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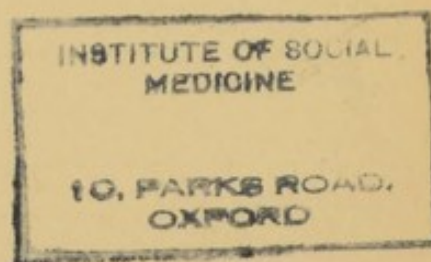
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COMMITTEE.



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1861. March 2nd. To the
Hon. Secy of the Navy.

Very respectfully,
Yours,
John A. B. S.

EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
COUNTY HALL,
IPSWICH.

October, 1945.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

MY LORDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1944; this follows the abridged version as instructed by the Ministry of Education. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking my staff, both professional and the clerical staff, under the direction of Mr. J. L. Cobbold, who has acted as Chief Clerk, for their continual co-operation during the past years.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. ATKINSON,
A/School Medical Officer.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE.

STAFF.

1. **Acting School Medical Officer:** Dr. A. G. Atkinson.
Acting Deputy School Medical Officer: Dr. C. M. Whiteford.
Assistant School Medical Officers: Dr. H. C. G. Pedler, Dr. W. M. Burns, Dr. E. A. Parkinson, Dr. M. C. Gibson, Dr. E. W. Graham, on service from 11.9.39.

By arrangement with the Director of Greenwich Hospital the County Medical Officer is Superintending Medical Officer of the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, and an Assistant County Medical Officer undertakes the routine school medical inspection. Medical inspection has been continued throughout the war years. Since January, 1944, Dr. Burns has undertaken the latter duty.

School Nurses: Miss F. M. MacDonald (Superintendent until 16.10.44), Miss M. Lindsay (Superintendent from 5.12.44), Miss J. C. Hayward (retired 30.9.44), Miss E. M. Carter (retired 30.6.44), Miss M. M. Pearsons (also acting Orthopædic Nurse), Miss A. Hatch (part-time, two-thirds).

A varying number of District Nurses (part-time).

School Dental Officers: Mrs. L. E. Broadbent, Mrs. G. M. Basford.

Dental Attendants: Miss E. M. Cable (now acting Dental Clerk), Mrs. D. M. Willis, Mrs. G. M. C. Riches (resigned 12.2.44), Mrs. Sutton (from 22.2.44).

Clerical Staff: Mr. J. L. Cobbold (Clerk in Charge of School Medical Service), Miss J. M. Willer (Medical Inspection Clerk), Miss I. G. Watson (Schedule Clerk), Miss E. M. Cable (Acting Dental Clerk), Miss M. H. Spalding ((Shorthand Typist).

2. **Co-operation with other Public Health Services.**—The report for 1939 should be referred to for these particulars.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

3. **School Hygiene.**—During 1944 one school was closed and also one department.

4. **Medical Inspection in Elementary Schools.**—The area of the administrative County for elementary school purposes, excluding the Borough of Lowestoft, is 544,445 acres, with a population of 163,371 (1931 census), 214 schools in the County are under the control of the Education Committee (111 Council and 103 Voluntary).

The number of children on the school register at the end of December term was 19,483.

			E1st Suffolk	Evacuees
1935	...	...	22,733	—
1940	...	...	18,096	—
1941	...	...	18,351	1,392
1942	...	...	18,416	618
1943	...	...	18,148	360
1944	...	...	17,906	1,577

(a) *Routine Medical Inspection.*—The following routine examinations were made during the year:—

	1944.	1943.	1942.
Entrants	1,581	2,531	2,953
Intermediates	2,046	2,153	1,821
Leavers	1,605	1,941	1,811
(b) <i>Other Inspections.</i>			
Special Examinations and Re-examinations	4,655*	7,324	7,537
Total ...	9,888	13,949	14,122
* Special examinations, 181.			
The total number of individual children inspected was ...	9,869	13,484	11,167

This drop of approximately 4,000 total inspections as compared with 1943 is accounted for by the reorganisation of the duties of the School Medical staff.

Royal Hospital School, Holbrook.—The following table shows the amount of work carried out at the Royal Hospital School, which is not included in the above figures.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF BOYS.

Year	Individual Boys examined		Number of examinations
1944	...	507	535
1943	...	556	587
1942	...	618	630
1941	...	554	579
1940	...	603	635
1939	...	677	745

ROUTINE EXAMINATIONS CARRIED OUT.

Entrants:	214	
14yr. old group	145	
15yr. old group	129	488
Re-exams:	26	
Specials:	21	47
Total:		535

Number of individual boys examined: 507.

Refraction.—31 boys were referred for refraction for the first time, and 50 placed under observation. In all 26 were subjected to refraction, glasses being advised in 18 cases, and in 8 glasses were not advised.

5. Findings of Medical Inspection.

(a)

	Number of Children examined.	NUTRITION.							
		Excellent.		Normal.		Slightly Sub-Normal.		Bad.	
		No.	Per-centage.	No.	Per-centage.	No.	Per-centage.	No.	Per-centage.
1936	7493	552	7.36	6075	81.08	863	11.52	3	.04
1937	6468	952	14.72	4546	70.28	957	14.80	13	.20
1938	5544	1287	23.21	3658	65.98	587	10.59	12	.22
1939	5023	1102	21.9	3370	67.21	546	10.8	5	.09
1940	8515	1578	18.53	5636	66.19	1263	14.83	38	.44
1941	8787	1399	15.92	6267	71.32	1107	12.59	15	.14
1942	6585	912	13.84	4830	73.34	835	12.67	8	.12
1943	6625	930	14.03	4824	72.81	867	13.09	4	.06
1944	5233	611	11.67	4071	77.79	548	10.47	3	.05

Although these figures show a considerable decrease in those marked excellent, with a corresponding increase in those classed as normal, I have received no reports from School Medical Officers suggesting that there has been any deterioration on the physical condition and well-being of the children examined by them, and I would reiterate that these figures cannot be taken as based on any accurate scientific data.

(b) *Uncleanliness—County Children.*

Vermin Tables.

	No. of Visits to Schools by School Nurses.	No. of homes visited.	Number of Examinations by School Nurses.			Number of Children examined and found verminous.					
						New Cases, for first time.			Individual Repeat Cases.		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1936	1397	426	45735	48769	94504	124	370	494	39	193	232
1937	1262	355	45921	43201	89122	111	307	418	50	162	212
1938	1271	291	45709	43487	89196	99	261	360	44	138	182
1939	1344	384	51619	49508	101127	138	347	485	66	155	221
1940	1359	305	43251	42324	85481	156	427	583	58	169	227
1941	975	236	33183	33752	66435	122	435	557	36	153	189
1942	1099	143	38515	38474	76989	124	378	502	36	136	172
1943	1046	192	33092	31276	64368	106	292	398	23	125	148
1944	1006	191	31665	32422	64087	130	383	513	27	130	157

No. of individual cases on register	...	...	...	Boys	130
.. occasions on which repeat cases were found	...	...	...	Girls	383
.. verminous	...	...	...		433
.. home visits (individual children)	...	...	...		191
.. final notices	...	...	...		21

Unfortunately the figures show some rise in the cases found verminous, but I would point out that the term verminous includes any child in which even a minimum number of nits are found, and does not mean the evident presence of living lice. The Nurses report that the presence of living lice found on examination is very small.

I cannot give any definite explanation for this sudden increase in the number of heads found verminous, but I would suggest that the continued employment of mothers in agricultural and other war work, accompanied with the increasing difficulty in obtaining materials for the adequate cleansing of the children's heads, may have had a definite effect.

Schools with no verminous children	...	...	...	98
" under 10 individual verminous children	...	...	...	103
" " 20 " " " "	...	...	...	12
" " 30 " " " "	...	...	...	1
" " 40 " " " "	...	...	...	—
" " 60 " " " "	...	...	...	—
Particulars of Schools where children were found verminous on one or more occasions.				
Total No. of individual children found verminous	...	...	...	513
Percentage of children on roll found verminous	...	...	...	2.86
No. of Schools in which verminous children found	...	...	...	116
No. of Schools in which no verminous children found	...	...	...	98

Found Verminous.	No. of Children.				No. of Schools.			
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1941	1942	1943	1944
Once	368	335	250	356	52	57	50	60
Twice	112	86	92	86	39	30	27	20
Three times	42	44	44	44	16	15	16	21
Four times	16	26	10	14	7	11	5	4
Five times	13	5	2	7	8	3	4	7
Six times	6	6	—	4	5	4	—	2
Seven times	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1
Eight times	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Nine times	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ten times	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eleven times	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Twelve times and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

The number of heads found to be verminous for each 1,000 heads examined was :—

1935	...	...	11.5
1936	...	...	10.5
1937	...	...	9.3
1938	...	...	8.5
1939	...	...	8.8
1940	...	...	11.8
1941	...	...	16.7
1942	10.5
1943	9.5
1944	14.7

Uncleanliness—Evacuee Children.

Vermin Tables.

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						New Cases, for first time.			Individual Repeat Cases.		
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1940	830	248	8515	8996	17511	106	373	479	45	157	202
1941	331	56	1794	1713	3607	27	104	131	1	30	31
1942	97	4	488	546	1034	2	14	16	—	1	1
1943	5	1	55	55	110	—	1	1	—	—	—
1944	183	20	1269	1138	2407	21	87	108	1	10	11

This large increase in the number of evacuee children examined was due to the further evacuation of children from London during the latter end of 1944, on account of increased enemy action.

No. of individual cases on register	...	Boys	21
		Girls	87
„ occasions on which repeat cases were found			
verminous	...	...	22
„ home visits (individual children)	...	...	20
Particulars of Schools where children were found verminous on one or more occasions.			
Total No. of individual children found verminous	...		108
No. of schools in which verminous children were found	...		55
Percentage of children on Roll found verminous once or more			6.84
No. of schools in which no verminous children were found	...		85

The number of heads found to be verminous for each 1,000 heads examined was:—

1939	...	125.7
1940	...	47.7
1941	...	61.0
1942	...	16.5
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1944	...	54.01

This table for evacuees may usefully be compared with the County figures as shown on Page 4, that is 14.7.

(c) *Minor Ailments and Diseases of the Skin.*—A detailed account will be found in Table II.

Ringworm of the Head.—I am glad to report that no cases of ringworm of the head have been discovered amongst children of school age during the year.

(d) *Visual Defects and External Eye Diseases.*—The smaller number of cases referred for treatment is largely due to the difficulty which has been experienced by the Optician in the provision of both lenses and frames. On this account I instructed the Assistant School Medical Officers to restrict refractions to those showing such defect of vision as would be likely to cause interference with their school work, and those in whom definite complaint of eye strain was made. I should here like to take the opportunity of stating that during the whole of the war period the Committee's Contractor has done his utmost under difficult circumstances to provide the most efficient service possible, and I do not consider that any case where glasses have been urgently required has suffered from inability to obtain glasses.

Year.	Defective Vision.	
	Referred for Treatment.	Observation Cases.
1940	*427	*802
1941	*372	*795
1942	*230	715
1943	149	633
1944	102	566

1940 *284 and 635 East Suffolk. 143 and 167 Evacuees.
 1941 *307 and 700 East Suffolk. 65 and 95 Evacuees.
 1942 *E.S. and Evacuees together.

Year.	External Eye Disease.	
	Referred for Treatment.	Observation Cases.
1940	10	27
1941	11	19
1942	2	17
1943	4	18
1944	3	7

(e) *Nose and Throat Defects.*—The following figures show the cases of tonsils and adenoids returned by the School Medical Officers during the past 5 years:—

			Referred for Treatment.	Observation Cases.
1940	...	...	53	585
1941	...	...	55	492
1942	...	...	48	375
1943	...	...	37	243
1944	...	...	21	226

6. Following Up.

1,175 visits were paid by the School Nurses and 7 by the District Nurses.

7. Medical Treatment.

(a) *Minor Ailments and Diseases of the Skin.*—There were no Minor Ailment Clinics in the County, and children suffering from these conditions were referred to their private Medical Practitioner when treatment was required.

(b) *Visual Defects and External Eye Diseases:*—

	1943.	1944.
Number of cases refracted	311	219
Number of children for whom spectacles were prescribed	258	158
* Number of children who obtained spectacles	233	147
* Through Committee, 139. Otherwise, 19		

(c) *Nose and Throat Defects.*

Tonsils and Adenoids.

	Referred for Treatment.	Observation Cases.	Treated through Education Committee.	Treated on own responsibility.	Total Number Treated.	School Roll.	Percentage.
1940	53	585	11	114	125	19659	.64
1941	55	492	32	199	231	19743	1.17
1942	48	375	29	141	170	19034	.89
1943	37	243	13	45	58	18503	.32
1944	21	226	17	8	25	19483	.12

(e) *Dental Defects.**Details of Treatment carried out.*

	FILLINGS.		EXTRACTIONS.		OTHER OPERATIONS.
	Permanent Teeth.	Temporary Teeth.	Permanent Teeth.	Temporary Teeth.	
1939	5693	434	1674	7785	3048
1940	4849	376	2034	9431	2779
1941	4952	325	1761	9829	4165
1942	4084	518	911	7705	3084
1943	2882	174	404	4546	1473
1944	2419	102	328	6637	1229

TABLE "A" (excepting Lowestoft Secondary School).

INSPECTIONS, 13,268 (8,379)

(5,619) 8,768 Referred for Treatment.	4,500 (2,767) Fit.
(2,190) 3,227 Refused.	(3,429) 5,541 Accepted.
	(5,402) 7,505 Treated.
(3,518) 5,984 Treated, but not yet fit.	(1,884) 1,521 made fit.

N.B. The figures for last year are shown in brackets.

The loss of a Dental Surgeon, as reported last year, has of necessity led to the almost complete cessation of dental treatment in the Northern part of the County. The parents' refusal for dental treatment remains approximately at the same rate as last year, namely 36.8 (37). This is still regrettably high.

(f) *Orthopaedic and Postural Defects.*

ORTHOPAEDIC TREATMENT.

	1944.	1943.	1942.
No. of cases on Register 31st December	150	105	118
No. of home visits by Orthopaedic Nurse	164	643	1,553
No. of visits to schools by " "	—	35	186
No. of treatments by " "	201	911	1,925
No. of attendances at Clinics ...	255	335	202
Hospital Treatment:—	1944.	1943.	1942.
No. of in-patients ...	13	14	17
No. of out-patients visits ...	325	234	228
Individual children as out patients ...	98	74	70
Appliances provided ...	69	44	26
X-Rays taken ...	11	18	7

It will be noticed that there is a very marked drop in the Nurses figures for 1944 as compared with the previous years. This can be accounted for by the resignation of Miss Hardcastle in May, 1943, Miss Carter in June, 1943, and Miss Hayward in September, 1943, leaving two Nurses only. Many of the children who were previously seen at home by the Orthopaedic Nurse are now seen during routine inspections at school, and these figures have not been shown in this

table. The clinics at Stowmarket and Leiston continue to function under the supervision of Miss Pearsons (School Nurse). Special home visits have of necessity taken the place of the repeated routine visits which were possible by the full-time Orthopædic Nurse. I am satisfied that the supervision has been carried out most efficiently as far as has been possible with our reduced staff.

8. Infectious and Contagious Diseases.

		No. of Cases.	Attack Rate per 1,000.
Chicken-pox	...	791	44.16
Diphtheria	...	5	.27
Influenza, colds	...	35	1.95
Measles	...	162	9.04
Mumps	...	308	17.2
Scarlet Fever	...	151	8.43
Whooping Cough	...	435	24.28
German Measles	...	412	23.0
Impetigo	...	145	8.09
Ringworm (skin)	...	9	.5
Scabies	...	121	6.7
Jaundice	...	156	8.43

Diphtheria.—The number of school children immunised during 1944 was 289.

Measles.—The peak figure last year has, as expected, been followed by a very low incidence this year.

Scarlet Fever.—There has been a small rise in the number of cases from 135 to 151, but the type remain mild in character.

Ringworm.—No cases of ringworm of the scalp were reported.

Scabies.—This again shows a definite decrease, namely 121 cases, compared with 142 last year.

Jaundice.—The Jaundice Regulations of 1943 are still in force, but the number of cases reported has decreased by more than 50 per cent. as compared with 1943, and the incidence has been sporadic in character, no epidemic outbreak having occurred. All cases coming to the notice of the Education Department continue to be reported to Dr. McFarlan, Regional Medical Research Laboratory, Cambridge.

School Closures on Medical Grounds.—Nil.

9. Physical Training.—Report not printed.

10. School Canteens.—The figures this year refer to canteens both in Elementary and Secondary Schools; in previous years Secondary school figures were excluded. The total number of meals supplied was 2,254,530. The average number of children receiving meals was 11,444. The percentage of children receiving meals in relation to the roll of schools at which canteen facilities were provided was 62.4 per cent. Of the 222 schools, 195 have canteen facilities, 17 having been added during the past year. The percentage of all children receiving meals in relation to the whole school population was 55.5 per cent. The small drop in the percentage appears to have been due chiefly to the unusually severe weather during the months of January and February.

11. Provision of Milk for School Children.—212 schools were supplied with milk by 90 suppliers. This milk includes all classes—pasteurised, tuberculin tested, accredited, and undesignated. This is an increase of 5 schools as compared with 1943.

12. Co-operation.—This remains as before.

13. Blind, Deaf, Defective and Epileptic Children.

Mentally Defective.—The following is an analysis of mentally defective children ascertained in the County:—

YEAR.	Number of Feeble-minded children on Register at end of year.	Number of children mentally tested during year.	Classified as:—			
			Idiots.	Imbeciles.	Feeble-minded.	Dull and backward.
1939	174	118	3	6	28	81
1940	204	148	3	1	51	93
1941	218	105	—	3	39	63
1942	203	139	1	8	51	79
1943	257	181	3	8	77	93
1944	268	120	1	5	54	60

Physically Defective.—There are 44 cases of children suffering with severe crippling defects, and in 7 cases children were in-patients at the South Ward of the Borough of Ipswich Isolation Hospital, with tuberculous crippling defects. This Ward has been approved by the Ministry of Education for the purpose of children receiving education whilst in-patients in the Ward. The remaining children are attending school.

Blind.—5 blind scholars are resident in special schools, 3 are awaiting admission.

Deaf.—4 deaf scholars are resident in special schools, 6 are awaiting admission.

14. Full Time Courses of Higher Education for Blind, Deaf, Defective and Epileptic Children.

The Committee have awarded training scholarships in the under-mentioned cases:—

1 Blind Student.

The following was the position at the end of the year:—

Blind Scholarships:—

7 Students in training.

1 Student awaiting training.

Cripple Scholarships:—

Nil Students in training.

1 Student awaiting training.

Deaf Scholarships:—Nil.

15. Nursery Schools. None.

16. Secondary Schools.

(a) *Medical Inspection.*—The number of Secondary Schools administered by the County Education Committee is as follows:—

4 Mixed Secondary Schools.
1 Girls' Secondary School.
1 Boys' Secondary School.

2 Mixed Secondary Schools which were evacuated in 1940, still remained away at the end of the year.

(b) *Following-up and Medical Treatment.*—Following-up is not carried out by the School Nurses for Secondary Schools. The medical treatment provided is identical with that for elementary schools and is available for all scholars.

Vision.—The number of cases of defective vision found to require refraction treatment was 19, compared with 14 in 1943.

Medical Treatment.

(a) *Minor Ailments.*—Children are referred to their private practitioners when necessary.

(b) *Tonsils and Adenoids:*—

Year.	Referred for treatment.	Observation cases.	Treated through Ed. Ctte.	Treated on own responsibility	Total number treated.
1940	—	17	—	—	—
1941	—	11	—	—	—
1942	—	3	—	4	4
1943	—	5	—	—	—
1944	1	8	—	—	—

(c) *Vision.*—

Year.	No. of cases submitted to Refraction by S.M.O.	No. of children for whom spectacles were prescribed.			No. of children who obtained spectacles.*		
		Through Ed. Ct's Scheme.	Other-wise.	Total.	Through Ed. Ct's Scheme.	Other-wise.	Total.
1940	40	36	29	65	24	32	56
1941	19	16	18	34	4	18	22
1942	23	14	27	41	20	27	47
1943	14	7	2	9	6	2	8
1944	19	13	14	24	11	4	15

* May include cases refracted in previous years.

**EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURN, 1944.**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

TABLE I.

Return of Children Inspected 1st January, 1944, to 31st December, 1944.

A.—ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.	
NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS IN THE PRESCRIBED GROUPS:—	
Entrants	1581
Second Age Group	2046
Third Age Group	1606
Total	5233
Number of other Routine Inspections	Nil.
B.—OTHER INSPECTIONS.	
Number of Special Inspections and Re-Inspections	4636

TABLE II.

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

No. of children inspected	A. (Excellent).		B. (Normal).		C. (Slightly sub-normal).		D. (Bad).	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
5233	611	11·67	14071	77·79	548	10·47	3	·05

TABLE III.

Group I.—Treatment of Minor Ailments (excluding Uncleanliness, for which see Table V).

Total number of Defects treated or under treatment during the year under the Authority's Scheme—Nil.

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

	NUMBER OF DEFECTS DEALT WITH.		
	Under the Authority's Scheme. (see note B).	Otherwise.	Total.
Errors of Refraction (including Squint). (Operations for Squint should be recorded separately in the body of the School Medical Officer's Report)	219	18	237
Other Defect or Disease of the Eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I).	—	—	—
TOTAL	219	18	237
	Under the Authority's Scheme.	Otherwise.	Total.
No. of children for whom spectacles were			
(a) Prescribed	158	18	176
* (b) Obtained	147	18	165

* Includes some previous refractions.

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. (see note b). (1)	By Private Practitioner or Hospital, apart from the Authority's Scheme. (2)		
21	—	—	21

TABLE IV.

Dental Inspection and Treatment

1) Number of Children who were Inspected by the Dentist.

Routine Age Groups	Aged 5	....	...	1789
	" 6	....	...	1422
	" 7	....	...	1374
	" 8	....	...	1374
	" 9	....	...	1457
	" 10	....	...	1208
	" 11	....	...	1224
	" 12	....	...	1216
	" 13	....	...	1014
	" 14	....	...	208
	" 15	....	...	15
Total	...	...	...	12301
Specials	....	....	....	149
Grand Total	....	....	....	12450
(2) Found to require treatment	....	....	...	8126
(3) Actually treated	....	....	...	5290
(4) Attendances made by children for treatment	....	....	...	7156
(5) Half-days devoted to	{ Inspection 113 } { Treatment 632 }		Total	745
(6) Fillings	{ Permanent Teeth 2016 } { Temporary Teeth 102 }		Total	2148
(7) Extractions	{ Permanent Teeth 301 } { Temporary Teeth 6559 }		Total	6860
(8) Administrations of general anaesthetics for extractions				—
(9) Other operations	{ Permanent Teeth 219 } { Temporary Teeth 992 }		Total	1211

TABLE V.

Verminous Conditions.

(1) Average number of visits per school made during the year by the School Nurses	...	...	4.5	*1.3
(2) Total number of examinations of children in the Schools by School Nurses	...	...	64087	*2407
(3) Number of individual children found unclean	...	...	513	*108
(4) Number of children cleansed under arrangements made by the Local Education Authority	...	...	Nil.	—
(5) Number of cases in which legal proceedings were taken :—				
(a) Under the Education Act, 1921	...	...	8	—
(b) Under School Attendance Byelaws	...	...	1	—

*Evacuees

TABLE VI.

Return of Exceptional Children in the Area found in 1944.

BLIND AND DEAF CHILDREN.

Suitable for training in a School for the totally blind or deaf.

	At Public Elementary Schools.	At an Institution other than a Special School	At no School or Institution.	Total.
Blind Children	—	—	3	3
Deaf Children	—	—	6	6

MENTALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN.

Total number of children notified during the year ended 31st December, 1944, by the Local Education Authority to the Local Mental Deficiency Authority, under the Mental Deficiency (Notification of Children) Regulations, 1928, 9 Imbeciles.

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MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURN, 1944.**

SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

TABLE I.

A.—ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

NUMBER OF CODE GROUP INSPECTIONS :—					
Entrants	....	....	....	....	479
Second Age-group 14-15 years	....				158
Total	....	....	....		637
Number of other Routine Inspections	....				NIL
B.—OTHER INSPECTIONS.					
Number of Special Inspections and Re-Inspections	...	....	....	...	66
Total	....	....	....		66

TABLE II.

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

Age Groups.	No. of children inspected	A. (Excellent).		B. (Normal).		C. (Slightly sub-normal).		D. (Bad).	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Entrants Second Age-group 14-15 years	637	77	12.08	533	83.67	27	4.23	—	—
Other Routine Inspections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE III.

Group I.—Treatment of Minor Ailments (excluding Uncleanliness, for which see Table V).

Total number of Defects treated or under treatment during the year under the Authority's Scheme, Nil.

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

	NUMBER OF DEFECTS DEALT WITH.		
	Under the Authority's Scheme (see note B).	Otherwise.	Total.
Errors of Refraction (including Squint). Operations for squint should be recorded separately in the body of the School Medical Officer's Report.	34	—	34
Other Defect or Disease of the Eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I.)	—	—	—
TOTAL	34	—	34
	Under the Authority's Scheme.	Otherwise.	Total.
No. of children for whom spectacles were			
(a) Prescribed	24	—	24
(b) Obtained	16	—	16

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

NUMBER OF DEFECTS.			
RECEIVED OPERATIVE TREATMENT.			
Under the Authority's Scheme in Clinic or Hospital. (see note B). (1)	By Private Practitioner or Hospital, apart from the Authority's Scheme. (2)	Received other form of treatment. (3)	Total Number Treated. (4)
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

TABLE IV.

Dental Inspection and Treatment.

(1) Number of children who were Inspected by the Dentist:—						Total.
Routine Age Groups	{	Aged 8	...	...	...	4
		" 9	...	...	...	7
		" 10	...	...	...	51
		" 11	...	...	...	195
		" 12	...	...	...	145
		" 13	...	...	...	174
		" 14	...	...	...	176
		" 15	...	...	...	131
		" 16	...	...	...	51
		" 17	...	...	...	29
		" 18	...	...	...	4
		" 19	...	...	...	—
Total	...	...	...	...	...	967
Specials	...	...	...	...	...	3
Grand Total	...	...	...	...	...	970
(2) Found to require treatment	...	...	...	...	...	642
(3) Actually treated	...	...	...	...	...	225
(4) Attendances made by children for treatment	...	...	...	...	...	349
(5) Half-days devoted to	{ Inspection 5 } { Treatment 35 }		Total	...	...	40
(6) Fillings	{ Permanent Teeth 373 } { Temporary Teeth — }		Total	...	...	373
(7) Extractions	{ Permanent Teeth 27 } { Temporary Teeth 78 }		Total	...	...	105
(8) Administrations of general anaesthetics for extractions	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(9) Other operations	{ Permanent Teeth 17 } { Temporary Teeth 1 }		Total	...	...	18

