | _ | _ |
| | Impetigo | 1 | - | _ | _ |
| (| Other Diseases (non-tuberculous) | 4 | 2 | - | 3 |
| 13 | Blepharitis | 9 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| | Conjunctivitis | 2 | 1 | | 2 |
| The same | Keratitis | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Eye | Corneal Opacities Other conditions (excluding Defective | - | - | _ | - |
| | Vision and Squint) | 3 | 3 | _ | _ |
| | Defective Vision (excluding Squint) | 408 | 53 | 150 | 86 |
| EUDOCTOO) 15 | Squint | 3 | 2 | STATE OF THE PARTY. | 2 |
| | Defective Hearing | 10 | 7 | and the same | 2 |
| Ear | Otitis Media | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| | Other Ear Diseases | | 1 | _ | - |
| | Chronic Tonsillitis only | 26 | 140 | 16 | 51 |
| Nose and | Adenoids only | _ | _ | _ | - |
| Throat | Chronic Tonsillitis and Adenoids | 5 | 2 | | 2 |
| | Other Conditions | 2 | 5 | | - |
| Enlarged Cer | vical Glands (non-tuberculous) | 1 | 68 | - | 15 |
| Defective Spe | ech | | 1 | · (eq 2) be | been mid |

TABLE II—continued.

A.—Return of Defects found by Medical Inspection in the year ended 31st December, 1944.

| | | ROUTINE 1 | Inspections. | RE-INS | PECTIONS. |
|---------------|--|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| | | No. of | DEFECTS. | No. of | DEFECTS. |
| | Defect or Disease. | Requiring Treatment. | Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring Treatment. | Requiring Treatment. | Requiring to be kept under observation but not requiring Treatment |
| | | | | | |
| TT | Heart Disease : | | | | 0 |
| Heart and | Organic | 1 | 4 | | 2 |
| Circulation | Functional | - | 38 | _ | 20 |
| | Anaemia | 7 | 13 | 2 | 9 |
| T | Bronchitis | _ 10 | 1 | _ | _ |
| Lungs | Other non-tuberculous Diseases | 2 | 14 | | 6 |
| | Pulmonary : | | | | |
| | Dofinito | | | | |
| | Suspected | 3 | _ | _ | _ |
| | W D. | | | | |
| Tuberculosis | Non-Pulmonary: | | 310 | | DANSA ISTUT |
| ALL DELL | Dones and Taleta | | | | |
| | Clain | | 1 | | |
| | Other Forms | | | MINES WALL THE | 1000 TO DO |
| | Other Forms | | Sta - Un | | Maria Company |
| Nervous | Epilepsy | _ | 1 | _ | 1 |
| System | Chorea | _ | 2 | _ | _ |
| System | Other Conditions | - | - | - | - |
| (| Rickets | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Deformities { | Spinal Curvature | 49 | _ | 25 | |
| | Other Forms | 256 | 14 | 83 | 2 6 |
| | s and Diseases (excluding Defects Uncleanliness, and Dental Diseases) | 1 | 14 | 1 | 1 |
| | Total Number of Defects | 825 | 396 | 281 | 219 |

TABLE II—continued.

B.—Classification of the Nutrition of Children inspected during the year in Routine Age Groups.

| Age-Groups. | Number of Children | A (Excellent). | | B (Normal). | | C (Slightly Sub-Normal). | | D (Bad). | |
|--|-----------------------|----------------|-------|-------------|-------|--------------------------------|------|-------------|------|
| | Inspected. | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Entrants | 1,865 | 255 | 13-67 | 1,431 | 76.73 | 175 | 9.38 | 4 | 0.22 |
| Third Age-Group | 944 | 285 | 30.19 | 616 | 65.25 | 42 | 4.45 | 1 | 0.11 |
| Total . | 2,809 | 540 | 19-22 | 2,047 | 72.87 | 217 | 7.73 | 5 | 0.18 |
| Other Routine Inspections— Junior Technical Day Schools 619 | | 135 | 21.81 | 442 | 71.41 | 40 | 6.46 | 2 | 0.32 |
| Total . | 3,428 | 675 | 19-69 | 2,489 | 72-61 | 257 | 7.50 | 7 | 0.20 |

TABLE III.

TREATMENT TABLES.

Group I.—MINOR AILMENTS.

| | Disease | or Defec | t. | Number of defects treated, or under treatment during the year. | | | | | |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--|-----------|-------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| | | | | | | | Under the Authority's Scheme. | Otherwise | Total. |
| OP | | | | We | | | 7 15 7 150 | | |
| Skin:- | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ringworm—Scalp: (i) X-ray treatm | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | (ii) Other treatm | | | | | | | _ | _ |
| | Ringworm—Body | | | | | | _ | | |
| | Scabies | | | | | | _ | _ | _ |
| | Impetigo | | | | | | - | _ | _ |
| | Other skin disease | | | | | | _ | _ | _ |
| Minor | Eye Defects :- | | | | | | | | |
| | (External and othe | r, but e | xcludi | ng cas | es fallir | ng in | niewer at | | |
| | Group II) | | | | | | _ | _ | _ |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Minor | Ear Defects | | | | | | - | - | _ |
| Missell | laneous :— | | | | | | | | |
| MISCEL | (e.g. minor injuries, | hruises | sores | chilble | ins etc | -) | INTERNATION | MINE TO A | _ |
| | (c.g. minor injuries, | or discs, | 30103, | CIIIIDIO | inis, etc | ., | | | |
| | | Total | | | | | | | |

TABLE III-continued.

Group II.—Defective Vision and Squint (excluding Minor Eye Defects treated as Minor Ailments—Group I).

| | | | | | | | No. of Defects dealt with. | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|-------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------|---------------|----------|--|
| | | | | | | Married St. | Unde Autho Sche | rity's | Other | wise. | Total. | |
| 2.65.00 | | 11 | | | | | Glam. | Eva- cuees | Glam. | Eva- cuees | | |
| Errors of refraction (in | cludin | g squint |) | | | | 710 | - | - | - | 710 | |
| Other defect or disease | of the | eyes (ex | cludin | g those | record | led | | | | | | |
| in Group I) | | | | | | . 5 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | |
| | | Total | | | | | 710 | | | _ | 710 | |
| No. of children for who | m spe | ctacles v | vere | | | | | | - ole | | | |
| (a) Prescribe (b) Obtained | d | | | | | | 256 5 | _ | - m | _ | 256 5 | |

Group III.—Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat.

Number of Defects.

| | Received Operative Treatment. | | | | | | | | live! silumeran | March September | | | |
|---|--|--------|----|---|------------------|--------|---|---|-----------------|--|--------------|---|----|
| | Under the Authority's By Private Scheme, in Clinic or Practitioner or Hos- | | | | | Total. | | | | Received other forms of Treatment. | Total number | | |
| Ţ | Hosp | pital. | IV | | , apar hority | | | ī | 11 | Ш | ıv | | |
| 2 | - | 23 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 2 | _ | 23 | | _ | 25 |

⁽I) Tonsils only. (II) Adenoids only. (III) Tonsils and adenoids. (IV) Other defects of the nose and throat.

TABLE III-continued.

GROUP IV.—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS.

| | Under | the Authority (1) | y's scheme. | | Otherwise. (2) | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| | Residential treatment with Education. | Residential treatment without Education. | Non-residential treatment at an Orthopaedic Clinic. iii. | Residential treatment with Education. | Residential treatment without Education. | Non-residential treatment at an Orthopaedic Clinic. iii. | Total number treated. | | | |
| Number of children treated | } - | _ | 61 | _ | _ | _ | 61 | | | |

TABLE IV.

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.

| Number of children inspected by the Dentist :— | | | | CI | | m . 1 |
|--|-----------------------------|--|----------|-------------------|-----------|--|
| (a) Routine Age-groups | | | | Glamorgan. | Evacuees. | Total. |
| (b) Specials | | | | 1,373 | 6 | 1,379 |
| (c) Total (Routine and Specials) | | | | 1,373 | 6 | 1,379 |
| Number found to require treatment | | | | 732 | 6 | 738 |
| Number actually treated | | | | 564 | _ | 564 |
| Attendances made by children for treatment | | | | 3,022 | _ | 3,022 |
| Glamorgan. Evacuecs. Total. Fillings:— Permanent Teeth 1,573 — 1,573 Temporary Teeth 8 — 8 Total 1,581 — 1,581 | Adminis genera for ex | nt Teeth orary Tee Total strations I anaesth tractions perations | of etics | 507 271 778 | | 507 271 778 ————————————————————————————————— |
| | | nent Tee | | 790 4 | = | 4 |
| | | Total | | 794 | _ | 794 |

