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ANNUAL REPORT

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SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER,

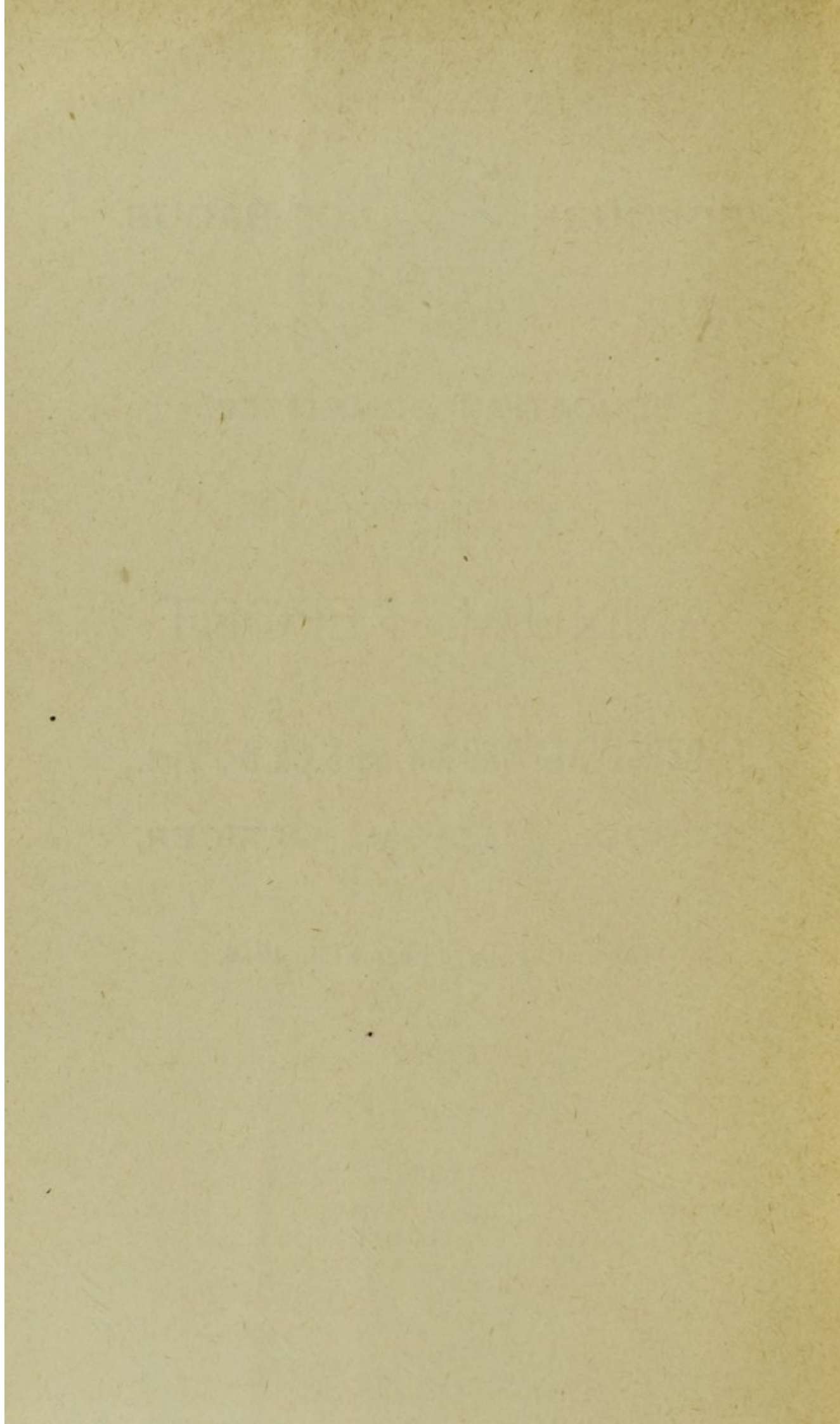
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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour to present to you my Ninth Annual Report of School Medical Officer's work for the year ending December 31st, 1916.

Though more work has been carried out than in any previous year, this will be the briefest report issued, in accordance with Circular 974 of the Board of Education. By more work, I mean that special cases and the following up of schedule defective children have, owing to the hearty co-operation of teachers and parents, realising the value of the Clinics and school nurses' services, been treated at the Clinic for minor ailments, vision etc., or where necessary gone to their doctors or hospital for treatment. Defects are treated much earlier than they were, and in comparing Tables II. and IV. and clinic cases with previous years, even if the numbers are less in some cases the defects are much less severe in character. 88 visits were made to departments of schools for Medical Inspection giving an average of about 16 children each time for schedule examinations. Special visits were made for Sanitary Inspection. The School Nurse has made special visits *re* cleanliness etc 1146 children were examined for schedule inspection, and 259 required treatment.

AVERAGE AGES, HEIGHT AND WEIGHTS.

Average Age	Entrants		Intermediates		Leavers	
	Boys 4 $\frac{8}{12}$ years	Girls 4 $\frac{8}{18}$ years	Boys 8 $\frac{2}{12}$ years	Girls 8 $\frac{4}{12}$ years	Boys 12 $\frac{6}{12}$ years	Girls 12 $\frac{2}{12}$ years
Average Height	38.5ins. 97.7C.M.	37ins. 94.1C.M.	46.3ins. 117.8C.M.	46.8in. 118.2C.M.	52.7ins. 134C.M.	53.1ins. 135.1C.M.
Average Weight	36.1 lbs. 16.6K.G.	36 lbs. 16.3K.G.	50 lbs. 22.8	48 lbs. 21.8K.G.	68.1 lbs. 31.1K.G.	68.5lbs. 31.3K.G.

The heights and weights were satisfactory for a manufacturing town, the relationship between height and weight being good, except for children entering. Children are weighed with clothes on, and as during the last year most of the entrants were examined during the summer months when less clothes were worn, I think it partly accounts for their lower weight than usual. I cannot say that nutrition or clothing have suffered much owing to the war, but in the few cases attention has been given to the matter. There is a great improvement in the cleanliness question as regards bodies and heads. In Table IV. Defective Teeth are chiefly recorded as due to crowded teeth or sepsis rather than numbers carious, for 4 or 5 slightly carious teeth in young children can scarcely be called a defect but a natural process. Out of 172 Defective Vision cases examined by Dr. Harry, 19 had not got glasses at the year end, but all the others had obtained glasses, or had necessary operations performed. At the Clinic Nurse Dixon gives daily attention to cases when necessary, and I attend from 9-15 to 10-15 a.m. on Wednesday, and 3-15 to 4-15 p.m. on Friday.

Number of Attendances by Nurse at the Clinic	...	234
„ Home Visits by the Nurse	... ..	700
„ Visits to schools by Nurse	... ..	60
„ Attendances by children at the Clinic	... ..	2545

Cases dealt with through the Clinic were:—Ringworm, 55; Skin Disease, 56; External Eye Disease, 73; Ear Disease, 22; Verminous Bodies, 7; Verminous Heads, 50; Neglect and Uncleanliness, 26; Various, 43; also 74 Defective Foot-gear, many of which cases were helped through the School Attendance Officer's Clog Fund, a total of 406. The results were—cured, 369; improved, 37.

Under Article 45 (B) and 57 of Code of 1916, owing to Measles, The Northern C. Infant School was closed from June 23rd to July 7th, and Sharneyford C. Infant and Mixed Schools from July 3rd to July 17th.

One physically defective child attended a special school, and one blind child also attended special school.

Three teachers were examined under the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1898.

In January 1917, Dr. R. H. Crowley, a Medical Officer to the Board of Education, inspected the work done, the efficiency of which he seemed to realise was remarkable in the room where we had started our Clinic, and he went over the then suggested scheme for the new Clinic—the outcome of an appreciative Committee, such as yours, ladies and gentlemen, to whom I am much indebted for what is now an ideal place, and the importance you attach to healthy school children.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. PERCIVAL BROWN,

Burwood House,

M.B. Ch.B., Vict., S.M.O.

Bacup, May 14th, 1917.

TABLE I.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN INSPECTED FROM JANUARY 1ST
TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1916.

A.—“CODE” GROUPS.

Age	ENTRANTS				Intermediate Group	LEAVERS		Grand Total
	4	5	6	Total	8	12	13	
Boys ...	138	59	9	206	182	166	1	555
Girls	130	59	14	203	203	182	3	591
Total ..	268	118	23	409	385	348	4	1146

B.—GROUPS OTHER THAN “CODE.”

	Special Cases	Re-examinations, <i>i e.</i> , No. of Children Re-examined
Boys	182	391
Girls	181	397
Totals	363	788

RETURN SHOWING THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF CHILDREN INSPECTED.

TABLE II.

CONDITION.		ENTRANTS			LEAVERS			INTERMEDIATE GROUP			TOTAL		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
TOTAL INSPECTED	...	206	203	409	167	185	352	182	203	385	555	591	1146
Clothing	Satisfactory	204	200	404	165	182	347	180	202	382	549	534	1133
	Unsatisfactory	2	3	5	2	3	5	2	1	3	6	7	13
Footgear	Satisfactory	205	203	408	167	184	351	181	202	383	553	589	1142
	Unsatisfactory	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	4
Cleanliness of Head	Clean (i.e., no nits or pediculi)	180	136	316	161	135	296	159	144	303	500	415	915
	Nits	24	58	82	6	47	53	21	55	76	51	160	211
	Pediculi, full of	2	9	11	3	3	3	2	4	6	4	16	20
Cleanliness of Body	Clean	202	200	402	165	183	348	181	202	383	548	585	1133
	Dirty	4	3	7	2	2	4	1	1	2	7	6	13
	Pediculi present	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nutrition	Excellent	47	28	75	42	57	99	31	27	58	120	112	232
	Normal	134	143	277	115	14	129	143	166	309	392	323	715
	Below Normal	14	30	44	10	12	22	7	8	15	31	50	81
	Bad	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	6	8

Nose and Throat	No defect	...	...	...	200	194	394	155	168	323	168	189	357	523	461	984
	Mouth breathers	...	...	...	4	6	10	5	7	12	10	7	17	19	20	39
	Tonsils, slightly enlarged	...	...	...	2	2	4	2	5	7	2	8	10	6	15	21
	Tonsils much enlarged	...	...	...	...	2	2	3	2	5	2	2	4	5	6	11
	Adenoids, slight	...	...	...	2	2	4	4	6	10	6	3	9	12	11	23
	Adenoids, marked	..	..	..	2	4	6	2	1	3	4	4	8	8	9	17
External Eye disease	No disease	..	..	..	203	200	403	164	181	345	180	198	378	547	579	1126
	Blepharitis	..	..	..	2	3	5	2	2	4	1	2	3	5	7	12
	Conjunctivitis	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1
	Corneal opacities	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	2	3	1	...	1	3	2	5
	Other disease	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	2	2
	
Ear Disease	No disease	..	..	..	205	201	406	167	183	350	180	202	38	552	536	1138
	Otorrhoea, R.	..	..	..	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	4
	Otorrhoea, L.	..	..	..	...	2	2	...	1	1	1	...	1	1	3	4
	
Teeth	Sound	...	...	...	16	12	28	10	15	25	9	12	21	35	39	74
	Less than 4 decayed	..	..	..	62	58	120	85	82	167	65	72	137	212	212	424
	Four or more decayed	...	...	...	128	133	261	72	88	160	108	119	227	238	340	578
	
Heart and Circulation	No disease	...	...	...	206	203	409	167	183	350	181	202	383	554	588	1142
	Organic disease	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	1
	Functional disease	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	3
	
Lungs	No disease	...	...	...	204	199	403	167	184	351	182	203	385	553	586	1139
	Chronic Bronchitis and	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bronc. Catarrh	...	...	...	2	4	6	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	5	7

TABLE II.—CONTINUED.

CONDITION.	ENTRANTS			LEAVERS			INTERMEDIATE GROUP			TOTAL		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Nervous System	206	201	407	166	185	351	180	201	381	552	586	1138
	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1
	...	2	2	1	...	1	1	2	3	2	4	6
Skin	204	197	401	163	183	346	177	199	376	546	579	1125

	...	3	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	3	4
	2	2	4	3	2	5	2	4	6	7	8	15

	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	2
Rickets	203	201	404	167	184	351	182	200	382	552	585	1137
	3	1	4	...	1	1	...	3	3	3	5	8
	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Deformities	198	195	393	161	182	343	178	200	378	537	577	1114
	8	8	16	6	3	9	4	3	7	18	14	32
Tuberculosis non-pulmonary	206	203	409	162	184	346	182	203	385	550	590	1140
	...	...	...	3	1	4	...	...	...	3	1	4
	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1

Speech	Not defective Defective Articulation Stammering	204	201	405	163	182	345	179	199	378	546	582
Mental Condition	Normal ... Dull or backward ...	206	203	409	163	183	346	179	202	381	548	1136
Vision	6/6 each eye (normal vision) Less than 6/6 but not less than 6/9 in one or both eyes Less than 6/9 in one or both eyes (<i>i.e.</i> , 6/12 or less and requiring treatment)	205	202	407	133	131	264	139	154	293	477	964
Squint		1	1	2	25	42	67	34	42	76	60	145
Hearing (Whisper)	20ft. each hear (normal hearing) 20 feet R L 10 feet R L 5 feet R or worse L	6	4	10	4	6	10	2	5	7	12	27
Other defects		206	203	409	159	179	338	171	193	364	536	1111
					1	1	2	1	1	2	2	4
					1	...	1	1	2	3	2	4
					4	4	8	6	5	11	10	19
					6	4	10	5	4	9	11	19
					3	1	4	4	4	8	7	12
					1	2	3	5	4	9	6	12
					1	...	1	...	...	...	1	2

TABLE III.

NUMERICAL RETURN OF ALL EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
IN THE AREA.

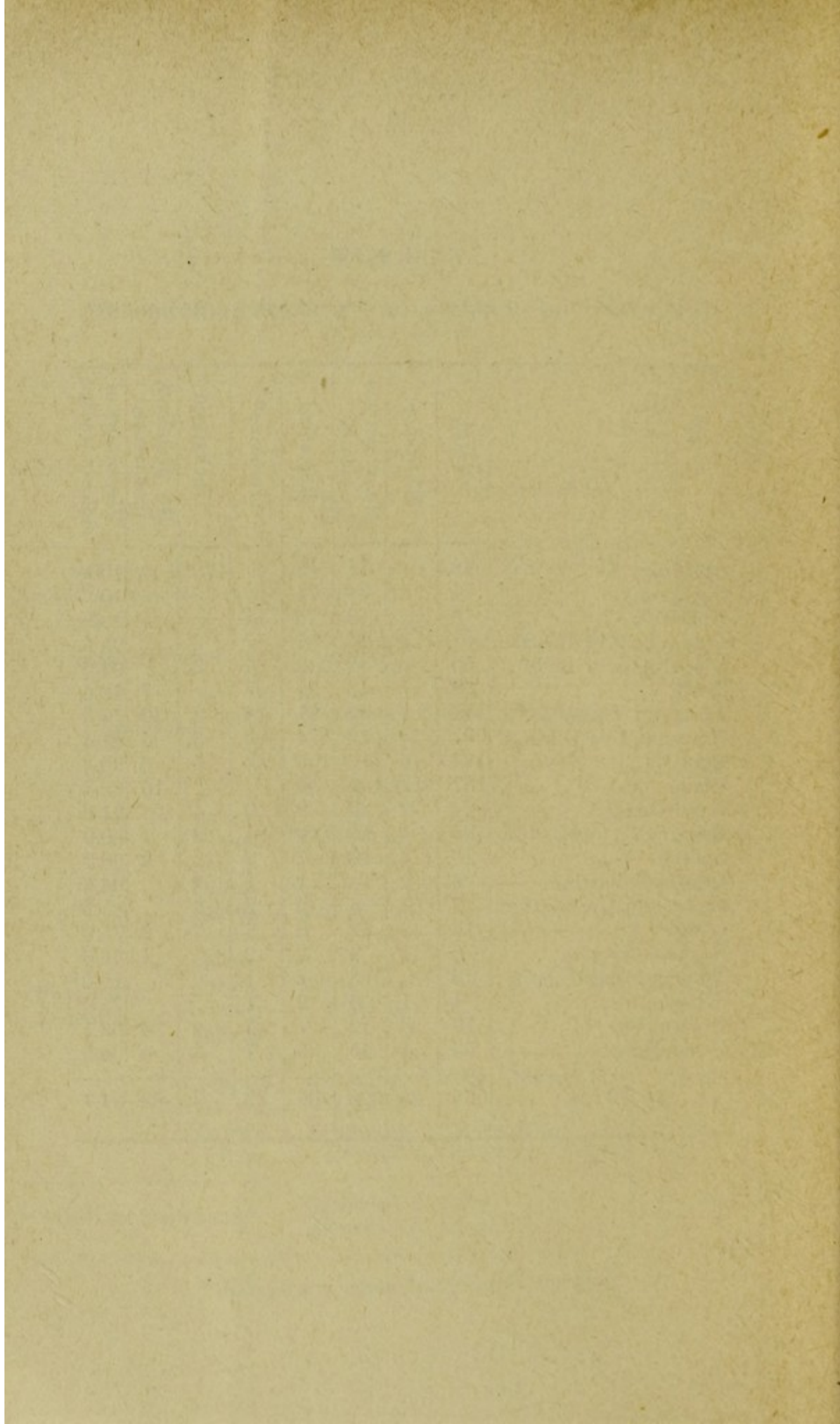
			Boys	Girls	Total
Blind		Attending Certified School for Blind ...	1	...	1
Deaf and Dumb (including partially deaf)		Attending Public Elementary Schools	2	1	3
Feeble-Minded		Attending Public Elementary Schools ...	...	1	1
Epileptics		Attending Public Elementary Schools	1	1	2
		Not at School		1	1
Physically Defective	Pulmon-ary Tuber-culosis	Attending Public Elementary Schools ...	1	1	2
		Not at School	1	1	2
	Other forms of Tuber-culosis	Attending Public Elementary Schools	11	8	19
	Cripples other than Tuber-cular	Attending Public Elementary Schools	12	11	23
Attending Certified Schools for Physically Defective Children		...	1	1	
Dull or Backward *		Retarded 2 years ...	9	15	24
		Retarded 3 years ...	2	4	6

* Judged according to age and standard.

TABLE IV.

TREATMENT OF DEFECTS OF CHILDREN DURING 1916.

	Total	No Report	No. of defects treated	Remedied	Improved	Unchanged	No. of defects not treated	Percentage of defects treated
Clothing ..	12	...	12	12		...		100
Footgear	74	...	74	74	...	...		100
Nutrition	8	...	8	6	2	...		100
Cleanliness of Head	67	3	64	51	7	6	...	95.5
Cleanliness of Body ..	50	3	47	40	4	3	...	94.0
Teeth .	60	7	46	39	7		7	76.6
Nose and Throat	110	8	82	61	14	7	20	74.5
External Eye Disease	97	13	79	74	2	3	5	81.4
Skin	124	6	112	105	2	5	6	90.3
Vision ...	187	17	154	154		...	16	82.3
Ear Disease	24	2	22	9	9	4	...	91.6
Hearing ...	25	4	20	14	4	2	1	80.0
Speech	16	3	11	7	2	2	2	68.7
Mental Condition	6	2	4	1	1	2	...	66.6
Heart and Circulation	7	1	6	2	2	2		85.7
Lungs ...	16	2	12	8	2	2	2	75.0
Nervous System	6	1	4	2	2	...	1	66.6
Tuberculosis	3	...	3	2	1		...	10.0
Rickets	4	1	3	2	1			75.0
Deformities	19	3	12	7	3	2	4	63.1
Other Defects	53	4	45	35	7	3	4	84.5
TOTAL	968	80	820	705	72	43	68	84.7



Barnsley Education Committee.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE.

REPORT
OF
SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER
For Year 1916.

Submitted to the Education Committee
May, 1917.

BARNSELY :
J. E. VERO LTD., MARKET STREET.

1917.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Report of School Medical Officer for 1916

MR. CHAIRMAN, MISS FYFE AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to your notice a short Report of the work done during the past year.

The Board of Education in their Circular 974 have drawn the attention of Local Authorities and their School Medical Officers to the advisability on various grounds, chief of which are economy and curtailment of staff, of contenting themselves with "short reports of a comparatively simple nature indicating the character and volume of the work done and the results of following up and treatment."

They suggest that the Tables I. (A) and (B) and IV. in Appendix F of the Report for 1914 of the Board's Chief Medical Officer should in every case be included in the reports and the shorter form of Table II. as set out in the Circular 974.

In addition to these tables I have included a tabular statement of the work of the Inspection Clinic, the work done by the School Nurse, and a short report on the Open Air School.

The arrangements made for the carrying on of the Medical Inspection have been modified on account of the continued absence on military duties of Dr. Harold Horne, the taking up of Military duties of Dr. Fryer, and the re-arrangement of the duties of the School Nurses to enable Nurse Pearson to devote the whole of her time to the Open Air School.

Dr. Fryer took up his military duties in June, and Dr. Sadler, late School Medical Officer, was good enough to undertake his work, Dr. Horne's work being shared by Drs. Allott, Blackburn, and Sadler.

In view of this curtailment of service, and of the fact that the Beckett Hospital Authorities found themselves unable to continue the remedial measures they had hitherto undertaken, more particularly the treatment of Defective Vision and Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids, it was decided by your Committee, and agreed to by the Board of Education, that the quarterly re-inspection should not be continued after June, and that Nurse Richard should limit herself to attending the daily Inspection Clinic, the Medical Inspection at the Schools, and the visiting of every child reported by the Inspecting Medical Officer to have a physical defect; the more obviously defective children to be re-visited as occasion demanded and opportunity occurred.

Towards the end of the year your Committee had under its consideration further alterations in the service, chief among which is the establishment of a clinic for the treatment of Minor Ailments, which have caused such a grave loss of school attendance during the past year, such as Scabies, Ringworm, Impetigo, and Unclean Heads. The arrangements for this clinic are now well under way.

TABLE I.

Number of Children inspected 1st Jan. 1916, to 31st Dec., 1916.

A.—CODE GROUPS.

Age	ENTRANTS.				LEAVERS.	Grand Total.
	3.	4.	5.	6.	12.	
Boys	6	137	210	33	438	824
Girls	10	107	227	37	453	834
Totals	16	244	437	70	891	1658

B.—GROUPS OTHER THAN CODE.

	Intermediate Groups other than 8 years.	Special Cases.	Re-Examinations.
Boys	0	5	1193
Girls	0		
Total			

Table II. deals with the number of children found defective in the course of Medical Inspection.

The Board of Education have asked that these numbers be divided into those referred for treatment and those requiring to be kept under observation.

In former years this classification would have been an easy matter, as all defective children were followed up at their homes and sooner or later came under treatment either at the Beckett Hospital or by a private medical practitioner.

During the past year the Beckett Hospital have been unable to treat defects of vision among school children, and further, the number of cases of Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids treated by operation form only a small percentage of those for whom treatment is required.

The absence on military service of so many of the general practitioners has also restricted the opportunities of those parents who were anxious to obtain private treatment for their children.

Again, under the full system of Medical Inspection those children suffering from a defect requiring rather constant supervision than immediate treatment, such as Organic Heart Disease, Defective Speech, or Nervous Diseases, were kept under observation by the Inspecting Medical Officer in his quarterly visits to the school.

The work of re-inspection having been temporarily suspended, some of these cases now attend the Inspection Clinic, but as this part of the medical service is concerned more with school attendance than remedial measures pressure of work prevents this supervision being carried out on a complete scale.

The allocation of the numbers of children to the columns 2 or 3, 4 or 5, in Table II. depends therefore on whether the visiting School Nurse directed the parents to obtain treatment or to present the child at some future time at the Inspection Clinic; it has no relation to the probability or even possibility of treatment being obtained.

Table IV., which follows Table II., requires no additional comment other than that, having suspended the re-inspection, we are entirely without any information as to the results of our outlay on Medical Inspection.

ABBREVIATED FORM OF TABLE II.

Return of Defects found in the Course of Medical Inspection.

DEFECT OR DISEASE.		CODE GROUPS.		SPECIALS.	
		Number referred for treatment.	Number requiring to be kept under observation but not referred for treatment.	Number referred for treatment.	Number requiring to be kept under observation but not referred for treatment.
(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Malnutrition	...		223		
Uncleanliness, Head	...		261		
" Body	...		100		
Skin	{ Ringworm, Head	4			
	Body				
	{ Scabies	5		2	
	{ Impetigo	12		2	
	{ Other Diseases		14		
Eye	{ Def. Vision and Squint	175			
	{ Ext. Eye Disease	48			
Ear	{ Def. Hearing	36			
	{ Ear Disease	39			
Dental Disease		476			
Enl. Tonsils		184			
Adenoids		158			
Enl. Tons. and Adenoids					
	{ Def. Speech		5		
Heart Disease, Organic			68		
	" " Functional		61		
Anæmia	...		1		
Pulmonary Tuberculosis					
	(a) Definite	5			
	(b) Suspected	52			
	Chronic Bronchitis	87			
Other Disease	...	1			
Epilepsy	...	1			
Chorea	...				
Other Disease	...	13			
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis		8			
Glands	...	189			
Bones and Joints	...				
Rickets	...	1	57		
Deformities	...		11		1
Totals	...	1493	801	4	1

CLASSIFICATION OF CHILDREN ATTENDING THE SCHOOL INSPECTION CLINIC.

SCHOOLS.	Scabies.	Impetigo.	Chest.	Conjunctivitis & Blepharitis.	Ringworm.	Tubercular Glands.	Abscesses.	Herpes.	Debility	Eczema.	Defective Vision.	Psoriasis.	Phthisis.	Whooping Cough.	Chicken Pox.	Otorrhoea.	Unclean Heads.	Tonsils and Adenoids.	Various.
Racecommon Rd. Boys...	4	13	3	8	12	3	1	1		3	1				1				7
" " Girls ...	7	34	2	7	6		2	1	4	2	1			5		2	1	2	5
" " Infants..	8	28	2	11	22	1	3	1	1	4	2								3
Doncaster Rd. Boys ...	8	6	3		3	1	2		1	2				2		2		1	3
" " Girls ...	10	7	5	7	1		5		1	3		1							4
" " Infants ...	12	35	8	7	15			1	2										5
Holyrood Boys ...	5	11	9	2	2		1		1		1								4
" " Girls ...	10	4	5	5	1		2		1	2						2		1	4
" " Infants ...	3	8	4	2	2		1				2			1					10
Grove St. Boys ...	5	6	10	2	4	3	2												4
" " Girls ...	13	9	4	2	2					1					1				6
" " Infants ...	10	11	5	8	3										2				3
Agnes Rd. Boys ...	15	18	7	1	5	2	4	3	1		1	1	2		1			1	11
" " Girls ...	15	30	4	11	8	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	2			4		15
" " Infants ...	6	18	2	1	16	1			1	1		1				2		1	8
Eldon St. Boys ...	7	9		1	8	1	1			1									4
" " Girls ...	15	10	3	2	4	1	1		2	2	1	1					1		9

St. George's Girls	...	8	14	3	1	7	34	50	12	32	35	23	10	11	16	11	18	16	11	258
" Infants	...	10	29	4	6	20		1	1	2										
Park Rd. Boys ...	...	9	46	5	14	5	4	2	2	1					2		1	1	2	16
" Girls ...	...	3	12		3	1	4	3		2							1			12
" Infants	...	8	18	3	4	2	1	2		1					2		1	1	1	23
St. John's Boys ...	...	10	5	10	4	2	2	2	1	1										6
" Girls ...	...	13	11	7	4	2	2	2		1							1	1	1	4
" Infants	...	9	9	4		2														
St. Mary's Boys...	...	5	6	1		5				1							1	1		14
" Girls ...	...	14	15	2	4	11		1										1		2
" Infants	...	3	6	1	3	9												1		9
Baker St. Infants	...	4	8	9		5		2									3		1	6
Keir St. Mixed ...	...	6	8	6	3	22	2	2		2										6
Old Town Infants	...	12	12	6	2	31		2		1										6
St. Edward's ...	...	6	3	1	6	1		1												6
Open Air...	...		2	21		3	3		1											5
Central ...	...	2	5	5	2	5	1		1						1		1	1		15
Nil ...	...	4	3	13		6	2			1										5
		304	509	184	135	285	34	50	12	32	35	23	10	11	16	11	18	16	11	258

The defects in the "various" column are—

Dyspepsia	...	8	Diphtheria	...	2	Heart Disease	...	6
Mumps	...	7	Discharged from Kendray Hospital	...	10	Chorea	...	5
Dogbites	...	3	Burns	...	2	Lupus	...	3
Total Blindness	...	1	Anæmia	...	2	Epilepsy	...	4
Sore Throats	...	7	Enlarged Thyroid	...	1			
Biliousness, Colds, Septic Fingers, Sore Heels, Slight Accidents, etc., etc.	...	197						

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
1890			
Jan 1	Balance forward		
Feb 1			
Mar 1			
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1891			
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Dec 1			
1892			
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Oct 1			
Nov 1			
Dec 1			
1893			
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1894			
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1895			
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1896			
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Oct 1			
Nov 1			
Dec 1			
1897			
Jan 1			
Feb 1			
Mar 1			
Apr 1			
May 1			
Jun 1			
Jul 1			
Aug 1			
Sep 1			
Oct 1			
Nov 1			
Dec 1			
1898			
Jan 1			
Feb 1			
Mar 1			
Apr 1			
May 1			
Jun 1			
Jul 1			
Aug 1			
Sep 1			
Oct 1			
Nov 1			
Dec 1			
1899			
Jan 1			
Feb 1			
Mar 1			
Apr 1			
May 1			
Jun 1			
Jul 1			
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Nov 1			
Dec 1			
1900			
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Apr 1			
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Jun 1			
Jul 1			
Aug 1			
Sep 1			
Oct 1			
Nov 1			
Dec 1			

TABLE IV.—Treatment of Defects of Children during 1916.

Condition.	No. of defects found for which treatment considered necessary.			No. of defects for which no report is available.	No. of defects treated.	Results of Treatment.			No. of defects not treated.	Percentage of defects treated.
	From previous year.	New.	Total.			Remedied.	Improved.	Unchanged.		
Clothing	...	215	215	215						
Footgear	...	222	222	222						
Cleanliness of Head	...	261	261	261						
" Body	...	100	100	100						
Nutrition	...	223	223	223						
Nose and Throat	...	342	342	342						
External Eye Disease	...	48	48	48						
Ear Disease	...	39	39	39						
Teeth	...	476	476	476						
Heart and Circulation	...	130	130	130						
Lungs	...	145	145	145						
Nervous System	...	14	14	14						
Skin	...	39	39	39						
Rickets	...	57	57	57						
Deformities	...	12	12	12						
Tuberculosis—										
Non-Pulmonary		8	8	8						
Speech	...	5	5	5						
Mental Condition	...									
Vision and Squint	...	175	175	175						
Hearing	...	36	36	36						
Miscellaneous	...	189	189	189						
		2299	2299	2299	2299					

OPEN AIR SCHOOL.

The number of children on the books at the beginning of 1916 was 41. 53 children have been admitted, of which 10 had attended the School previously, 35 have been discharged, and 59 remain on the books.

Of the children discharged 6 had reached school age, 14 were returned to the Elementary Schools, 8 left the district, 3 left at parents' request, 1 left to go to the High School, 1 was discharged on account of irregular attendance, and 2 were discharged in order to undergo a course of treatment by the Assistant Tuberculosis Officer.

The children on the books are roughly graded as follows :—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Pre Tuberculosis—			
Debility ...	2	2	} 39
Chronic Bronchitis ...	8	3	
Doubtful Phthisis ...	14	10	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis—			
A. Medium ...	3	3	} 14
B. Advanced ...	1	5	
C. Pleurisy ...	2		
Other Forms Tuberculosis—			
Peritonitis ...	1	1	} 6
Lupus ...		1	
Glands ...	2	1	
	33	26	59

In 1915 it was definitely established that children uniformly lost weight during the holidays, and a number of observations have been made which confirmed the suspicion that this loss also occurred during the week ends. The data upon which the opinion is formed will be placed before the Committee at a more convenient season.

In order to obviate as far as possible this depreciation in the work, it was arranged that the children newly admitted should spend the first month as residents, from Monday to Friday.

This arrangement is subject to the parents' consent and the convenience of Nurse Pearson. Owing to the fact that the School is not equipped as a Residential School, children of both sexes cannot be admitted at the same time. In practice boys and girls are admitted on alternative months.

Twenty-six girls slept in for an average of 40 nights each, and 34 boys for an average of 48 nights. An average of 12 children slept in on each of the 224 school days.

The results have been satisfactory and point the way to a future extension of the School's activities as a Residential School.

THE INSPECTION CLINIC.

The Inspection Clinic is held on every school day in the mornings at the office of the Medical Officer. The accommodation is poor but central for all districts of the Borough. The number of clinics held was 269. 1,696 children attended, being sent by the officers of the School Attendance Committee and by head teachers for an opinion as to their fitness to attend school.

These children made 7,943 attendances, the daily average number being 30.

Of the children attending, 1,452, after varying periods of exclusion, have been allowed to return to school, 244 being still excluded at the end of the year.

The arrangements now being made for the transfer of this work to the unused part of the Agnes Road Schools and the incorporation of treatment of minor ailments constitute a decided progress.

WORK OF THE SCHOOL NURSE.

The visits for the year have been as follows :—

Chest	... 150	Blepharitis	... 19
Tonsils	... 146	Conjunctivitis	... 37
Deafness	... 15	Dirt and Clothing	94
Whooping Cough...	47	Debility	... 9
Measles	... 26	Defective Vision	... 698
Mumps	... 10	Unclean Heads	... 351
Varicella Contacts	63	Tonsils & Adenoids	136
Infectious Diseases	39	Adenoids	... 31
Ringworm	... 116	Unclean Body	... 27
Scabies	... 138	Influenza	... 7
Impetigo	... 235	Tubercular, all forms	4
Glands	... 22	Various others	... 176
Otorrhœa	... 32		
Eczema	... 21		
Heart	... 8		
			<u>2657</u>

Re-visits, 103, for various causes.

The Medical Inspections for the year ended December 31st, 1916:—

SCHOOLS.	Inspections.	Children.	Re-examinations.	Children.
Col. 1	2	3	4	5
Grove Street...	9	129	3	198
S. John's ...	6	71	3	186
Racecommon Road ...	11	136	3	211
York Street ...	3	39	1	80
Pitt Street ...	3	41		
S. George's Road ...	5	87	1	46
Holyrood ...	6	71	3	178
Doncaster Road ...	8	123	2	240
Baker Street ...	2	23	1	35
Agnes Road ...	8	190		
Blackburn Lane ...	6	101		
Keir Street ...	1	9	1	19
S. Mary's ...	11	152		
Eldon Street ...	7	98		
Central ...	10	157		
Park Road ...	7	135		
S. Edward's ...	2	24		
Beckett Street ...	5	77		
	110	1663	18	1193

Summing up the Report, one can say that a good deal of work has been done, but to what end?

Even when we resume our work on its old lines we shall simply be inspecting children for the purpose of finding defects the percentage of which we can fairly accurately estimate from previous inspections. The main sources of treatment are now closed to us, and new sources must be sought. In my opinion the whole School Medical Service should be critically examined as soon as practicable after the War and measures taken to render it more in accord with modern methods and ideas.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

F. A. SHARPE,

School Medical Office,
Church St., Barnsley,
March, 1917.

School Medical Officer,