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Berkshire Education Committee.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 1923.

AREA AND POPULATION.

The area of the Berkshire Education Authority for Elementary School purposes is 446,158 acres, *i.e.*, the whole Administrative County with the exception of the Boroughs of Windsor, Maidenhead, and Newbury.

The total civil population of this area at the middle of the year 1923 is estimated to have been about 153,000, and the number of children on the rolls of the Elementary Schools in June last was about 20,028. There are 203 Public Elementary Schools with 229 separate Departments in the area.

The district is almost entirely rural in character and contains no town with an estimated population over 7,000.

CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS OWING TO INFECTIOUS SICKNESS.

During 1923, 43 closure certificates were issued affecting 27 schools or departments; 8 schools were closed by the District Medical Officers of Health with the approval of the School Medical Officer, and 19 by the Local Education Authority acting on the advice of the School Medical Officer.

Number of Schools closed during 1923 :—

5 on account of measles.			
11	"	"	whooping cough.
2	"	"	diphtheria.
4	"	"	scarlet fever.
2	"	"	coughs and colds.
1	"	"	measles and whooping cough.
* 1	"	"	measles.
			scarlet fever.
			scarlet fever and diphtheria.
† 1	"	"	measles.
			diphtheria.

* This school was closed three times owing to different epidemics.

† This school was closed twice owing to different epidemics.

SANITARY CONDITION OF SCHOOL PREMISES.

Only minor alterations to the sanitation of school premises have been carried out during the year, and have mainly consisted of maintenance of fabric and improvements to drainage and ventilation. The school premises are under the supervision of the School Buildings Inspector, Mr. W. Sargeant. Advantage is also taken of the visits of the Assistant School Medical Officers, who report on the general sanitary condition of each school at the time of medical inspection.

The new buildings to house the Infants' School at Faringdon were completed by the Education Committee early in the year and occupied in April. The school was built to the plans of the Buildings Inspector and the erection carried out under his supervision. The walls are constructed of hollow cement blocks and the roof is of asbestos slate. I had hoped it might be possible to insert sliding panels in the outside wall of each classroom, so as to allow unimpeded ventilation in warm weather, but this was found impracticable owing to the extra cost involved. However, hoppers are provided at the bottom of all windows, and in addition the remainder of the window area can be opened to a right angle by screw levers acting in a horizontal direction on centrally hung sashes. Heating is effected by low pressure hot water pipes and radiators. The accommodation is for 120 children. A play shed and a paved area are provided in the playground for games and physical exercises.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

STAFF.

In addition to the School Medical Officer, there are two whole-time Assistant School Medical Officers, three whole-time School Nurses and three nurses whose work includes the duties of Health Visitor as well as School Nurse.

ASSISTANT SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Dr. H. M. Agnew - Commenced duty, 1 January, 1920.
Dr. W. R. H. Heddy - Commenced duty, 1 January, 1920.

SCHOOL NURSES.

Miss B. J. Nott - Commenced duty, 1 September, 1916.
Miss G. C. Petherick - Commenced duty, 1 November, 1919.
Miss C. Wilson - Commenced duty, 17 January, 1921.
Miss V. Hessay - Employed as Health Visitor by the Public Health Committee, but one-third of time devoted to school work since beginning of 1919.
Miss G. M. Lucas - Commenced duty, 8 August, 1922. } Half time devoted
Miss O. Webb - Commenced duty, 14 August, 1922. } to school work.



MEDICAL INSPECTION.

All the schools were inspected during 1923.

In every school visited the Assistant School Medical Officers carried out all routine medical inspections, including the examination of entrants, leavers, children aged 8 years, and special cases.

The Medical Officers also examined candidates for County Scholarships and for posts as Pupil Teachers and all children under 14 years of age who applied for "employment certificates" authorising work out of school hours.

Supplementary Teachers	...	...	38
Pupil Teachers	...	...	31
Junior Scholars	...	...	31
Bursars	...	...	13
Children for Employment	...	...	269

So long as three Assistant School Medical Officers were available, it was possible to inspect the 10 years old group of children and "Specials" in addition to the three groups required by the Board of Education, and also to allot one day each week for the reinspection of children who needed to be kept under observation. With the present reduced staff, work has to be limited to "Specials" and the three groups required by the Board, and much less time can be given to reinspection.

From the commencement of Medical Inspection in 1908 until the end of 1922, inspections did not start before 10 a.m., so as to allow time for religious instruction and for the classes to be set going after closure of the registers. With the object of obtaining additional time for medical inspection, inspections are now timed to commence whenever practicable shortly after 9 a.m. The new arrangement has resulted in an appreciable gain in working hours and, although it causes some inconvenience to the schools, formal protests from School Managers have been few.

SCHOOL NURSES.

The duties of the School Nurses include periodic inspection of all children in school with a view to promoting general cleanliness and detecting affections such as ringworm and itch, home visits to follow up children recommended for treatment and children excluded from school for uncleanness and skin disease. An important section of the work comprises preparation of the lists of children with defective vision, visits to the parents

to urge attendance at the eye clinics, arrangements for the administration of atropine preliminary to examination, attendance at the eye clinics, measuring for spectacle frames and subsequent revisits to the homes to deliver the glasses and obtain payment for them and to see that they fit correctly. Incidentally a large number of visits are paid to the schools and homes at the request of the School Teachers and School Attendance Officers.

FOLLOWING UP AND GENERAL SUPERVISION.

The system now in practice with regard to following up with a view to ensuring treatment is as follows :—The School Nurse visits the homes of all children for whom treatment has been recommended by the Assistant School Medical Officers ; if she thinks that local assistance is required in any individual case she then sees someone in the neighbourhood who is likely to take an interest in the family, or else she refers the case to me and I forward the particulars to the local Care Committee.

Some of the schools were also re-visited by the Assistant School Medical Officers, with a view to seeing the children who had been recommended for treatment or who needed to be kept under observation for some other reason.

Children suspected to be suffering from tuberculosis were referred to the Tuberculosis Officer, Dr. A. Richmond, for advice and supervision.

The following summary of the work done by the School Nurses during the year includes visits paid in connection with general supervision as well as following up :—

Number of visits to schools ...	...	...	...	...	1,170
„ „ „ homes ...	...	...	...	...	2,847
„ „ inspections ...	...	...	...	...	61,842
„ „ instances in which verminous conditions (lice and nits) were found in the children's heads ...	...	...	...	...	3,665
„ „ exclusions owing to verminous conditions ...					364

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES.

So far as my experience goes, I have no reason to think that under present restrictions industrial employment out of school hours is detrimental to children over 12 years of age. In many instances the effect, both direct and indirect, appears to be distinctly advantageous. The fact that a medical

certificate as to fitness for the particular employment must be obtained, tends to discourage application by those who are physically unfit.

From 3rd December, 1920, to 8th March, 1924, 1,371 certificates were granted and only three refused on medical grounds. In the following table the various employments are roughly classified.

Domestic work	...	...	...	...	...	361
Farm work	...	...	...	...	...	95
Milk delivery	...	...	...	...	...	152
Paper delivery	...	...	...	...	...	344
Bread delivery	...	...	...	...	...	38
Errands	...	...	...	...	...	228
Shop Assistants	...	...	...	...	...	11
Golf caddies	...	...	...	...	...	55
Nursemaids	...	...	...	...	...	10
Garden	...	...	...	...	...	42
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	35
						<hr/> 1,371

TREATMENT.

Ringworm.

Up to 1918 the only treatment undertaken at the expense of the Education Committee was X-ray treatment of ringworm. This disease was formerly treated at three centres—Reading, Newbury and Oxford; but only the first has been available during the past seven years. Fourteen cases were treated in 1923 out of a total of 60 reported. Before a positive diagnosis of ringworm is made a specimen of hair is always examined microscopically in my office.

Scabies.

In February, 1918, treatment of scabies by means of soft soap and sulphur ointment (half B.P. strength) was instituted, the treatment being limited to cases not receiving medical attention. The School Nurses distribute the soft soap and ointment, and give directions as to their proper use and as to the necessary disinfestation of clothing, bedding, etc.

During 1923 the number of cases of scabies under treatment showed a reduction on the number reported in 1922.

The 29 cases under treatment (2 carried on from the previous year) occurred in 18 families and 14 different localities. One of the children was still under treatment at the end of the year, the remaining 28 were

cured. Of the 28 cured cases, cure was effected within a month in 9 cases, six weeks in 8 cases, two months in 3, and three months in 4. Of the remaining 4 cases that were cured, treatment was not finally effective until six months in each case.

In the 29 cases under treatment the probable source of infection could not be ascertained in 17 cases. In 1 instance it was ascribed to a schoolmate, and in 11 to other relatives or members of the household.

Impetigo.

In the case of children suffering from impetigo but not under medical care or otherwise receiving adequate treatment, ointment is supplied by the School Nurse and instructions given as to its use.

Ophthalmic Clinics.

Clinics in the south and east of the county are held by Dr. Charsley, Assistant Surgeon to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, and in the north and west of the county by Dr. O. B. Pratt, Senior Clinical Assistant, Oxford Eye Hospital.

During 1923, 57 sessions were held at 15 different centres. The total number of children examined was 664 ; glasses were prescribed in 524 cases and were obtained in 481 cases. No contribution towards the cost of the glasses was made by the Education Committee : in the majority of cases the parents were able to afford the cost and in some of the remainder assistance from charitable sources or the Poor Law Guardians was forthcoming.

The selection of children for examination by the specialists was carried out by the School Nurses in consultation with the Head Teachers and assisted by the records of previous medical inspections. In addition, the School Nurses arranged for the administration of Atropine preliminary to examination, assisted at the clinics and followed up the cases in order to ensure that the glasses were obtained and correctly used. The Ophthalmic Surgeons arranged for any necessary re-examination of cases.

Dental Clinics.

Owing to financial considerations, the Education Committee has postponed the provision of dental treatment.

In the Parish of Aldermaston gratuitous dental treatment has been available for many years through the generosity of a private individual, and in two other areas special terms for the dental treatment of elementary school children have been arranged by the local Care Committees.

Orthopædic Clinics.

Clinics for the treatment of cripples have been opened at Sandhurst, Wokingham, Wallingford, Wantage and Newbury. They are worked in connection with the Wingfield Orthopædic Hospital at Headington, near Oxford, but are under the management of local voluntary committees, incidental expenses being met by private donations and funds derived from entertainments, as well as contributions from the Red Cross and patients' payments.

List of Clinics available for Berkshire Residents :—

<i>Day.</i>		<i>Place.</i>		<i>Hour.</i>
Monday	...	Wantage	...	2.30 weekly.
Tuesday	...	Newbury	...	1.30 „
		Henley	...	2 fortnightly.
Wednesday	...	Sandhurst	...	10 weekly.
		Radcliffe Infirmary	...	11-1 „
Thursday	...	Wallingford	...	2.30 fortnightly.
Saturday	...	Wokingham	...	10 weekly.
		Sandhurst Surgeon's Day (1st Saturday)		2.30 bi-monthly.

Note.—Sandhurst has two days :—Wednesdays, weekly for After Care, and the 1st Saturday, once in two months, for Surgeons' day.

The Berkshire Education Committee makes no grant towards the expenses of these clinics but, as the Hospital at Headington is recognised by the Board of Education as a Special School, the Committee has paid for the maintenance of some crippled children whilst undergoing treatment in the hospital. Retention in the hospital has usually been for a relatively short period, further necessary treatment after discharge being carried out at one or other of the orthopædic clinics.

In order to give some idea of the nature of the crippling conditions and the number of children affected, I have summarised the facts in the following table. Nearly all these children from 5 to 14 years of age are on the school registers and are able to attend school with a fair degree of regularity. The admission to school of a few of the younger children has been postponed, and amongst the tubercular children some are inevitably excluded for long periods.

BERKSHIRE EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S AREA, DECEMBER 1923.

	5 to 6.	6 to 7.	7 to 8.	8 to 9.	9 to 10.	10 to 11.	11 to 12.	12 to 13.	13 to 14.	14 to 15.	15 to 16.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Rickets deformity of legs	4	3	8	...	5	2	2	4	1	...	...	11	18	29
Curvature of spine	...	1	1	...	3	4	1	4	3	...	...	7	13	20
Flat foot	...	...	...	4	2	2	1	2	4	2	...	10	11	21
Congenital dislocation of hip	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	11	11
Congenital club foot	...	1	2	1	1	1	5	1	2	2	1	9	8	17
Congenital absence of fingers and toes and other parts of limb	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	...	1	...	2	4	3	7
Old fracture with deformity or limitation of movement	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	2	...	1	...	3	3	6
Amputation for injury or disease	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	2	2	4
Osteoma	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	2
Fibro-cystic disease of femur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1
Disability following osteitis and periostitis	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	1	2	5	2	7
Polyarticular arthritis	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
Poliomyelitis (Infantile paralysis)	1	2	8	5	6	6	9	9	5	4	8	34	29	63
Congenital paralysis	...	1	...	...	3	1	...	2	1	...	2	7	3	10
Pseudo-hypertrophic paralysis	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	2
Wry neck	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	2
Hemiplegia and other post natal paralyses	...	1	2	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	8	8
Tubercular hip	1	1	...	...	2	4	4	1	2	3	2	13	7	20
Tubercular knee	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	4	5
Tubercular spine	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	4	3	7
Tubercular elbow	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
	11	13	24	16	29	26	25	31	25	18	28	116	130	246

Blind, Deaf, Defective and Epileptic Children.

During 1923, Mr. Wallis, the Superintendent of School Attendance Officers, made a careful enquiry regarding the children who had been maintained by the Education Committee at Special Schools and had been discharged during the preceding ten years. He was able to get particulars regarding nearly all of the children, and the information is, consequently, of considerable interest and value.

Of 15 Deaf and Dumb children who were traced, 12 were in regular employment, 2 temporarily employed, and one was under medical treatment.

Of 5 Blind and Partially Blind children, 3 were in regular employment, one woman had married and left the county, and one lad had proved of too feeble intellect to allow of his employment.

Of 4 Cripple children sent to the Heritage Craft School at Chailey, one was living at home helping her parents, one woman had married, one boy had been discharged as unsuitable for training, and another had died.

Of 9 Epileptics, the maintenance of 3 was taken over by the Poor Law Guardians on the children reaching 16 years of age, one lad was discharged owing to mental defect and has since left the county, one was admitted to Moultsford Asylum at the age of 20, 2 were living at home and unable to work owing to frequency of the fits, one died shortly after attaining the age of 16, and only one was fit for employment though still subject to fits.

Of 4 Mentally Defective children, one was living at home with his parents and employed as a labourer, two were transferred to the Poor Law Guardians, and one was withdrawn from the Institution at the request of the parents and had since left the county.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

During 1920 provision was made for the medical inspection of children attending Secondary Schools and the work of inspection was commenced in September.

On the resignation of Dr. Florence Armitage at the end of 1921, Dr. Kathleen Field of Reading was appointed as a part-time officer for the medical inspection of the girls. The boys are medically inspected by the whole time Assistant School Medical Officers.

The arrangements provide for medical inspection of every child on admission to school and for annual inspection of all children over 12 years of age.

In order to ensure the examination of children within a short time of admission to school, each school is visited every term; this practice allows for re-inspection of children who need to be kept under observation and also enables the school staff to submit any special case for examination.

Attendance of parents at the time of medical inspection is encouraged, as much more influence can usually be effected through a personal interview than by written advice. I am glad to say that the invitation to attend is generally accepted and appreciated.

Children from the Secondary Schools are allowed to attend the eye clinics established for Elementary School children and there would be no objection to use being made of the existing arrangements for X-ray treatment of ringworm.

The schools on the list for medical inspection are as follows:

COUNTY SCHOOLS

Faringdon County Girls' School
 Maidenhead County Boys' School
 Maidenhead County Girls' School
 Newbury County Girls' School
 Wallingford County Grammar School (Boys and Girls)
 Windsor County Boys' School
 Windsor County Girls' School

AIDED SCHOOLS.

Winkfield, Bracknell Ranelagh School (Boys and Girls).
 Newbury Grammar School (Boys).

Statistics for the Secondary Schools considered as a group, are given in the last two tables inserted at the end of this report.

Figures are not available with regard to the actual number of children who received treatment, but enquiries indicate that nearly all those recommended for treatment received attention.

Shire Hall, Reading,

18th February, 1924.

GERARD C. TAYLOR,

School Medical Officer.

TABLE 1.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN INSPECTED 1st JANUARY, 1923, TO 31st DECEMBER, 1923.

A. ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTION

Age.			Entrants.					
			3	4	5	6	Other Ages.	Total.
Boys	35	627	261	137	1060
Girls	41	557	288	103	989
Totals	76	1184	549	240	2049

Age.	Inter- mediate Group.	LEAVERS.						
	8	12	13	14	Other Ages.	Total.	Grand Total.	
Boys	..	1032	976	279	34	479	2800	3860
Girls	...	927	928	289	43	380	2567	3556
Totals		1959	1904	568	77	859	5367	7416

B. SPECIAL INSPECTIONS.

			Special Cases.	Re-examinations (i.e., No. of Children Re-examined).
Boys	..	...	803	392
Girls	...	...	633	387
Totals	..	...	1436	779

C. TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN INSPECTED BY THE
MEDICAL OFFICERS, WHETHER AS ROUTINE OR SPECIAL CASES.
(no child being counted more than once in the year).

No. of Individual Children Inspected.
8852

TABLE 2.

RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND IN THE COURSE OF MEDICAL INSPECTION, 1923.

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.
Malnutrition	...	...	...	...	19	17	12	12
Uncleanliness	Head	...	...	...	19	18	10	26
	Body	...	...	...	8	4	5	8
	Ringworm	Head	...	...	5	2	...	...
		Body	...	...	1	...	...	...
Skin	Scabies	...	...	...	16	2	2	2
	Impetigo	...	...	...	13	1	2	...
	Other Diseases (non-Tubercular)	...	...	...	3	1	4	...
	Blepharitis	...	...	...	16	1	4	1
	Conjunctivitis	...	...	...	4	1	1	...
	Keratitis	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Eye	Corneal Ulcer	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Corneal Opacities	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
	Defective Vision	...	...	...	217	119	79	42
	Squint	...	...	...	18	7	4	...
	Other conditions	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Ear	Defective Hearing	...	...	...	9	...	3	...
	Otitis Media	...	...	...	33	5	17	3
	Other Ear Diseases	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
	Enlarged Tonsils	...	...	...	115	53	37	4
Nose and Throat	Adenoids	...	...	...	3	...	2	...
	Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids	...	...	...	13	8	7	3
	Other conditions	...	...	...	6	...	1	...
Enlarged Cervical Glands (non-Tubercular)	...	...	...	...	4	1	3	...
Defective Speech	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Teeth—Dental Diseases	...	...	...	...	72	1	15	1
Heart and Circulation	Heart Disease	Organic	...	...	...	21	...	26
		Functional	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Anæmia	...	...	...	1	2	1	2
	Bronchitis	...	...	...	16	31	4	23
Lungs	Other non-Tubercular Diseases	...	...	...	2	20	1	6
	Pulmonary :	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Definite	...	...	...	3	...	10	9
	Suspected	...	...	...	16	29	25	73
	Non-Pulmonary :	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculosis	Glands	...	...	...	2	3	...	2
	Spine	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Hip	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
	Other Bones and Joints	...	...	...	1	1	...	2
	Skin	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Other forms	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Nervous System	Epilepsy	...	...	...	...	2	1	12
	Chorea	...	...	...	1	6	1	6
	Other conditions	...	...	...	2	17	1	37
	Rickets	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Deformities	Spinal Curvature	...	...	...	3	...	2	3
	Other forms	...	...	...	15	3	11	10
Other Defects and Diseases	...	...	...	...	22	7	5	5

No. of Individual Children found at Routine Medical Inspection to require treatment (excluding uncleanliness and dental diseases) ... 781

TABLE 3.

RETURN OF ALL EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN IN THE AREA AT THE END OF 1923,

(Over 5 and under 14 years of age, except in the case of children in Institutions, some of whom are 14 or 15 years of age).

			Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Blind (including partially blind)	(i) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the totally blind.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Blind... ..	1	2	3
		Attending Public Elementary Schools ... ..	...	...	...
		At other Institutions ... ..	...	...	...
		At no School or Institution ...	...	...	...
	(ii) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the partially blind.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Blind... ..	1	2	3
		Attending Public Elementary Schools ... ..	...	...	...
		At other Institutions ... ..	...	...	...
		At no School or Institution ...	...	...	...
Deaf (including deaf and dumb and partially deaf).	(i) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the totally deaf or deaf and dumb.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Deaf	10	4	14
		Attending Public Elementary Schools ... ..	...	...	...
		At other Institutions ... ..	...	...	...
		At no School or Institution ...	...	...	...
	(ii) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the partially deaf.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Deaf ... ..	...	...	...
		Attending Public Elementary Schools ... ..	...	...	...
		At other Institutions ... ..	...	...	...
		At no School or Institution ...	...	...	...
Mentally Defective.	Feeble minded (cases not notifiable to the Local Control Authority).	Attending Certified Schools for Mentally Defective Children	...	...	...
		Attending Public Elementary Schools	49	31	80
		At other Institutions ... ..	...	...	...
		At no School or Institution ...	...	...	...
	Notified to the Local Control Authority during the year.	Feeble-minded	1	...	1
		Imbeciles	4	1	5
		Idiots	1	...	1
Epileptics	Suffering from severe epilepsy	Attending Certified Special Schools for Epileptics ...	...	1	1
		In Institutions other than Certified Special Schools ...	...	...	...
		Attending Public Elementary Schools	1	...	1
		At no School or Institution ...	1	...	1

TABLE 3—*continued.*

			Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Epileptics	Suffering from epilepsy which is not severe.	Attending Public Elementary Schools	23	19	42
		At no School or Institution	...	...	...
Physically Defective.	Infectious pulmonary and glandular tuberculosis	At Sanatoria or Sanatorium Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board	...	...	...
		At other Institutions ... ..	...	...	...
		At no School or Institution	...	...	...
	Non-infectious but active pulmonary and glandular tuberculosis.	At Sanatoria or Sanatorium Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board...	3	3	6
		At Certified Residential Open Air Schools ... ..	...	...	...
		At Certified Day Open Air Schools ... ..	...	...	...
		At Public Elementary Schools ...	...	...	...
		At other Institutions ... ..	...	...	...
		At no School or Institution	...	...	...
	Delicate children (<i>e.g.</i> , pre- or latent tuberculosis, malnutrition, debility, anaemia, etc.)	At Certified Residential Open Air Schools	13	15	28
		At Certified Day Open Air Schools	...	...	...
		At Public Elementary Schools ...	77	63	140
		At other Institutions ... ..	...	...	...
		At no School or Institution	1	1	2
	Active non-pulmonary tuberculosis	At Sanatoria or Hospital Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board	10	1	11
		At Public Elementary Schools ...	...	...	...
		At other Institutions	2	2	4
		At no School or Institution	1	1	2
	Crippled Children (other than those with active tuberculous disease), <i>e.g.</i> , children suffering from paralysis, &c.	At Certified Hospital Schools ...	1	1	2
		At Certified Residential Cripple Schools ... ..	...	...	...
		At Certified Day Cripple Schools	...	...	...
		At Public Elementary Schools ...	77	99	176
		At other Institutions ... ..	...	...	...
		At no School or Institution	...	...	...

TABLE 4.

RETURN OF DEFECTS TREATED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1923.

TREATMENT TABLE.

Group I.—Minor Ailments (excluding Uncleanliness).

Disease or Defect. (1)	Number of Defects treated, or under treatment during the year.		
	Under the Authority's Scheme (2)	Otherwise. (3)	Total. (4)
<i>Skin—</i>			
Ringworm—Scalp	14	46	60
Ringworm—Body ... ..	...	10	10
Scabies	29	7	36
Impetigo	53	6	59
Other skin disease ... ..	...	...	...
<i>Minor Eye Defects</i> (External and other, but excluding cases falling in Group II.)	...	8	8
<i>Minor Ear Defects</i> ... ..	...	18	18
<i>Miscellaneous</i> (e.g., minor injuries, bruises, sores, chilblains, etc.)	...	2	2
Total	96	97	193

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

Defect or Disease. (1)	Number of defects dealt with.			
	Under the Authority's Scheme. (2)	Submitted to refraction by private practitioner or at hospital, apart from the Authority's Scheme. (3)	Otherwise. (4)	Total. (5)
Errors of Refraction (including Squint) (Operations for squint should be recorded separately in the body of the Report).	664	...	...	664
Other Defect or Disease of the eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I.)	...	...	...	...
Total	664	...	...	664

Total number of children for whom spectacles were prescribed

(a) Under the Authority's Scheme 524

(b) Otherwise —

Total number of children who obtained or received spectacles

(a) Under the Authority's Scheme 481

(b) Otherwise —

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

Number of Defects.				
Received Operative Treatment.			Received other forms of Treatment.	Total number treated.
Under the Authority's Scheme, in Clinic or Hospital (1)	By Private Practitioner or Hospital, apart from the Authority's Scheme. (2)	Total. (3)		
No Scheme ...	11	11	13	24

Group IV.—Dental Defects.

Out of 87 referred for treatment 12 are known to have received treatment.

CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS DURING 1923.

	Age in Years.	Condition.	Name of Institution.	Admitted.
BLIND.				
S.L.H.T., boy ...	15	Ditto ...	Edgbaston Royal Institution for the Blind	14/10/14
B.S., girl ...	12	Ditto ...	Edgbaston Royal Institution for the Blind	11/9/16
K.J., girl ...	12	Blind ...	West of England Institution for the Blind, Exeter	8/3/18
B.I.G., girl ...	14	Partially Blind	Royal School of Industry for the Blind, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol	11/3/20
W.P. J., boy ...	12	Ditto ...	Brighton School for Blind Boys	1/9/20
L.B., girl ...	12	Ditto ...	Barclay Home for Blind Girls, Brighton	11/4/21 (Left 30/6/23)
M.T.I.V., girl ...	7	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	11/4/21
DEAF AND DUMB.				
G.H.P., boy ...	16	Deaf and Dumb	Royal Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Derby	29/8/13
L.J.C., boy ...	15	Ditto ...	Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children, Margate	1/1/15
A.J.P., boy ...	16	Ditto ...	Edgbaston Royal Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Birmingham	8/3/15 (Left 19/12/23)
L.H., boy ...	15	Ditto ...	Royal Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Derby	20/8/15
L.P., boy (brother of G.H.P.)	14	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	26/8/16
E.E.P., boy ...	13	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	10/8/17

CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS DURING 1923—Contd.

	Age in Years.	Condition.	Name of Institution.	Admitted.
DEAF AND DUMB.				
M.A.F., girl ...	14	Ditto ...	Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children, Margate	4/9/17 (Liability for maintenance taken over by Bucks L.E.A. 15/1/23)
S.H.C., boy ...	13	Ditto ...	Royal Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Derby	29/8/18
B.M., girl ...	13	Ditto ...	Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children, Margate	2/9/18
E.O.G., girl ...	16	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	6/1/19 (Liability for maintenance taken over by Reading Boro' L.E.A. 15/1/23)
E.W.J., boy ...	11	Ditto ...	Royal Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Derby	28/8/19
C.B., girl ...	6	Ditto ...	Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children, Margate	20/2/23 (Left 29/3/23)
R.K.McI., boy ...	6	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	5/9/23
R.E.R., girl ...	8	Deaf and Dumb	Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children, Margate	5/9/23
S.P.S., boy ...	6	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	5/9/23
L.A.S., boy ...	8	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	5/9/23
K.B.B., girl ...	11	Deaf and Dumb	Royal Deaf and Dumb Schools, Exeter	(Liability for maintenance taken over from Somerset Education Authority, 5/9/21).
T.A.B., boy ...	9	Ditto ...	Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children, Margate	16/1/22 (Liability for maintenance taken over by Kent L.E.A. 4/9/23)
W.L.A.F., girl ...	11	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	(Liability for maintenance taken over from Bucks Education Authority, 1/1/22)
EPILEPTIC.				
W.F.G., boy ...	12	Epileptic ...	Lingfield Colony ...	16/12/20 (Liability for maintenance taken over by Hampshire L.E.A. 1/1/23)
L.G.T., girl ...		Ditto ...	Ditto ...	2/5/21

CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS DURING 1923—*Contd.*

	Age in Years.	Condition.	Name of Institution.	Admitted.
		PHYSICALLY	DEFECTIVE.	
G.E.C., girl ...	15	Paralysis of Left Leg	Heritage Craft Schools, Chailey	(Liability for maintenance taken over by Oxfordshire Education Authority, 17/9/23)
R.E.B., boy ...	9	Spastic Paralysis of legs	Wingfield Orthopædic Hospital, Headington	10/10/23
L.J.C., boy ...	9	Deformity of Knee joint due to bone disease	Ditto	(Left 2/11/23)
R.E.C., girl ...	15	Hemiplegia affecting right arm and leg	Ditto	20/11/23
I.D.C., girl ...	6	Acute Polyarticular Arthritis	Ditto	10/10/23
H.C.E., boy ...	11	Club Foot	Ditto	(Left 21/10/23)
E.P.G., girl ...	6	Rickets and Knock knees	Ditto	29/11/22
T.H. boy ...	8	Deformity following Infantile Paralysis	Ditto	4/12/23
E.S.M., girl ...	9	Severe degree of Spinal Curvature	Ditto	(Left 21/12/23)
A.T., boy ...	11	Claw foot and deformed toes	Ditto	24/4/23
C.D.B., boy ...	12	Serious degree of Spinal Curvature	Ditto	(Left 30/4/23)
J.B., boy ...	12	Flat Foot	Ditto	21/8/23
V.M.D., girl ..	11	Infantile Paralysis	Ditto	(Left 10/10/23)
S.H., girl ...	11	Infantile Paralysis left leg	Ditto	30/7/23
D.J., girl ...	11	Deformities due to Infantile Paralysis	Ditto	(Left 23/10/23)
J.T.L., boy ...	16	Paralysis right leg	Ditto	17/10/23
E.M.S., girl ...	9	Spinal Curvature	Ditto	(Left 5/11/23)
A.E.J.L., boy ...	16	Infantile Paralysis	Ditto	14/2/23
				(Left 15/5/23)
				8/8/23
				(Left 18/8/23)
				24/4/23
				(Left 23/6/23)
				14/6/23
				(Left 9/7/23)
				11/5/23
				(Left 21/5/23)
				27/6/23
				(Left 31/7/23)
				14/5/23
				(Left 30/6/23)
				24/2/23
				(Left 7/4/23)

RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND IN THE COURSE OF MEDICAL INSPECTION, 1923.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Defect or Disease.				Routine Inspections.		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.
Malnutrition	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Uncleanliness	{ Head	...	...	1	...	...	...
	{ Body	...	...	...	...	...	...
Skin	{ Ringworm	{ Head	...	...	...	...	...
		{ Body	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Scabies	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Impetigo	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Other Diseases (non-Tubercular)	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eye	{ Blepharitis	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Conjunctivitis	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Keratitis	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Corneal Ulcer	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Corneal Opacities	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Defective Vision...	...	...	68	1	6	1
Ear	{ Squint	...	...	2	...	1	...
	{ Other conditions...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Defective Hearing	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Otitis Media	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Other Ear Diseases	...	...	2	...	...	...
Nose and Throat	{ Enlarged Tonsils	...	...	10	1	4	...
	{ Adenoids	...	...	3	...	1	...
	{ Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids	...	...	3	...	...	...
	{ Other conditions...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Enlarged Cervical Glands (non-Tubercular)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defective Speech	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Teeth—Dental Diseases	...	...	...	102	...	6	...
Heart and Circulation	{ Heart (Organic	...	...	1	2	1	1
	{ Disease (Functional	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Anæmia	...	...	17	2	2	5
Lungs	{ Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	1	...
	{ Other non-Tubercular Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Pulmonary :	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Definite	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculosis	{ Suspected	...	...	4	...	...	...
	{ Non-Pulmonary :	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Glands	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Spine	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Hip	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Other Bones and Joints	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nervous System	{ Skin	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Other forms	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Epilepsy	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Chorea	...	...	...	...	...	1
Deformities	{ Other conditions	...	...	3	12	...	4
	{ Rickets	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Spinal Curvature	...	...	1	...	1	...
Other Defects and Diseases	{ Other forms	...	...	2	...	1	1
	{ ...	...	...	2	...	1	1

No. of Individual Children found at Routine Medical Inspection to require treatment (excluding uncleanliness and dental diseases) ... 135

NUMBER OF CHILDREN INSPECTED, 1923.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total.	Specials.
Boys	5	6	...	10	25	15	31	99	124	121	76	22	8	...	...	...	542	49
Girls	2	8	7	3	12	29	31	98	115	106	78	50	38	15	2	...	594	86
Totals	7	14	7	13	37	44	62	197	239	227	154	72	46	15	2	...	1136	135





