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OXFORD

REPORT

OF THE

School Medical Officer

OF THE

Education Committee

OF THE

Merioneth County Council

1949

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TO THE MERIONETH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL
MEDICINE

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OXFORD

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,—

I herewith present the Annual Report of the School Health Service for 1949 being the fortieth report in the series.

Arrangements were made for ear, nose and throat clinics to be held at the hospitals situated within the County and these are now functioning quite satisfactorily.

There have been difficulties in obtaining institutional treatment of mental defectives owing to shortage of vacancies in suitable institutions.

The need for permanent clinics in the most densely populated areas in the County has been mentioned in previous reports. No satisfactory clinical work can be organised unless suitable buildings are available. It may be possible to establish a minor ailments and dental clinic at Bala where the County Council has allocated part of the old institution for clinical purposes. It is possible also that a clinic will be established in the Blaenau Ffestiniog area where there is urgent need for a permanent clinic.

Further observations on various aspects of the work are made in the report.

I am grateful to the Members of the Education Committee for their support and co-operation, and I must record my appreciation of the help and assistance I received from the staff of other Council Departments including the Health Department.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. F. GAPPER

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CO-OPTED MEMBERS :

Miss Elsie Jones, B.A.
John Lloyd, M.A.
E. Pugh Parry, B.A.
W. Gordon Price .

Miss L. A. Richards.
2 Representatives of Primary
Schools.
1 Representative of Secondary
Schools.

SCHOOL MEDICAL STAFFS

School Medical Officer and Medical Officer of Health :

W. F. Gapper, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Assistant School Medical Officer :

A. B. Monks, B.A., M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.P.H.
(*Resigned July, 1949*)

E. Williams, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
(*Appointed September, 1949*)

Dental Surgeons :

Mr. E. C. Jones, L.D.S.

Mrs. M. Lloyd Hughes, L.D.S. (*Part-time*).

School Nurse : Miss Gwen Humphreys, S.R.N.

Dental Attendants :

Miss Megan Edwards (*Resigned February, 1949*).

Miss Eleanor P. Hughes (*Appointed February, 1949*)

Miss Olwen Griffith (*Part-time. Resigned May, 1949*)

Miss Doreen Jones Roberts (*Part-time. Appointed June, 1949. Resigned November, 1949*).

Miss Arianwen Jones (*Part-time. Appointed November, 1949*)

Clerks (Joint appointments with Health Committee)—

Miss M. J. Jones.

Miss A. Griffith.

Miss Gwenfron Jones (*Resigned January, 1949*).

Miss Elizabeth Jones (*Appointed February, 1949*).

SPECIALIST MEDICAL OFFICERS (Part-time)

Ear, Nose and Throat and Ophthalmic Services :

Mr. Horace Mather, 50 Rodney Street, Liverpool.

Orthopaedic Section :

Mr. L. Griffith, The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic
Hospital, Gobowen.

Child Guidance Clinic :

Dr. J. H. O. Roberts, Mental Hospital, Denbigh.
Dr. Wilson, do. do. do.
Dr. G. Williams, do. do. do.
Dr. M. Vidor. do. do. do.

Psychiatric Social Worker :

Miss D. Thomas, Mental Hospital, Denbigh.

Remedial Exercises and Orthopaedic :

Miss M. Williams, The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt
Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen.

Director of Education : Mr. B. Maelor Jones, M.A., LL.B.

I. STAFF

Dr. Monks left to take a post at the Denbigh Hospital for Nervous and Mental Disorders, and Dr. E. Williams was appointed to fill the vacancy. Miss Megan Edwards, Dental Attendant retired on marriage, and Miss E. P. Hughes was appointed to the post. Other appointments were made on the clerical staff to replace those who left.

II. CO-ORDINATION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The Sanitary Authorities have again kindly co-operated as in the past in dealing with matters brought to their notice.

The N.S.P.C.C. Inspectors have given useful assistance in a number of cases. 30 cases were investigated involving over 100 visits. There were no prosecutions recorded.

Specialists' clinics have been available for pre-school children and a number were examined at our special clinics. Cases with minor ailments, scabies, etc., were treated by the District Nurses and in verminous cases the Nurses assisted the parents in cleansing the children.

III. SCHOOL HYGIENE

The following improvements and additions were reported by the County Architect to have been completed during the year :—

1. *Installation of Electric Light :*

- (a) Brynecrug School & Master's House.
- (b) Dyffryn.
- (c) Bontddu Master's House.
- (d) Llandrillo.
- (e) Llwyngwril School & Master's House.

2. *Surfacing Playgrounds :*

- (a) Llandrillo.
- (b) Pennal.
- (c) Aberangell.
- (d) Llanegryn.

3. *Central Heating :*

- (a) Barmouth Primary.
- (b) Llandderfel.

4. *Canteen Premises :*

- (a) Bryncoedifor N.P. School.
- (b) Llandderfel.
- (c) Bala Boys' Grammar School.
- (d) Towyn Primary School.
- (e) Trawsfynydd Primary School.
- (f) Bl. Ffestiniog Modern Secondary.
- (g) Maenofferen.

5. *External Painting :*

- (a) Aberangell School & Master's House.
- (b) Llangower.
- (c) Parc School & Master's House.
- (d) Carrog.
- (e) Bronaber.
- (f) Glyndyfrdwy Master's House.
- (g) Corwen Primary.
- (h) Corris.
- (i) Brithdir School & Master's House.

6. *Internal Painting :*

- (a) Barmouth Primary.

7. *Internal & External Painting :*

- (a) Glyndyfrdwy School.

I am informed that there has been some difficulty in obtaining contractors to tender for the painting of schools with the result that some schools have been several years without being painted internally. In such cases arrangements have been made to wash down the walls periodically until they can be painted.

IV. MEDICAL INSPECTION

Routine Medical Inspection of all the age groups prescribed by the Minister of Education, as well as the eight-year old group were carried out throughout the year. The Head Teachers and their staff have kindly assisted in making suitable arrangements and their willing co-operation was warmly appreciated. Head Teachers referred special cases when the schools were visited and these were dealt with by the doctor on his visit to the school. Urgent cases were dealt with directly from the Office. Statistics will be found in Table I at the end of the Report.

V. FINDINGS OF MEDICAL INSPECTION

(a) *Malnutrition :*

Table IIb shows the classification of the general nutrition of pupils inspected. Entrants showed very little change over those of the previous year, the number classified as poor being slightly less. The Second age group showed a marked increase in those with poor nutrition as well as in those of good nutrition. A marked improvement is also shown in the third age group, while those seen at other periodic inspections showed an increase in poor nutrition. A change in the medical staff with a consequent change in standard may account for these changes.

(b) *Uncleanliness :*

There were about twice as many individual pupils found to be infested compared with the previous year. This is partly because every case with even one nit is recorded. There are a few current cases where gross infestation has been found and legal proceedings against some of the parents may have to be considered if no improvement is shown.

District Nurses assisted in treating several cases, those children grossly infected being treated with lethane oil.

(c) *Minor Ailments :*

District Nurses continued to treat cases with minor ailments. There was a marked reduction in the number of scabies.

(d) *Visual Defects and external eye diseases :*

Children with visual defects were all referred to the special ophthalmic clinics which were conducted by an ophthalmic

surgeon by arrangements with the Regional Hospital Board. There was delay in obtaining glasses prescribed, in some cases up to nine months, but the position is gradually improving although there is still a delay of four to six months in several cases.

(e) *Nose and Throat Defects :*

	<i>Recommended for treatment</i>	<i>For observation</i>
Chronic Tonsils and Adenoids ..	416 ..	309

130 cases were treated in the clinics and 203 seen in consultation.

A large proportion of cases recommended for treatment were advised, after consultation, that removal of their Tonsils and Adenoids was not necessary.

(f) *Ear disease and defective hearing :*

21 cases were seen in consultation at clinics. One case with defective hearing was recommended for a special school. The parents were not willing to allow the boy to go and it may be necessary to bring pressure upon the parents if it is considered essential for the boy to be sent to a special school.

(g) *Dental Defects :*

Routine dental clinics were held at the schools and all dental defects where the parents consented to treatment were treated at these clinics.

(h) *Orthopaedic and Postural defects :*

Ten cases were treated at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen, during the year, and 301 cases seen in clinics and the out-patients' department of the hospital.

The following table shows the number treated at the various centres :—

Dolgelley	92
Bala	45
Blaenau Ffestiniog	109
Machynlleth	3
Corwen	52
<i>Total</i>	301

(i) *Tuberculosis :*

By close co-operation with the Chest Physician all doubtful or suspicious cases were examined by him and a report received in each case examined. Several contact cases were also examined. A scheme for B.C.G. Vaccination was being considered towards the end of the year.

VI & VII. FOLLOWING UP AND TREATMENT

One full time school nurse is employed on the School Health Service. Her time is mainly used on Routine Inspections and attending the special E.N.T. and ophthalmic clinics. Visits to homes and treatment of minor ailments were carried out by the Health Visitors and District Nurses.

Unsatisfactory sanitary conditions and overcrowding in homes of school children were referred to the Sanitary Authorities. Children with poor nutrition were supplied with Cod Liver Oil capsules at the schools attended. Delicate girls were admitted for varying periods to Tŷ Gwyn Residential School.

Vision Clinics :

By arrangements with the Regional Hospital Board, special vision clinics were held by the ophthalmic Surgeon at various centres throughout the County. Arrangements were made with the various Hospital Management Committees for a supply of occluders which were issued to children who were recommended to wear them by the ophthalmic Surgeon. Head Teachers were advised of each case so as to ensure that the children used them at school.

Defects of Nose and Throat :

In the past, ear, nose and throat clinics were held at schools, including clinics for removal of tonsils and adenoids. Arrangements were made during the year for all operative clinics to be held in the three hospitals situated within the county and conditions were very much more satisfactory.

Ear Disease and Defective Hearing :

All children suffering from defective hearing and all those with ear disease which failed to respond to ordinary routine treat-

ment directed by the family doctor were referred to the Special Clinics. In most cases treatment recommended by the Specialist was carried out by the District Nurses and the family doctor concerned was informed of the treatment recommended.

Dental Clinics :

Mr. E. C. Jones, the School Dentist, reports as follows :

“ Dear Sir,—

I beg to submit a brief report on the work of the School Dental Service for the year 1949. This is my sixteenth report and the twenty-sixth of the series.

The arrangements for holding inspection and clinic sessions at the schools remain the same as in previous years. It has been possible to cover the county, this year, well within the twelve months. Four Grammar Schools and several Primary Schools received visits twice (at the beginning and towards the end of the year). Ten Primary Schools were inspected before the end of the year but await clinic sessions until the New Year. The Statistics for the year are given in Table IV.

“ An increased number of enquiries for casual treatment (mainly for the relief of pain) were received during the year. The applicants had apparently failed to make private arrangements. No such applications were refused when the child could attend a convenient clinic, but it is obviously impossible to arrange a special clinic for a casual patient at his or her own school. This illustrates the disadvantage in this county of not possessing a permanent clinic and to which I refer later in this report. Three children were referred to Dental Hospitals for special consultation during the year.

“ In the “ Health of the School Child ” (1946 and 1947) the Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Education states:—

At the present time considerable difficulties stand in the way of large scale expansion and improvements of the School Dental Schemes. The two major obstacles being the difficulty of obtaining professional staff and clinic premises.’

" The former difficulty does not apply to this County at present inasmuch as the services (part-time) of Mrs. Lloyd-Hughes were available throughout the year but the provision of suitable premises for holding clinics remains acute. Only one Grammar School in the County has a room available which can be adapted satisfactorily as a " clinic " room. The opening of the Maenofferen School Canteen towards the end of the year has slightly eased the clinic problem in the three Maenofferen Schools and the Modern School at Blaenau Ffestiniog inasmuch as the classrooms thus released are now available. I hope that the Authority's " clinic " project at Blaenau Ffestiniog will be achieved during the coming year as it will fulfill a long-felt need. This area being far the most populous and compact and having the best transport facilities in the county is obviously ideal for the use of a permanent central clinic.

" I quote again from the " Health of the School Child " :

" In permanent clinics used for less than half time, the individual circumstances must naturally be taken into account, but whenever possible there should be hot and cold running water, a pump chair, a proper operating light and a fountain Spitoon. It may be possible for certain items, such as a portable electric engine and sterilizer to be used at different surgeries as occasion demands. In view of raising of the school leaving age, the future establishments of county colleges and the fact that expectant and nursing mothers will often be treated in the same surgeries as those for school children, it is advisable that the Dental chairs to be provided in future should be of adult size."

" I should like to comment on the above quotation—The dental chairs in use in this county are portable ones and they are very inadequate for giving treatment to the larger sized children. The raising of the school leaving age to 15 years and the entry of the 15 plus children at the Grammar Schools into the School Dental Services has intensified the problem. In addition, a pump chair (which can be raised, lowered and tilted) is of course much less physically trying for the operator. The lack of a fountain spitoon at our present temporary

clinics has been often felt, particularly when large " fillings " are involved. Running hot and cold water is available at less than half-a-dozen of our clinics.

" In conclusion I should like to thank on behalf of Mrs. Lloyd-Hughes and myself for the continued co-operation of the teachers. The Dentists' visits to the schools does cause " minor upheavals " and dislocation of the Schools' normal routine and we are very grateful to the teachers for their help. Thanks are also due to the staff of the Department .

Yours faithfully,

E. C. JONES."

Child Guidance Clinics :

One clinic per month is held at Dolgelley by a team consisting of a Psychiatrist, a Psychologist and a Psychiatric Social Worker by arrangements with the Regional Hospital Board and by the kindly co-operation of the Denbigh Hospital for Nervous and Mental Disorders.

Children are seen by appointment. The Psychiatric Social Workers follows up cases by home visits where required. 33 cases attended of which 17 were first attendances.

In most cases a confidential report was sent to the Head Teachers concerned. Suitable buildings will be necessary before this service can be extended to provide play therapy, etc.

Medical Treatment of the Pre-School Child :

Pre-school children requiring Specialists' advice were referred to the special clinics. A few requiring dental attention were inspected and treated by the School Dental Surgeon.

Infectious Diseases :

The following number of children were immunised during the year :—

By Officers of the County Council—

Children under 5—New Cases	..	..	..	..	369
—Re-inforcement	..	..	..	..	153
<i>Total</i>	..	..	..	..	522
Children aged 5 and over—New cases	..	..	..	..	9
Re-inforcement	..	..	..	..	62
<i>Total</i>	..	..	..	..	71

By Private practitioners :

Children under 5—New Cases		122
—Re-inforcement		14
<i>Total</i>		136
Children aged 5 and over—New Cases		5
—Re-inforcement		10
<i>Total</i>		15
<i>Grand Total</i> New Cases		505
Re-inforcement		239

REPORT OF SCHOOL MEALS ORGANISER

“ During the year the following schools were provided with new Canteen premises consisting of Kitchen, Dining Room, Larder, Storage accommodation and toilet facilities :—

- (a) Bala Boys' Grammar School—150 meals.
- (b) Towyn Primary School—120 meals.
- (c) Trawsfynydd Primary School—110 meals.
- (d) Blaenau Ffestiniog Secondary Modern and Maen-offeren Schools Canteen—400 meals.

“ Arrangements were also made for providing the Llangower Primary School with meals, the meals being transported in insulated containers from the Llanuwchllyn Canteen. The scheme came into operation at the beginning of June. There are 10 pupils in School and all partake of the meals.

“ In practically all cases the meals served have been of satisfactory standard. It has been very encouraging to note that in most schools both the teaching and Canteen staff are alive to the importance of the social and educational aspects of the school meal. A school meal should not only be a nourishing meal contributing to the dietetic welfare of the child, but it should also be a means of assisting the child to grow up into a confident, adaptable and socially mature human being.

"The most successful schemes are usually the ones where the children are encouraged to give methodical assistance with the serving of the meal, and are trained to pass plates and the cutlery in an orderly manner.

"Two or three schools in the County have successfully introduced Menu Boards into the Dining Room and it has been noted that the children take a keen interest in them. It is surprising to find that a number of children have no idea of what they are eating but by this method they learn to understand menu language, what meals they are eating, the correct accompaniments to the various dishes, and what comprises a balanced meal.

"75 Schools are now being served with meals and the percentage of pupils in the County partaking the mid-day meal is 84%.

"The Table given below shows the progress of the scheme since its inauguration in 1942. (The figures given are for the period ending 1st April, 1943, to 31st March, 1949).

<i>Year:</i>	<i>No. of Canteens in operation</i>	<i>Total No. of meals served</i>	<i>Average No. of meals per day</i>	<i>Cost of food per meal</i>
1943-44..	47	354,943	2,376	3s 8d
1944-45..	55	610,571	3,160	4s 0d
1945-46..	60	664,800	3,584	4s 3d
1946-47..	64	759,118	3,934	4s 8d
1947-48..	67	868,715	4,480	5s 3d
1948-49..	67	947,622	4,621	5s 5d

"I would again like to take this opportunity of thanking the Head Teachers and all staff for their continued interest and support.

M. C. ROBERTS."

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Blind, Deaf, Defective and Epileptic Children :

One partially blind child was at a Special School for the Blind, four deaf and dumb children at Special Schools for the Deaf, and one child was at the Chalfont Colony for epileptics.

There was great difficulty in admitting mentally defective children to institutions and at present, such children continue to attend the ordinary schools.

Tygwyn Residential School, Llwyngwril :

Twenty-two delicate girls were in the school for varying periods during the year.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURNS

Year ended 31st December, 1949

Local Education Authority—Merioneth

TABLE I.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS)

A.—PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Number of Inspections in the prescribed Groups (see note (b) overleaf).

Entrants	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,006
Second Age Group	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	708
Third Age Group	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	493
<i>Total</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,207
Number of other Periodic Inspections	..	..							419
<i>Grand Total</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,626

B. OTHER INSPECTIONS

Number of Special Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Number of Re-Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,448
<i>Total</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,448

C. PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT

Number of Individual Pupils found at Periodic Medical Inspection to Require Treatment (excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with Vermin) :—

NOTES—

(1) Pupils found at Periodic Medical Inspection to require treatment for a defect should not be excluded from this return by reason of the fact that they are already under treatment for that defect.

(2) No individual pupil should be recorded more than once in any column of this Table, and therefore the total in column (4) will not necessarily be the same as the sum of columns (2) and (3).

<i>Group</i>	<i>For defective vision (excluding Squint)</i>	<i>For any of the other conditions recorded in Table 11a</i>	<i>Total of individual pupils</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Entrants	27	146	169
Second Age Groups..	24	57	81
Third Age Group ..	24	31	52
Total (prescribed groups)	75	234	302
Other Periodic Inspections	32	36	67
<i>Grand Total</i>	107	270	369

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURNS
Local Education Authority—Merioneth

TABLE II.

A. RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL
INSPECTION IN THE YEAR ENDED, 31 DECEMBER, 1949

NOTE—All defects noted at medical inspection as requiring treatment should be included in this return, whether or not this treatment was begun before the date of the inspection.

Defect Code No.	Defect or Disease :	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS		SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
		No. of defects		No. of defects	
		Re quiring treat- ment	Requiring to be kept under ob- servation but not requiring treatment	Re- quiring treat- ment	Requiring to be kept under ob- servation but not requiring treatment
1		2	3	4	5
4. Skin		45	..	..	..
5. Eyes (a) Vision ..		107	2	..	..
(b) Squint ..		15	3	..	..
(c) Other ..		..	..	..	..
6. Ears (a) Hearing ..		4	2	..	..
(b) Otitis ..		..	..	..	..
media ..		..	..	..	..
(c) Other ..		2	..	..	..
7. Nose or Throat ..		416	309	..	..
8. Speech		13	..	..	..
9. Cervical Glands ..		..	58	..	..
10. Heart and Circula- tion		..	..	..	..
11. Lungs		..	18	..	..
12. Developmental :					
(a) Hernia		..	..	..	..
(b) Other		..	..	..	..
13. Orthopaedic :					
(a) Posture		9	10	..	..
(b) Flat Foot ..		78	66	..	..
(c) Other		68	20	..	..
14. Nervous system :					
(a) Epilepsy ..		..	1	..	..
(b) Other		1	..	..	..
15. Psychological :					
(a) Development ..		9	..	..	..
(b) Stability		10	..	..	..
16. Other		3	1	..	..

NOTE—This figure should normally be equal to that shown as the grand total of Column (2) ("For defective vision (excluding squint)") of Table IC.

**B. CLASSIFICATION OF THE GENERAL CONDITION
OF PUPILS INSPECTED DURING THE YEAR IN THE
AGE GROUP (See Note (b) on Table I).**

<i>Age Groups :</i>	<i>Numbers of pupils inspected</i>	<i>A (Good)</i>		<i>B (Fair)</i>		<i>C (Poor)</i>	
		<i>No.</i>	<i>% of col. 2</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>% of col. 2</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>% of Col. 2</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Entrants	1,006	589	58.55	412	40.95	5	0.50
Second Age Group ..	708	393	55.51	302	42.66	13	1.84
Third Age Group ..	493	386	78.29	103	21.89	4	0.81
Other Periodic Inspections	419	117	27.92	288	68.74	14	3.34
<i>Total</i>	2,626	1485	56.55	1105	42.08	36	1.37

NOTE—The figures in Column (2) should normally equal those detailed under Table 1A.

TABLE III.

INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

NOTES—A statement as to the arrangements made by the Local Education Authority for the examination and cleansing of infested pupils should appear in the body of the School Medical Officer's Report.

All cases of infestation, however slight, should be recorded. The return should relate to individual pupils and not to instances of infestation.

(i) Total number of examinations in the school by the school nurses or other authorized persons	6,432
(ii) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	263
(iii) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2), Education Act, 1944)	0
(iv) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3) Education Act, 1944).	0

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURNS

Year ended 31st December, 1949

Local Education Authority—Merioneth

TABLE IV.—TREATMENT TABLES

NOTES :

- (a) The Tables should deal with all defects treated, or under treatment, during the year, however they were brought to the Authority's notice, *i.e.*, whether by periodic inspection, special inspection, or otherwise, during the year in question or previously.
- (b) Owing to the difficulty of distinguishing between cases treated under the Authority's schemes and those treated otherwise, the treatment tables (excluding dental) should include all cases known to the Authority to have received treatment, whether at their own clinics or elsewhere.

GROUP I.—MINOR AILMENTS

(excluding Uncleanliness, for which see Table III)

(a)	<i>No. of defects treated or under treat- ment during the year</i>
Skin :	
Ringworm—Scalp	—
(i) X-ray treatment. If none, indicate by dash	—
(ii) Other treatment.. .. .	—
Ringworm—Body	4
Scabies	22
Impetigo	14
Other skin diseases	13
Eye Disease (External and other, but excluding errors of refraction, squint and cases admitted to hospital)	93
Ear Defects (Treatment for serious diseases of the ear (<i>e.g.</i> operative treatment in hospital) should not be recorded here but in the body of the School Medical Officer's Annual Report) ..	8
Miscellaneous (<i>e.g.</i> , minor injuries, bruises, sores, chilblains, etc)	—
<i>Total</i>	154
(b) Total number of attendances at Authority's minor ailments clinics No clinics	

GROUP II.—DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT
(excluding Eye Disease as Minor Ailments—Group I)

	<i>No. of defects dealt with</i>
ERRORS OF REFRACTION (including squint) (Operations for squint should be recorded separately in the body of the School Medical Officer's Report)	539
Other defect or disease of the eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I)	—
<i>Total</i>	539

No. of Pupils for whom spectacles were :—	
(a) Prescribed	254
(b) Obtained	210

GROUP III.—TREATMENT OF DEFECTS OF NOSE AND
THROAT

	<i>Total Number treated</i>
Received operative treatment—	
(a) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	130
(b) for other nose and throat conditions ..	—
Received other forms of treatment	—
<i>Total</i>	130

GROUP IV.—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS

(a) No. treated as in-patients in hospitals or hospital schools	10
(b) No. treated otherwise <i>e.g.</i> , in clinics or out- patient departments	301

GROUP V.—CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT AND
SPEECH THERAPY

No. of pupils treated : (a) under Child Guidance arrangements	20
(b) under Speech Therapy arrangements	—

TABLE V.—DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT

(1) Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers	
(a) Periodic age groups	6,289
(b) Specials	38
(c) TOTAL (periodic and Specials)	6,327
(2) Number found to require treatment	4,107
(3) Number actually treated	2,208
(4) Attendances made by pupils for treatment ..	2,324
(5) Half-days devoted to : (a) Inspection	118
(b) Treatment	400
Total (a) and (b)	518
(6) Fillings : Permanent Teeth	1,080
Temporary Teeth	416
Total	1,496
(7) Extractions : Permanent Teeth	405
Temporary Teeth	2,691
Total	3,096
(8) Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	—
(9) Other operations : (a) Permanent Teeth	294
(b) Temporary Teeth	3
Total (a) and (b)	297

* For the present the Ministry are not asking for information regarding treatment carried out apart from the Authority's Scheme.



