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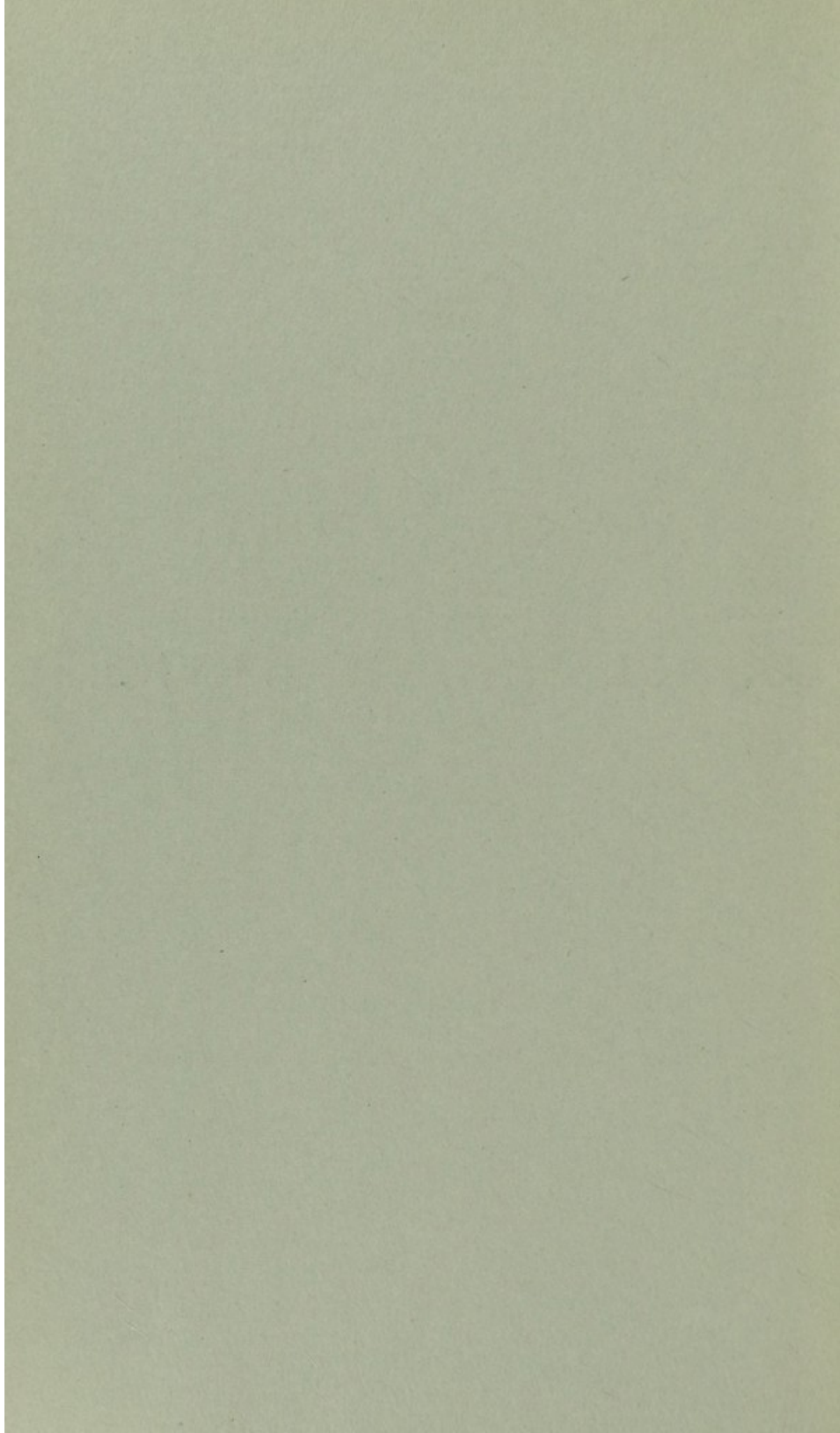
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FOREWORD

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
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August, 1961

To the Chairman and Members of the Education Committee.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the fifty-third Annual Report on the health of the school children in Bootle.

Dr. R. S. E. Cutcliffe was appointed School Medical Officer and Assistant Medical Officer of Health and commenced duties on the 1st June.

At the routine medical examinations carried out during the year 21 children or 0.51 per cent of the 4,138 examined were classified as of poor general condition, as compared with 27 children or 0.56 per cent of those examined the previous year. Since 1947 when this classification was introduced there has been an almost continuous improvement in the condition of the children examined.

The school nurses made 40,210 examinations for cleanliness, and evidence of uncleanliness was found in 797 instances. This is 1.9 per cent of the examinations as compared with 2.6 per cent in the previous year. This is a slight improvement but, as stated in previous reports, there always remains a hard core of cases which has to be kept under supervision by the school nurses.

During the year, the assistant medical officers made 59 examinations under the terms of Circular 249 of the Ministry of Education of entrants to the courses of training for teaching and to the teaching profession.

It was not necessary to close any school or department during the year on account of infectious diseases. There were 27 fewer cases of scarlet fever reported, but an increase of 241 in the number of cases of measles. There was an increased incidence in the number of cases of measles notified throughout the Borough; this increase occurred in two waves, one from the middle of March to July, and the other from October which extended to March, 1961. Again no case of diphtheria was reported during the year, and there was an increase in the number of school

children inoculated against this disease, 597 children as against 314 receiving a complete course of inoculations, and 909 as against 619 previously inoculated children receiving a stimulating inoculation.

No case of poliomyelitis was notified in a school child. The overall response for immunisation against poliomyelitis at all ages considerably diminished as compared with the previous year, but 890 children of school age were inoculated.

The arrangements for the B.C.G. vaccination of children aged 14 years against tuberculosis were carried out as in previous years, and 455 children were vaccinated against this disease.

In August, 53 children were given a holiday at a school camp in Wales; all the children were examined by the assistant medical officers prior to their departure.

The School Health Service continued to function satisfactorily throughout the whole year, and the close co-operation between the service, the general practitioners, and the specialist services of the Regional Hospital Board was well maintained. Only one full-time Dental Officer was available throughout the year, and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the assistance given to the School Dental Service by the local dental practitioners who worked on a sessional basis.

In submitting this report, I would like to acknowledge my indebtedness to the Chairman and Members of the Special Services (Education) Sub-Committee for their interest in the School Health Service; to the Director of Education and his staff; the teachers of the Borough, and the staff of my Department for their willing help and co-operation throughout the year.

T. R. ROBERTON,

Principal School Medical Officer.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL SCHOOL MEDICAL
OFFICER FOR 1960

Area of Bootle in acres (exclusive of river bed)—3,054.

Population of Borough—Registrar-General's estimate of population at 30th June, 1960—82,580.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. The following statement records the attendance position in January, 1961, and shows an increase of 144 on the combined rolls of the Primary and Secondary Schools as compared with the previous year.

				<i>Number</i>		<i>Mean No. on Rolls</i>		<i>Average Attendance</i>
<i>Primary Schools—</i>								
County	...	...	...	17	...	4208	...	3775
Voluntary	...	...	...	22	...	5284	...	4711
				—		—		—
				39	...	9492	...	8486
				—		—		—
 <i>Secondary Schools—</i>								
County	...	...	...	8	...	3670	...	3305
Voluntary	...	...	...	6	...	1607	...	1391
				—		—		—
				14	...	5277	...	4696
				—		—		—
Mean number on Rolls (all schools)					...	...	...	14,769

COST. The rateable value of the Borough as at 1st April, 1960, was £1,039,176.

The gross cost of medical inspection and treatment for the twelve months ended March 31st, 1960, was £21,414 compared with £19,124 for the preceding year. Sundry receipts totalled £649 compared with £591 for the preceding year.

The cost under this head per child on the school rolls was 29s. 0d. gross, and the cost in terms of a penny rate was 5.4d. gross.

MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

A statistical summary of the findings of medical inspection and of the kind of treatment obtained will be found in the Ministry of Education Returns at the end of this Report.

(1) PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS. Periodic medical inspections were carried out in all schools as laid down in para. 10 of the School Health Service and Handicapped Pupils Regulations, 1953.

During the year the number of inspections totalled 4,138 made up as follows:—Entrants 1,384, Second Age Group 1,349, and Third Age Group 1,195; other inspections 210.

(2) SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS. The number of children presented for special examination was 3,156, as compared with 2,767 in the preceding year; 3,150 of these were seen at Minor Ailments Clinics, while the remaining 6 were presented at schools in the course of routine visits.

(3) RE-EXAMINATIONS. 4,595 re-examinations of children, who on examination were referred for treatment or further observation, were made during the year, as compared with 4,663 during 1959; 3,136 of these were performed at the schools, and 1,459 at the School Medical Offices and Health Centre.

(4) MISCELLANEOUS EXAMINATIONS. In addition to the ordinary work of routine and special examinations and re-inspections undertaken during the year, the following work was carried out:—

Examination of:—

Children as to fitness for employment	...	...	97
Children for ascertainment of educational sub-normality	...	...	53
Other Children	...	...	118

In addition, the Director of Education was supplied with medical histories of 241 juvenile offenders. The following table shows the number of such reports supplied during the past five years:—

1960	...	...	...	241
1959	...	...	...	297
1958	...	...	...	309
1957	...	...	...	250
1956	...	...	...	210

A summary of the defects noted at both periodic and special examinations showed that 7,176 defects were referred for treatment or further observation.

The incidence of the commoner physical defects in children examined during periodic medical inspection was as follows:—unsatisfactory physical condition, 0.5 per cent; squint, 2.2 per cent; external eye disease, 1.5 per cent; chronic tonsillitis and adenoids, 3.8 per cent; other nose and throat conditions, 3.5 per cent; lung disease, 3.2 per cent; otorrhoea, 1.4 per cent; other ear, 8.8 per cent; enlarged cervical glands, 1.7 per cent; defective vision, 20.7 per cent; skin conditions, 6.1 per cent; heart (cong. and func.), 2.8 per cent; flat feet, 6.5 per cent; posture, 0.7 per cent; and other orthopaedic conditions, 5.9 per cent.

Children referred for treatment or further observation constituted 55.5 per cent. of the entrants examined, 73.0 per cent. of the primary leavers examined, and 66.0 per cent. of the third group examined, and 18.1 per cent of the additional inspections.

(5) **STUDENT TEACHERS.** In accordance with Ministry of Education Circular 249, 59 medical examinations (male 36, female 23) were carried out of entrants to courses of training for teaching, and to the teaching profession.

GENERAL CONDITION

It will be noted in Part I, Table A on page 20 that classification of the children by "physical condition" has been substituted for the former classification; and this table shows that out of a total of 4,138 children examined, 0.51 per cent. were grouped as in unsatisfactory condition.

COMPARATIVE HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS

YEAR	BOYS					
	Infants		Primary Leavers		Secondary Leavers	
	Av. Ht. cm.	Av. Wt. kg.	Av. Ht. cm.	Av. Wt. kg.	Av. Ht. cm.	Av. Wt. kg.
1960 ...	112.6	20.6	139.5	33.9	157.4	48.4
1959 ...	112.0	20.3	139.4	33.4	160.4	50.8
1958 ...	111.9	20.5	139.4	34.2	156.9	48.2
1957 ...	111.5	20.2	138.8	33.2	156.3	46.6
1956 ...	110.9	20.1	137.5	33.1	157.7	47.5
1955 ...	109.3	19.6	137.6	33.0	156.1	45.9
1954 ...	110.2	20.2	136.9	32.4	156.6	47.0
1953 ...	110.7	20.1	137.1	32.1	158.6	48.3

YEAR	GIRLS					
	Infants		Primary Leavers		Secondary Leavers	
	Av. Ht. cm.	Av. Wt. kg.	Av. Ht. cm.	Av. Wt. kg.	Av. Ht. cm.	Av. Wt. kg.
1960 ...	111.2	19.8	139.8	34.7	155.3	49.9
1959 ...	110.9	19.6	139.5	33.5	156.7	50.7
1958 ...	111.2	19.9	139.3	34.1	155.6	50.0
1957 ...	110.2	19.5	138.7	34.4	155.5	49.5
1956 ...	110.7	19.9	138.2	33.9	155.5	48.5
1955 ...	109.0	19.0	139.0	33.5	154.2	47.6
1954 ...	109.4	19.7	136.1	32.3	154.4	48.5
1953 ...	109.9	19.5	137.0	32.3	155.0	47.7

COMPARATIVE WEIGHTS (IN KILOGRAMS) OF SCHOOL ENTRANTS IN 1960 AND EARLIER YEARS

Date of Examination	Boys				Girls	
	Number examined	Average Weight	Number examined	Average Weight		
1960 ...	696	20.6	688	19.8		
1959 ...	945	20.3	953	19.6		
1958 ...	622	20.5	544	19.9		
1957 ...	687	20.2	645	19.5		
1956 ...	457	20.1	427	19.9		
1955 ...	727	19.6	769	19.0		
1954 ...	621	20.2	566	19.7		
1953 ...	899	20.1	856	19.5		
1952 ...	668	20.7	693	19.3		
1951 ...	804	20.6	744	19.9		

CLEANLINESS

The total number of examinations of children in the schools by School Nurses for verminous conditions was 40,210, and there were 797 instances in which children were noted as unclean. Last year's figures were 39,105 and 1,029 respectively.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

The number of children assisted by the Authority's Scheme under the Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1948, for January/December, 1960, is as under:—

TOTAL APPLICATIONS ...	768	(compared with 875 last year)
ISSUES FREE OF COST ...	715	(includes 5 Special Schools)
„ one-third of cost ...	10	
„ two-thirds of cost ...	3	
„ FULL COST ...	14	(includes 13 Special Schools)
Referred to N.A.B. ...	755	of whom 35 were assisted in cash or kind, 623 refused and 97 cases are outstanding.

In the period under review 2 cases were taken to Court during the year.

This scheme for provision of clothing gives the opportunity, of which full advantage is taken, of close co-operation between the various agencies interested in the welfare of children. These agencies are co-ordinated by the Medical Officer of Health who acts as Co-ordinating Officer in connection with children who may be neglected in their own homes. In this capacity he is notified, at once, of any cases coming to the notice of the Education Department in which there is a possibility of neglect or ill treatment of children.

MINOR AILMENTS CLINIC

The daily clinics for the treatment of minor ailments dealt with 2,513 defects, amongst which minor septic infections of the skin were the commonest conditions. The attendances numbered 8,513, excluding 43 of children below school age, as compared with 8,323 in 1959. 204 exclusion certificates were given, mainly on account of minor ailments but also on account of infectious diseases.

SKIN DISEASES

As a result of the inspections at the Minor Ailments Clinics, 1,157 children, or 46 per cent of the total number of children attending, were found to be suffering from infections of the skin. Details of these infections are given in Table D on page 25.

Scabies Clinic

The incidence of scabies among school children is shown in the following table:—

					<i>Cases found at Special Examinations</i>	<i>Cases found at Routine Inspections</i>
1960 ...	...	...	...	...	30	3
1959 ...	...	...	...	...	18	2
1958 ...	...	...	...	...	28	5
1957 ...	...	...	...	...	36	4
1956 ...	...	...	...	...	19	7
1955 ...	...	...	...	...	37	6
1954 ...	...	...	...	...	23	2
1953 ...	...	...	...	...	22	Nil
1952 ...	...	...	...	...	10	Nil
1951 ...	...	...	...	...	8	Nil

VISION AND EYE DEFECTS

VISION. Entrants are not examined for defective vision at routine examinations, but during the year the other age groups were so examined, and 532 or 20.1 per cent were found to have defective vision requiring further examinations by the Ophthalmic Surgeon. The School Nurses examined 1,479 eight-year-olds with Snellen's Types, of whom 133 were referred for examination by the Ophthalmic Surgeon. In addition 1042 E Tests of infants were carried out, of whom 19 were referred for treatment.

Ophthalmic Clinic

The number of new cases seen at the Clinic during 1960 was 397, and the total number of attendances was 2,406.

All children with glasses have their visual acuity tested by the School Ophthalmic Surgeon once a year, if circumstances permit, while the cases of high myopia receive full examination more frequently.

Squint

At routine examinations 90 cases of squint were found, and 14 cases were found among pupils specially referred for examination.

External Eye Diseases

Inflammatory conditions of the external eye were noted in 60 cases at periodic inspections, and in 265 cases at special inspections.

DISEASES OF THE EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

The total number of cases dealt with in 1960 was 249 (this total included 8 infants below school age). The 241 school children included 41 cases of otorrhoea, 59 other ear defects, 71 of defects of nose and throat, 24 tonsils and adenoids, and 46 of deafness; and the toddlers included 2 defects of nose and throat, 2 tonsils and adenoids, and 3 other ear defects.

During the year, 18 consultative aural clinics were held by Mr. Bauer. 247 examinations were made (including 10 toddlers), and 87 cases referred to the special department of local hospitals.

Tonsils and Adenoids

At periodic inspections during the past year, disease of both tonsils and adenoids was detected in 3.8 per cent. 32 cases are known to have received operative treatment as in-patients at local hospitals.

DENTAL SERVICE

Dental treatment has again been carried out by only one full time dental officer with the help of three part-time officers. As the dental staff also undertake the care of expectant mothers and children under five, the present staffing is totally inadequate for the satisfactory carrying out of the work.

The importance of establishing a dental clinic at Netherton cannot be over-emphasised. Many parents will not bring their children to the established clinics in Bootle, owing to the distance to be travelled, and there is no general dental practitioner in Netherton.

With the tremendous increase in the amount of dental decay in children's teeth, and the shortage of dentists, the way to control dental disease is not by treatment alone but also by prevention. Prevention is dependent on adequate nutrition, together with oral hygiene. The eating of apples can play an important part in cleaning the mouth, and also provides exercise for the jaw muscles. If every child could be given an apple after meals the results would be very beneficial.

TUBERCULOSIS

When considered necessary, the School Medical Officers refer children to the Chest Clinic for X-ray.

During the year one case of active pulmonary tuberculosis was diagnosed in a school-boy. 87 contacts accepted the offer of a chest X-ray. Of these 4 were recalled for further examination by a chest Physician, but all were found to be free from infection.

CRIPPLING DEFECTS AND ORTHOPAEDICS

There is no change to record in the arrangements described in former reports for the ascertainment and treatment of crippling defects.

Orthopaedic Clinic

Sessions are held at intervals of approximately two weeks, with Mr. F. C. Dwyer as Consultant Surgeon and Mr. H. Beddoe, Orthopaedic Registrar. A representative from the Liverpool Child Welfare Association has attended, thereby ensuring co-ordination in after-care.

Orthopaedic Surgeons paid 25 visits to the Clinic during the year, and examined 603 cases referred to them. Of the patients seen, 101 were discharged, while 469 were advised to remain under treatment and supervision; 33 cases were referred to hospital.

A Remedial Exercises Clinic is held each Saturday morning under the direction of a School Nurse, mainly for the correction of flat feet and bad posture. The attendances during the year numbered 73.

HANDICAPPED PUPILS

The definition of the various categories of handicapped pupils is set forth in paragraph 4 of Part II of the Handicapped Pupils and Special School Regulations, 1959, which came into operation on the 1st April, 1959, and the numbers on the Register at the end of the year are as follows:

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a) Blind	1 ...	2 ...	3
(b) Partially Sighted	3 ...	3 ...	6
(c) Deaf	3 ...	3 ...	6
(d) Partially Deaf	9 ...	7 ...	16
(e) Educationally Sub-Normal	85 ...	55 ...	140
(f) Epileptic	— ...	1 ...	1
(g) Maladjusted	4 ...	2 ...	6
(h) Physically Handicapped	22 ...	11 ...	33
(i) Speech Defect	— ...	— ...	—
(j) Delicate	5 ...	2 ...	7
	<hr/> 132 ... <hr/>	<hr/> 86 ... <hr/>	<hr/> 218 <hr/>

94 boys and 66 girls are attending Special Schools.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

No school or department was closed on account of communicable disease during the year.

SCARLET FEVER. The number of cases notified in children of school age was 29, compared with 56 in 1959.

DIPHTHERIA. No case was notified in a child of school age and none in 1959.

MEASLES. 351 cases were notified amongst school children, as against 110 in 1959.

POLIOMYELITIS. No case occurred in a child of school age.

WHOOPING COUGH. 54 cases were notified amongst school children, as compared with 77 in 1959.

Protection against Diphtheria

Immunisation of children as described in previous reports commenced in 1932, and during the year 1404 children under five years of age and 597 children of school age completed the course. Arrangements now operate whereby children already immunised are offered a third inoculation on entry into school in order to raise their immunity and 909 children were so treated during the year.

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

During the year 890 school children were vaccinated against poliomyelitis.

B.C.G. Vaccination

In accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Health, under Circular 7/59, the Authority's scheme for B.C.G. vaccination has been extended to children aged 14 years and upwards and 455 school children were vaccinated during the year. In addition, out of a total of 97 contacts vaccinated, 31 were children of school age.

NURSERY CLASSES

		<i>No. of New Admissions in 1960</i>		<i>No. on Roll 29.12.60</i>		<i>Average No. in attendance Jan.-Dec., 1960</i>
Linacre ...	...	28	...	21	...	24
St. Monica's ...	...	36	...	46	...	47
Salisbury ...	...	42	...	36	...	41
St. Mary's ...	...	27	...	42	...	42

Applications and requests for the consideration of the admission to the Nursery Classes of children under the age of three years have not abated during the past twelve months. As in previous years it has unfortunately been invariably necessary to refuse such requests.

In an endeavour to spread the benefit of nursery education over as wide a section of the 3-5 year age range as possible, and at the same time to meet the demands on Nursery accommodation made by various outside bodies, the offer of temporary admission to the nursery class for one term has been offered to parents, who at the time willingly accept the temporary place offered.

Inevitably this is disputed when the time comes for the child to be withdrawn from the nursery after the immediate urgency of the case has been met.

In September the Netherton Park County Primary Infants' School Kitchen Dining Room was opened.

The total number of School Dinners consumed was:

Free	...	...	186,414
Paid	...	...	687,395
			<hr/>
			873,809

Milk:

The number of one-third pint bottles provided during the period under review was 2,526,892.

The number of individual children supplied with meals and milk on a normal day in October, 1960, was:

Meals:	Free	...	...	878
	Paid	...	...	4,000
				<hr/>
	Total	...	...	4,878
				<hr/>
Milk	...	...	...	13,395

Schools

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SWIMMING continues to maintain its prominent place in schools' sporting activities, and attendances by schools at the Balliol Road Baths, are high.

Child attendances at Swimming Baths for 1960

<i>Girls:</i>	Primary	13,268	<i>Boys:</i>	Primary	14,963
	Secondary	14,366		Secondary	22,480
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	Total	27,634		Total	37,443
		<hr/> <hr/>			<hr/> <hr/>

TOTAL ATTENDANCES—65,077.

This shows a decrease of 8,496 attendances over 1959, but the decrease is accounted for by extra holidays during 1960, and the fact that one of the Swimming Baths was closed in 1960 for a long period.

Every Junior and Secondary Department takes part in organised swimming lessons, private coaches are provided to convey pupils of schools in outlying districts of the Borough to the Swimming baths.

Although the ultimate aim of school swimming is that every child should be able to swim at least one length ($33\frac{1}{3}$ yds.) of the bath, this can never be achieved with the present provision of swimming baths. The demand for periods on the time-tables of allocated times, far exceeds the facilities available.

In addition to L.E.A. swimming awards, a number of pupils have gained National Awards as follows:

Royal Life-Saving Society Awards:

"Unigrip" Certificates ...	...	...	61
Intermediate Certificates	...	...	76
Bronze Medallions	...	...	103
Barto Bronze Medallions	...	...	4
Bronze Crosses ...	...	...	13
Scholar/Instructor Awards	...	...	5
Total	...	...	<u>262 awards.</u>

English Schools' Swimming Association:

Medallist Awards	...	...	56
Advanced Awards	...	...	6
Total	...	...	<u>62 awards</u>

THE SCHOOLS' SWIMMING ASSOCIATIONS organised the usual Annual Inter-Schools Swimming Galas, and most Secondary Schools now include R.L.S.S. instruction and swimming galas in their own programmes.

The Bootle Police Life-Saving Competition for schoolboys was well supported and very high standards of performance were achieved.

GAMES AND ATHLETICS

Derby Park Tennis Courts were available throughout Summer and Autumn Terms and good use was made of these facilities. Stuart Road and Orrell Playing Fields have borne the major part of games and athletics provision for the year, but in 1961, the playing fields at Boys' Grammar School Netherton, Princess Royal C.P. School, Netherton Moss C.P. School and St. Paul's School will be ready for use, and much more should be achieved with improved provision of facilities.

During the Summer Term EVENING GAMES AND ATHLETICS TRAINING CENTRES were held at Stuart Road Playing Fields on two evenings per week and approximately 100-110 boys and girls of Secondary School age were catered for in this way.

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Organisations operated, on a voluntary basis, by teachers of the Authority carried out very good out-of-school work during the year.

Existing Organisations:

Schoolboys' Swimming Association
 Schoolgirls' Swimming Association
 Schools' Football Association
 Schools' Cricket Association
 Schools' Netball Association
 Schools' Basketball Association
 Schools' Athletics Association

Post-School

EVENING INSTITUTES

P.E. classes were held as follows:—

BALLIOL EVENING INSTITUTE

P.E. and Football training	Country and Ballroom Dancing.
Ladies' Keep Fit (2 classes).	Golf for Beginners (2 classes).

ST. JAMES' EVENING INSTITUTE

P.E. and Games Training.

ST. GEORGE OF ENGLAND EVENING INSTITUTE

P.E. and Games Training (Boys). P.E. and Games Training (Adults).

NETHERTON EVENING INSTITUTE

P.E. and Games Training (Boys). Ladies' Keep Fit.

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Qualified instructors were available, free of charge, to any affiliated organisations requesting such service and where the demand was deemed great enough.

The YOUTH ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION continued to fulfil its function of provision of facilities and instruction, to any member of a youth organisation, in physical pursuits. Groups of young people, between the ages of 15-20 years, took part in the following activities: Badminton, Basketball, Games Training, Vaulting and Agility, Circuit Training and Canoe-building. Two Centres were open on one evening per week each, and catered for approximately 60-70 young people.

ATHLETICS, GAMES AND SWIMMING

Each Tuesday and Thursday evening throughout the Summer Term coaches were in attendance at Stuart Road Playing Fields to coach members of Youth Organisations in athletics and games.

Tennis courts at the Girls' Grammar School were made available each evening of the week (Saturday and Sunday excluded) during the Summer Term.

Cricket facilities were provided at Orrell Pleasure Ground on the same basis, and swimming training was carried out by Clubs at the Balliol Road Swimming Baths.

THE SERVICE OF YOUTH ATHLETICS MEETING was again held, and was very well supported by the Youth Organisations.

B. H. LAWSON,

Organiser of Physical Education.

EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

82 boys and 3 girls desiring employment as messengers were examined, also 12 girls for theatrical productions, and certificates were granted in all cases. These interviews gave opportunity to advise on faults in hygiene, particularly as regards care of the teeth, and to obtain treatment of physical defects.

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
MEDICAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT
RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1960**

PART I

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

Table A.—Periodic Medical Inspections

Age Groups Inspected (By year of birth)	No. of Pupils Inspected	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			
		SATISFACTORY		UNSATISFACTORY	
		No.	% of Col. 2	No.	% of Col. 2
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1956 and later	71	71	100·00	—	—
1955	342	338	98·83	4	1·17
1954	844	838	99·29	6	0·71
1953	217	216	99·54	1	0·46
1952	32	32	100·00	—	—
1951	51	51	100·00	—	—
1950	35	35	100·00	—	—
1949	931	927	99·57	4	0·43
1948	417	412	98·80	5	1·20
1947	8	8	100·00	—	—
1946	950	950	100·00	—	—
1945 and earlier	240	239	99·58	1	0·42
TOTAL	4138	4117	99·49	21	0·51

Table B.—Pupils found to require Treatment at Periodic Medical Inspections
(excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with Vermin)

Age Groups Inspected (By year of birth) (1)	For defective vision (excluding squint) (2)	For any of the other conditions recorded in Part II (3)	Total individual pupils (4)
1956 and later	—	3	3
1955	9	55	61
1954	21	170	180
1953	6	52	55
1952	3	5	8
1951	5	6	11
1950	6	4	9
1949	169	169	299
1948	70	84	138
1947	2	2	2
1946	204	156	310
1945 and earlier	73	57	109
TOTAL	568	763	1185

Table C.—Other Inspections

Number of Special Inspections	3,156
Number of Re-inspections	4,595
Total	7,751

Table D.—Infestation with Vermin

(a) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by school nurses or other authorised persons	40,210
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested ...	797
(c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	—
(d) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944)	—

PART II
DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION DURING THE
YEAR

Table A.—Periodic Inspections

Defect Code No.	Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS							
		ENTRANTS		LEAVERS		OTHERS		TOTAL	
		(T) (3)	(O) (4)	(T) (5)	(O) (6)	(T) (7)	(O) (8)	(T) (9)	(O) (10)
(1)	(2)								
4	Skin	29	29	60	20	38	43	127	92
5	Eyes—								
	a. Vision ...	36	1	279	43	253	55	568	99
	b. Squint ...	39	15	3	1	13	12	55	28
	c. Other ...	11	7	11	13	9	6	31	26
6	Ears—								
	a. Hearing ...	24	23	11	13	19	12	54	48
	b. Otitis Media ...	14	4	9	2	14	5	37	11
	c. Other ...	22	54	55	34	80	103	157	191
7	Nose & Throat	39	98	4	34	28	102	71	234
8	Speech	10	26	4	5	7	15	21	46
9	Lymphatic Glands ...	5	30	1	3	4	23	10	56
10	Heart	3	28	5	36	4	44	12	108
11	Lungs	14	57	8	37	3	35	25	129
12	Developmental								
	a. Hernia ...	4	6	—	—	—	1	4	7
	b. Other ...	17	74	3	8	20	62	40	144
13	Orthopaedic—								
	a. Posture ...	—	—	—	9	2	9	2	18
	b. Feet ...	25	18	10	22	24	53	59	93
	c. Other ...	80	62	49	63	29	76	158	201
14	Nervous System								
	a. Epilepsy ...	2	3	1	2	1	9	4	14
	b. Other ...	6	43	1	19	6	45	13	107
15	Psychological—								
	a. Develop- ment ...	—	11	2	27	10	29	12	67
	b. Stability ...	—	11	—	4	2	6	2	21
16	Abdomen ...	1	7	—	2	1	13	2	22
17	Other	119	79	219	58	263	144	601	281

Table B.—Special Inspections

Defect Code No. (1)	Defect or Disease (2)	SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
		Pupils requiring Treatment (3)	Pupils requiring Observation (4)
4	Skin	1251	—
5	Eyes—		
	a. Vision	75	1
	b. Squint	14	—
	c. Other	265	—
6	Ears—		
	a. Hearing... ..	1	8
	b. Otitis Media... ..	59	—
	c. Other	173	2
7	Nose and Throat	58	7
8	Speech	6	2
9	Lymphatic Glands	2	5
10	Heart	2	3
11	Lungs	6	5
12	Developmental—		
	a. Hernia	—	—
	b. Other	2	2
13	Orthopaedic—		
	a. Posture	6	1
	b. Feet	56	8
	c. Other	44	30
14	Nervous System—		
	a. Epilepsy	—	2
	b. Other	—	8
15	Psychological—		
	a. Development	—	2
	b. Stability	6	5
16	Abdomen	—	—
17	Other	925	26

PART III

TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED AND ASSISTED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING NURSERY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS)

Table A.—Eye Diseases, Defective Vision and Squint

	<i>Number of cases known to have been dealt with</i>
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint	530
Errors of refraction (including squint)	1097
Total	<u>1627</u>
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	643

Table B.—Diseases and Defects of Ear, Nose and Throat

	<i>Number of cases known to have been dealt with</i>
Received operative treatment—	
(a) for diseases of the ear	8
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	32
(c) for other nose and throat conditions... ..	5
Received other forms of treatment	324
Total	<u>369</u>
Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids—	
(a) in 1960	1
(b) in previous years	23

Table C.—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS

	<i>Number of cases known to have been treated</i>
(a) Pupils treated at clinics or out-patients departments	297
(b) Pupils treated at school for postural defects	—
Total	<u>297</u>

Table D.—Diseases of the Skin

(excluding uncleanliness, for which see Table D of Part I)

	<i>Number of cases known to have been treated</i>
Ringworm—(a) Scalp	—
(b) Body	4
Scabies	33
Impetigo	122
Other skin diseases	1031
Total	<u>1190</u>

Table E.—Child Guidance Treatment

	<i>Number of cases known to have been treated</i>
Pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics ...	26

Table F.—Speech Therapy

	<i>Number of cases known to have been treated</i>
Pupils treated by speech therapists	33

Table G.—Other Treatment Given

	<i>Number of cases known to have been dealt with</i>
(a) Pupils with minor ailments	948
(b) Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements	30
(c) Pupils who received B.C.G. vaccination	455
(d) Other than (a), (b) and (c) above ...	—
Total (a)—(d) ...	<u>1433</u>

PART IV

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT CARRIED OUT BY
THE AUTHORITY

(1) Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers:—					
(a) At Periodic Inspections	...	...	...	...	4352
(b) As Specials	...	...	...	...	1902
Total (1)					6254
(2) Number found to require treatment	...	...	...	...	4915
(3) Number offered treatment	...	...	...	...	4445
(4) Number actually treated	...	...	...	...	2681
(5) Number of attendances made by pupils for treatment, including those recorded at 11(h)					
	...	...	...	...	2907
(6) Half days devoted to:—					
(a) Periodic (School) Inspection	...	...	...	...	26
(b) Treatment	...	...	...	...	654
Total (6)					680
(7) Fillings:—					
(a) Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	1269
(b) Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	99
Total (7)					1368
(8) Number of Teeth filled:—					
(a) Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	1090
(b) Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	99
Total (8)					1189
(9) Extractions:—					
(a) Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	843
(b) Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	922
Total (9)					1765

(10) Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	1190
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(11) Orthodontics:—				
(a) Cases commenced during the year	20
(b) Cases brought forward from previous year	4
(c) Cases completed during the year ...	...	...	...	12
(d) Cases discontinued during the year ...	...	...	...	6
(e) Pupils treated with appliances ...	...	...	...	20
(f) Removable appliances fitted ...	...	...	...	20
(g) Fixed appliances fitted ...	...	...	...	—
(h) Total attendances ...	...	...	...	92
(12) Number of pupils supplied with artificial teeth	36
(13) Other operations:—				
(a) Permanent teeth	824
(b) Temporary teeth	—
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			Total (13) ...	824
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STAFF OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Medical Officers	4
Dental Officers	1 whole-time; 3 part-time.
School Nurses	...	...	5
Dental Attendants	...	...	2

LOCATION OF SCHOOL CLINICS

Clinic Sessions are held at the Health Centre, Knowsley Road, and at the School Medical Offices, Balliol Road.

PARTICULARS OF CLINIC SESSIONS HELD

Examination and/or treatment	Health Centre Knowsley Road	School Medical Offices Balliol Road	
	By staff of local health authority	Under arrange- ments made with the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board	By staff of local health authority
A. Minor ailment and other non-specialist examina- tion or treatment	Daily a.m.	—	Daily a.m.
B. Dental	Daily	—	By appointment
C. Ophthalmic	—	—	4 times weekly
D. Ear, Nose and Throat...	—	Fortnightly	—
E. Orthopaedic	—	Fortnightly	—

HANDICAPPED PUPILS REQUIRING EDUCATION AT SPECIAL SCHOOLS, Approved under Section 9 (5) of the Education Act, 1944 (OTHER THAN HOSPITAL SCHOOLS) or BOARDING IN BOARDING HOMES

	Blind	Partially Sighted	Deaf	Partially Deaf	Delicate	Physically Handicapped	Educationally Sub-Normal	Maladjusted	Epileptic	Speech Defects	Total (1)–(10)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
During the calendar year ended 31st December, 1960, handicapped pupils											
A. newly placed in Special Schools or Boarding Homes	—	—	—	3	—	4	18	—	—	—	25
B. newly assessed as needing special educational treatment at Special Schools or in Boarding Homes	1	—	—	2	—	8	19	—	—	—	30
On or about 20th January, 1961, number of handicapped pupils from the Authority's area—											
C. (1) were on the registers of											
1. maintained special schs.											
(a) as day pupils	—	2	2	6	1	5	105	—	—	—	121
(b) as boarding pupils	—	1	3	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	7
2. non-maintained special schs.											
(a) as day pupils	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) as boarding pupils ...	2	2	1	8	—	5	8	—	—	—	26
(ii) were on the registers of independent schs. under arrangements made by the Authority	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
(iii) were boarded in homes and not already included under (i) or (ii)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3
TOTAL C	2	5	6	14	2	11	113	5	—	—	158
D. being educated under arrangements made under Section 56 of the Education Act, 1944—											
(i) in hospitals... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(ii) in other groups (e.g., units for spastics) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(iii) at home	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	4

