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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
**Principal School Medical Officer**

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
COUNTY HALL, IPSWICH.  
*May, 1958.*

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE,

MY LORDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Once again I have pleasure in submitting the annual report on the work of the School Health Service.

During 1957 the Service has had to play its part in absorbing the considerable amount of time-consuming effort involved in providing large scale vaccination against poliomyelitis, since the School Medical Officers also undertake duties for the Local Health Authority.

This additional responsibility meant a reduction in the amount of normal routine work carried out by both medical and nursing staff, and although this reduction was not marked during 1957, it will certainly be noticeable at the end of the current year. I think it is very satisfactory, however, that the School Health Service has been able to share in this new step forward in the field of preventive medicine.

Although statistics can sometimes be misleading, it seems fair to conclude from those presented in this Report that the school-children of Suffolk have maintained a reasonable standard of health throughout the year and no great deviation from the normal is evident in the number or type of defects discovered at school medical inspections.

No useful purpose would be served by commenting at length on the chronic shortage of dental officers and speech therapists. All that can be said with certainty is that the situation is not likely to improve for a considerable time.

The writing of this introduction gives me yet another welcome opportunity of recording my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the School Welfare Sub-Committee for their unfailing support, to the Chief Education Officer and his teaching and administrative staff for their courtesy and generous help, and to my own medical, nursing and clerical staff for the work done, despite difficulties, during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

S. T. G. GRAY,

*Principal School Medical Officer.*

## SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

### 1. (a) Staff.

#### Principal School Medical Officer:

S. T. G. Gray, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

#### School Medical Officers:

P. G. Cannon, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (resigned 31/1/57).

K. M. Harding, M.D., D.P.H.

C. H. Imrie, T.D., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

J. F. Morrison, M.D., D.C.H. (part-time).

H. E. Nutten, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (from 1/2/57).

G. E. Pryce, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O. (part-time).

C. S. Webster, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (part-time).

The aggregate of time given to School Health Service work is equivalent to the services of 2.66 full-time Officers.

#### Speech Therapists:

Mrs. E. A. Smyth, L.C.S.T.

Miss S. E. M. Nicholson, L.C.S.T. (resigned 28/2/57).

Mrs. O. DePinto, L.C.S.T., (from 18/2/57).

#### Principal School Dental Officer:

Mr. C. D. Macpherson, L.D.S.

#### School Dental Officers:

Mr. J. E. Benfield, L.D.S.

Mr. F. W. Walmsley, L.D.S.

Mr. J. D. F. Helme, L.D.S. (part-time)

#### County Nursing Officer:

Miss M. Vaughan-Jones, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

#### Deputy County Nursing Officer:

Miss H. Place, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

**School Nurses:** Miss E. L. Alnblad (resigned 15/4/57), Miss B. C. Broughton, Mrs. D. Carter, Miss J. P. Cosnett, Miss W. M. Deakin, Miss M. C. Edwards, Miss B. L. Frost, Miss M. N. Hardingham, Miss S. Leighton (resigned 11/2/57), Miss L. Luff, Miss M. Naylor (from 1/10/57), Miss M. M. Pearsons, Mrs. G. T. G. Robertson (resigned 30/9/57), Miss A. Rooney, Miss M. Scott (part-time), Miss K. Smith, Miss D. Wilding (resigned 7/2/57), Miss S. J. Williams.

The aggregate of time given to School Health Service work is equivalent to the services of 4.675 full-time School Nurses.

#### Dental Attendants:

Miss J. C. Edmonds.

Mrs. M. B. E. Scrivener.

Mrs. S. Woodward.

### 1. (b) School Clinics.

The following are the permanent clinics in the Education Authority's area:—

#### County Area:

<i>Place.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Services Provided.</i>
Beccles ...	Crowfoot School	Dental Speech Therapy.
Ipswich ...	The County Hall	Dental (Orthodontic), by appointment only.
Leiston ...	The County Health Clinic, "Daneway," Haylings Rd.	Dental.
Saxmundham	The County Health Clinic, Saxmundham	Chest Clinic (by Regional Hospital Board). Child Psychiatry (by Regional Hospital Board). Ophthalmic (by Regional Hospital Board).
Stowmarket	The County Health Clinic, 8 Violet Hill	Chest Clinic (by Regional Hospital Board). Dental. Speech Therapy. Ophthalmic (by Regional Hospital Board).
Woodbridge	Eden Lodge, Cumberland Street.	Speech Therapy.

#### Lowestoft Exempted District:

Connaught House Clinic, 123 High Street.	Minor ailments.
Kirkley Clinic, Southwell Road	Minor ailments. Dental.

2. **Co-operation with other Public Health Services.**—As during last year liaison between all concerned with the health of the school child has been satisfactory.

### PRIMARY, SECONDARY MODERN AND GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

3. **Hygiene and Sanitation in Schools.**—During the last twelve months only a limited amount of improvement work has been possible, but 16 schools have benefited as follows:—

Mains water ...	...	...	...	...	2 schools
New cesspools	...	...	...	...	1 "
Washbasins ...	...	...	...	...	10 "
New or additional lavatories	...	...	...	...	4 "
New drainage, or improvements to existing drainage	...	...	...	...	1 "

4. **Medical Inspection in Schools.**—The area of the administrative County for school purposes, excluding the Borough of Lowestoft, is 543,812 acres, with a population of 174,224 (1951 census), 214 schools in the County are under the control of the Education Committee (192 Primary, 14 Secondary Modern, 7 Secondary Grammar and Ashley Downs Special School, Lowestoft).

The number of children on the school register at the end of the December term was 23,868.

East Suffolk  
(excluding Lowestoft).

1955	...	...	23,524 (including 2,006 at Secondary Grammar Schools).
1956	...	...	23,964 (including 2,107 at Secondary Grammar Schools).
1957	...	...	23,868 (including 2,187 at Secondary Grammar Schools).

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

			1957.	1956.	1955.
Entrants	...	...	3,088	3,855	2,563
Second Age Group	...	...	2,412	2,292	2,000
Third Age Group	...	...	991	1,299	1,130

(b) *Other Inspections.*

Ashley Downs Special School	...	54
*Special Examinations and Re-examinations		6,296
Total	...	12,841
*Special examinations, 619		
Total number of individual children examined was	... ..	10,125

## 5. Findings of Medical Inspection.

(a)

Year	Number of Pupils Inspected	PHYSICAL CONDITION			
		Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		Number	Per-centage	Number	Per-centage
1956	7,494	7,271	97.02	223	2.97
1957	6,545	6,409	97.92	136	2.07

(b) *Uncleanliness.**Vermin Tables.*

	No. of Visits to Schools by School Nurses.	No. of home visits.	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
1952	548	80	23076	22173	45249	27	85	112	11	32	43
1953	743	196	30854	29195	60049	48	124	172	20	64	84
1954	689	151	31121	29327	60448	35	110	145	9	35	44
1955	723	134	31924	29906	61830	32	73	105	14	23	37
1956	602	117	25109	24935	50044	17	54	71	7	25	32
1957	504	82	24669	24245	48914	9	46	55	9	14	23

The number of children found to be verminous for each 1,000 head examinations was:—

1952	...	...	2.49
1953	...	...	2.86
1954	...	...	2.39
1955	...	...	1.70
1956	...	...	1.42
1957	...	...	1.12

(c) *Ringworm of the Head.*—No cases of ringworm of the head were diagnosed or treated through the School Health Service during 1957.

(d) *Visual Defects and External Eye Diseases.*

Year.	Defective Vision.	
	Referred for Treatment.	Observation Cases.
1956 ... ..	350	1117
1957 ... ..	273	929

Year.	External Eye Disease.	
	Referred for Treatment.	Observation Cases.
1956 ... ..	28	82
1957 ... ..	15	67

*(e) Nose and Throat Defects.*

Year.	Tonsils and Adenoids.	
	Referred for Treatment.	Observation Cases.
1956 ... ..	48	539
1957 ... ..	47	408

**6. Following Up.**

During the year the School Nurses made 714 visits to the homes of children in need of medical and surgical treatment to ensure that the parents consulted the family doctor and carried out his recommendations.

**7. Medical Treatment.**

*(a) Minor Ailments and Diseases of the Skin.*—There are 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.*—The arrangements made for this work to be carried out through the Supplementary Ophthalmic Services under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, appear to be working satisfactorily. These arrangements are supplemented by the Regional Hospital Board, who have at present 2 ophthalmic clinics in operation in the County, held in the Committee's clinic premises at Saxmundham and Stowmarket. Information so far obtained by follow-up home visits shows that of 272 children whose sight was tested by ophthalmic medical practitioners or ophthalmic opticians, 212 were prescribed glasses and all have obtained them. In 49 cases glasses were found to be unnecessary at present. In addition, 4 children received operative treatment for squint.

*(c) Nose and Throat Defects.**Tonsils and Adenoids.*

Since all children who are considered by the School Medical Officers at routine medical inspections to require treatment for nose and throat defects are now referred to their own doctors, it is not possible to provide any accurate statistics. Information so far obtained by follow-up home visits and from hospital reports shows that 92 children have received operative treatment, while 9 were not considered to require it at present.

*Other Conditions.*

Seven children were referred for treatment for various nasal conditions and, as far as can be ascertained, all have been treated.

*(d) Dental Inspection and Treatment.*

The Principal School Dental Officer, Mr. C. D. Macpherson, L.D.S., reports as follows:—

No additional Dental Officers have been appointed during the year so the service remains under-staffed.

In the North-East of the County it has been possible to reduce the interval between inspections, in consequence of which we may expect a gradual

improvement in the dental condition of the children in this area. More frequent inspections will initiate a positive and favourable time/treatment relationship here in place of the "vicious circle" to which I have drawn attention in former reports—and which, unhappily, still prevails throughout the rest of the County.

In August, permanent dental equipment was installed in a room in County Hall to replace the collapsible and portable equipment used there hitherto. This room is used for orthodontic treatment and radiography in addition to routine dental treatment.

The time devoted to orthodontic treatment cannot be increased at present owing to the volume of dental treatment required.

The X-ray apparatus has proved a great asset and children from all parts of the County have been referred for radiographs which are developed immediately so that treatment may be devised without delay.

In view of the public concern about radiation hazards, I would stress that:

(a) Exposures are made only when they are essential for accurate diagnosis.

(b) The average exposure time is less than one second.

There is, therefore, no appreciable increased risk to children through the use of this machine.

Dental Health Education is an important factor in controlling Dental Disease and talks to parents supplement the guidance given to children.

I am pleased to report that this year, for the first time, each Dental Officer has an equipped surgery within his area, in which he may carry out treatment to the greater comfort of the patient and increased convenience to himself. The Dental Officers appreciate the steady progress that has been made in improving their working conditions.

(e) *Orthopaedic and Postural Defects.*

Since, during 1950, the responsibility for the making of appointments for school-children to see the Orthopaedic Surgeon at the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital was passed to the Hospital Management Committee it has not been possible to establish an effective system for the exchange of information. No statistics relating to this form of treatment can therefore be given.

(f) *Child Guidance.*

The Ipswich Group Hospital Management Committee's Consultant Psychiatrist, Dr. J. G. Howells, has kindly submitted the following short statistical summary of the work carried out by his Department during the year in respect of children residing in the Committee's area:—

New Cases—East Suffolk (excluding Lowestoft and Ipswich) ... ..	132
Referred by—G.P.s and Hospitals ...	120
School Medical Officer ...	9
Court ... ..	3
	—
	132
	—
Clinic Interviews ...	1,662
School Visits ... ..	28
Home Visits ... ..	75
Number of children attending at 1.1.57 ...	84
Number of children attending at 31.12.57 ...	122

*(g) Speech Therapy.*

At the beginning of the year there were two Speech Therapists working in the County, Mrs. E. A. Smyth, L.C.S.T., in the South, and Miss S. Nicholson, L.C.S.T. in the North. In February Miss Nicholson resigned, but there was no break in the continuity of treatment in her area as she was immediately replaced by Mrs. O. de Pinto, L.C.S.T. Unfortunately, however, this officer became ill at the beginning of October and was still off duty at the end of the year.

Only in the comparatively small area served by Mrs. Smyth has it, therefore, been possible to maintain regular treatment, with weekly clinic sessions in Felixstowe, Stowmarket and Woodbridge, and regular visits to a very small number of schools.

The number of children receiving treatment for various defects was 56, which is extremely disappointing in view of the value and popularity of Speech Therapy and the great need for it which exists throughout the County.

*(h) Immunisation and Vaccination.*

During the year 43 pupils who had not previously been treated were immunised against diphtheria and 1,462 received re-inforcing doses.

Through arrangements made by the Education Committee with the Ipswich Group Hospital Management Committee's Consultant Chest Physician, 160 pupils between 13 and 14 years of age were given B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis.

**8. Infectious and Contagious Diseases.**

The table below shows the number of children known to have been excluded from school, either suffering from, or being contacts of the infectious and contagious diseases named.

			<i>No. of Cases.</i>
Chicken-pox	...	...	395
Diphtheria	...	...	—
Measles	...	...	1,100
Mumps ...	...	...	751
Scarlet Fever	...	...	28
Whooping Cough	...	...	318
German Measles ...	...	...	88
Impetigo	...	...	27
Ringworm (skin) ...	...	...	5
Scabies ...	...	...	2
Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)			2
Tonsillitis	...	...	8
Influenza	...	...	827
Eye Infections	...	...	5

*School Closures:*—There was no need to close any school on account of infectious disease during 1957.

**9. Physical Training and Remedial Exercises.**

The Committee's Chief Organiser of Physical Education, Mr. H. Stott, reports as follows:—

“The method of dealing with cases reported to be in need of remedial exercises remained unchanged and was reasonably satisfactory.

During the year further efforts were made to enlist the co-operation of parents which is so necessary, both in the normal physical development

and in the correction of deviations from normal of children. Many visits were made to Parents' Meetings arranged through the schools, where talks, illustrated by films, were given. This direct appeal to parents has proved most valuable.

The lack of Specialist Teachers in the Secondary Schools lessens considerably the potential value of Physical Education because it is the corrective and remedial side, dealt with through gymnastics, which is denied to the children.

(a) Total number of children concerned:—

1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
282	124	167	134	80

(b) Summary of cases reported. N.B.—Some cases fall under more than one heading.

Foot conditions	...	...	...	51
Round Shoulder, Poor posture, etc.	...	...	...	33
Mouth Breather	...	...	...	2

(c) Distribution of cases:—

		<i>Under 12</i>	<i>Over 12</i>	<i>Total</i>
(i) Boys:	1953	88	64	152
	1954	42	21	63
	1955	57	8	65
	1956	42	16	58
	1957	40	5	45
(ii) Girls:	1953	55	75	130
	1954	38	23	61
	1955	68	34	102
	1956	51	25	76
	1957	30	5	35

(d) Schools:

		1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
County Grammar	...	9	12	0	1	0
County Modern, Area, and Full Standard	...	167	47	54	58	20
Junior and Infant	...	106	65	112	75	60"

## 10. School Meals.

The Chief Education Officer has supplied the following information relating to the work of the School Meals Service during the year:—

"The average number of children taking meals in 1957 was about 14,100 or 58.7% of the children at school, compared with 62.4% in 1956.

Some building projects have been completed during the year. A small Central Kitchen has been provided at Pettaugh. This kitchen also serves Crowfield, Coddendam and Gosbeck. These schools, originally served by Stowmarket Central Kitchen (now closed down) had been temporarily served by Debenham School.

Flixton, Carlton Colville and Brampton Schools previously served by Beccles Central Kitchen now have their own kitchens.

Halesworth Modern School, newly constructed, has kitchen and dining room accommodation for 240 pupils. The opening of this school and the consequent transference of the senior pupils from the Halesworth Primary School has made it possible for the latter to serve Wissett, Rumburgh, South Elmham All Saints and Chediston. These schools had previously been served by Beccles Central Kitchen.

Alterations and additions to Waldringfield School have included the provision of new kitchen and dining space which replace the old one at the Village Hall. At Beccles County Modern School the kitchen has been enlarged and additional equipment installed.

The kitchen at Badingham School has been closed owing to fall in numbers. It is now served from the kitchen at Dennington School".

### 11. Provision of Milk for School Children.

The Milk in Schools Scheme entitles each child to receive a free daily allowance of one third pint of milk. This report deals with the supply of milk to 213 maintained and 37 non-maintained schools in the County (excluding Lowestoft).

#### 1. *Popularity of the Scheme.*

Maintained Schools—23,984 children on roll in October, 16,542, that is 69.1%, were receiving milk—compared with 75.3% in 1956.

Non-maintained Schools—3,752 children on roll in October, 3,363, that is 89.6%, were receiving milk—compared with 92.2% in 1956.

#### 2. *Delivery.*

With one exception all schools received milk in one-third pint bottles.

The milk was delivered by 37 dairymen, 33 of these obtain milk pasteurised and bottled at 14 licensed pasteurisation establishments, the remaining 4 delivered raw milk produced and bottled at their own dairies.

#### 3. *Quality of Milk.*

##### (a) *General.*

The County Medical Officer of Health must approve all supplies and where possible milk should be Pasteurised or Tuberculin Tested. At the end of the year only 6 schools were not receiving "Pasteurised Milk"; these schools, Crowfield, Dunwich, Gosbeck, Pettaugh, Tuddenham and Southwold St. Felix, were receiving a Tuberculin Tested supply. No undesignated milk was supplied to schools in the County throughout the year.

### Types of Milk approved by County Medical Officer, December, 1957.

#### *Maintained Schools*

<i>Designation</i>	<i>No. of Schools</i>	<i>Percentage of all Schools</i>	<i>No. of 1/3rd pints daily</i>	<i>Percentage of total supply</i>
Pasteurised ...	208	97.6	16,439	99.38
Tuberculin Tested ...	5	2.3	103	0.62

#### *Non-Maintained Schools*

<i>Designation</i>	<i>No. of Schools</i>	<i>Percentage of all Schools</i>	<i>No. of 1/3rd pints daily</i>	<i>Percentage of total supply</i>
Pasteurised ...	36	97.2	3,090	91.88
Tuberculin Tested ...	1	2.7	273	8.12

*(b) Supervision of Supplies*

Six of the 14 sources of pasteurised milk are situated within the County; in these cases supervision was maintained by inspection of dairies, plant, bottles, etc. In all other cases a close liaison is maintained with officers of the appropriate Food and Drugs Authorities for this purpose.

Samples of milk were taken and examined for the following purposes:

*(i) Freedom from Infection.*

All raw milk supplies were sampled regularly and submitted for biological examination. 17 samples were taken and all were found to be satisfactory.

*(ii) Keeping Quality and Efficiency of Pasteurisation*

Thirty-nine samples were taken for this purpose; 1 failed the Methylene Blue Test for keeping quality. All samples satisfied the Phosphatase Test for efficient pasteurisation.

*(iii) Chemical Quality.*

Fourteen samples were examined for this purpose and all samples proved satisfactory.

**12. Co-operation with Voluntary Bodies.***National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*

As in the past, the Officers of the Society have this year been very helpful in ensuring that in certain cases children received medical treatment. They have also been of great assistance in the more general aspect of the welfare of children attending the Committee's schools.

**13. Handicapped Pupils.**—The Handicapped Pupils and School Health Service Regulations, 1953, detail ten categories of defects which require special educational treatment, and the following statistics indicate the progress that has been made in ascertaining and dealing with children who come within the scope of the Regulations. More detailed statistical information will be found in the Tables at the end of this Report.

*Educationally Subnormal.*—The following table shows the number of educationally subnormal children at present ascertained in the County, 47 of whom are in residential Special Schools.

Year	No. of Educationally Subnormal Children on Register at end of year.	No. of Children mentally tested during year	Classified as—				
			Requiring treatment in a Special School		Requiring special class at an ordinary School	Retarded only, not requiring any Special Education	Requiring Notification to Local Authority as being ineducable.
			Res.	Day			
1956	184	55	37	—	12	—	6
1957	171	38	20	—	9	—	9

<i>Other Defects—</i>	<i>Total ascertained</i>	<i>At Special School.</i>
Blind Pupils ... ..	1	1
Partially Sighted Pupils ... ..	8	6
Deaf Pupils ... ..	16	16
Partially Deaf Pupils ... ..	7	4 (1 at Independent School)
Delicate Pupils ... ..	3	1
Epileptic Pupils ... ..	1	—
Maladjusted Pupils ... ..	29	13 (4 at Independent Schools)
Physically Handicapped Pupils ... ..	24	6 (1 at Independent School)
Pupils suffering from Speech Defect ... ..	1	—
<b>Multiple Defects:</b>		
Educationally Subnormal and Physically Handicapped ... ..	4	1
Educationally Subnormal and Maladjusted ... ..	1	1
Educationally Subnormal and Epileptic ... ..	1	—
Educationally Subnormal, Physically Handicapped and Partially Sighted ... ..	1	1 at Independent School
Epileptic and Educationally Subnormal ... ..	2	2
Educationally Subnormal and Partially Sighted ... ..	1	—
Maladjusted and Educationally Subnormal ... ..	1	—

#### **14. Full Time Courses of Technical Training for Handicapped Children.**

Two blind students were in training during 1957, but one of these completed the course during the year. There were no students awaiting training.

One student completed the training course at the Chalfont Colony for Epileptics during 1957.

#### **15. Nursery Schools.**

There are at present no Nursery Schools in the County.

#### **16. Employment of Children.**

Under the County Council's bye-laws regulating the employment of children, 416 pupils were medically examined and found fit to be employed in various specified occupations.

**EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURN, 1957.**

**TABLE I.**

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

A.—PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Age Groups Inspected and Number of Pupils examined in each						
Entrants	...	...	...	...	...	3,088
Second Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	2,412
Third Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	991
Total						6,491
Additional Periodic Inspections†	...	...	...	...	...	54
Grand Total						6,545

B.—OTHER INSPECTIONS

Number of Special Inspections	...	...	...	...	619	
Number of Re-Inspections	...	...	...	...	5,677	
Total						6,296

C.—PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT.

Number of Individual Pupils found at Periodic Medical Inspection to require treatment (excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with Vermin).

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

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

Age Groups Inspected.	For defective vision (excluding squint).	For any of the other conditions recorded in Table III.	Total individual pupils.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Entrants ...	51	46	73
Second Age Group ...	41	28	58
Third Age Group ...	20	2	20
Total	112	76	151
Additional Periodic Inspections† ...	2	10	12
<b>GRAND TOTAL ...</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>163</b>

†E.g. Pupils at special schools or who missed the usual periodic examination.

D.—CLASSIFICATION OF THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED IN THE AGE GROUPS RECORDED IN TABLE 1.A.

Age Groups Inspected	No of Pupils Inspected	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		No.	% of Col. (2)	No.	% of Col. (2)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Entrants ... ..	3,088	3,011	97.50	77	2.49
Second Age Group ...	2,412	2,362	97.93	50	2.07
Third Age Group ...	991	983	99.19	8	0.81
Additional Periodic Inspections ... ..	54	53	98.14	1	1.85
TOTAL ... ..	6,545	6,409	97.92	136	2.07

TABLE II.

INFESTATION WITH VERMIN.

(i) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by the school nurses or other authorized persons ...	48,914
(ii) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested ...	65
(iii) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2), Education Act, 1944) ...	—
(iv) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54 (3), Education Act, 1944) ...	—

TABLE III.

RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION IN  
THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1957.

## A.—PERIODIC INSPECTIONS.

Defect Code No.	Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS				TOTAL (including all other age groups inspected)	
		Entrants		Leavers		Requiring Treatment (7)	Requiring Observation (8)
		Requiring Treatment (3)	Requiring Observation (4)	Requiring Treatment (5)	Requiring Observation (6)		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
4	Skin ...	2	52	—	26	3	110
5	Eyes—						
	(a) Vision ...	53	426	20	126	114	815
	(b) Squint ...	2	62	—	9	2	105
	(c) Other ...	2	33	—	4	2	65
6	Ears—						
	(a) Hearing ...	1	49	—	6	2	66
	(b) Otitis Media	—	53	1	2	3	65
	(c) Other ...	—	26	—	3	1	42
7	Nose & Throat	10	357	—	22	13	500
8	Speech ...	7	62	—	2	9	83
9	Lymphatic Glands	1	52	—	6	1	83
10	Heart ...	—	29	—	9	—	51
11	Lungs ...	1	117	—	17	1	192
12	Developmental—						
	(a) Hernia ...	—	8	—	—	—	11
	(b) Other ...	—	62	—	7	2	139
13	Orthopaedic—						
	(a) Posture ...	4	36	—	28	8	128
	(b) Feet ...	7	87	—	22	13	146
	(c) Other ...	3	93	1	21	9	173
14	Nervous System—						
	(a) Epilepsy ...	2	2	—	—	2	4
	(b) Other ...	—	8	—	—	—	13
15	Psychological—						
	(a) Development	1	15	—	5	2	38
	(b) Stability ...	—	30	—	2	—	52
16	Abdomen ...	—	8	—	1	—	12
17	Other ...	13	92	—	15	13	166

TABLE III (Continued).

## B.—SPECIAL INSPECTIONS.

Defect Code No. (1)	Defect or Disease (2)	SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
		Requiring Treatment (3)	Requiring Observation (4)
4	Skin ... ..	1	4
5	Eyes— (a) Vision ... ..	11	21
	(b) Squint ... ..	—	1
	(c) Other ... ..	—	2
6	Ears— (a) Hearing ... ..	1	3
	(b) Otitis Media ... ..	—	—
	(c) Other ... ..	—	1
7	Nose and Throat ... ..	1	4
8	Speech ... ..	—	4
9	Lymphatic Glands ... ..	—	—
10	Heart ... ..	—	—
11	Lungs ... ..	—	2
12	Developmental— (a) Hernia ... ..	—	—
	(b) Other ... ..	—	2
13	Orthopaedic— (a) Posture ... ..	1	3
	(b) Feet ... ..	—	—
	(c) Other ... ..	—	1
14	Nervous System— (a) Epilepsy ... ..	1	—
	(b) Other ... ..	—	—
15	Psychological— (a) Development ... ..	—	2
	(b) Stability ... ..	—	—
16	Abdomen ... ..	—	1
17	Other ... ..	—	5

TABLE IV.

## TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS).

## NOTES:—

In Groups 1, 2 and 3 treatment includes all defects treated or under treatment during the year by the Authority's own staff, however brought to the Authority's notice (i.e., whether by periodic inspection, special inspection, or otherwise during the year in question or previously) or provided otherwise than by the Authority (i.e. known by the Authority to have been provided, including treatment carried out in school clinics by the Regional Hospital Board).

## GROUP 1.—EYE DISEASES, DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT.

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with.	
	By the Authority	Otherwise
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint ... ..	—	9
Errors of refraction (including squint) ... ..	—	269
Total ... ..	—	278
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed ... ..	—	226

## GROUP 2.—DISEASES AND DEFECTS OF EAR, NOSE &amp; THROAT.

	Number of cases known to have been treated	
	By the Authority	Otherwise
Received operative treatment—		
(a) for diseases of the ear ... ..	—	1
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis ... ..	—	92
(c) for other nose and throat conditions ... ..	—	—
Received other forms of treatment ... ..	—	31
Total ... ..	—	124
Total Number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids—		
(a) in 1957 ... ..	—	1
(b) in previous years ... ..	—	2

## GROUP 3.—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS.

	By the Authority	Otherwise
Number of pupils known to have been treated at clinics and out-patient departments ... ..	—	13

## GROUP 4.—DISEASES OF THE SKIN (excluding uncleanliness for which see Table II).

	Number of cases treated or under treatment during the year by the Authority
Ringworm—(i) Scalp ... ..	—
(ii) Body ... ..	—
Scabies ... ..	—
Impetigo ... ..	—
Other skin diseases ... ..	—
Total ... ..	—

## GROUP 5.—CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT.

Number of pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics under arrangements made by the Authority ... ..	—
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## GROUP 6.—SPEECH THERAPY.

Number of pupils treated by Speech Therapists under arrangements made by the Authority ... ..	188
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## GROUP 7.—OTHER TREATMENT GIVEN.

(a) Number of cases of miscellaneous minor ailments treated by the Authority ...	—
(b) Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements ... ..	—
(c) Pupils who received B.C.G. vaccination	160
(d) Other than (a), (b) and (c) above—	
1. ... ..	—
2. ... ..	—
Total (a)-(d) ... ..	160

TABLE V.

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT CARRIED OUT  
BY THE AUTHORITY.

(1) Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers:—					
(a) At Periodic Inspections	...	...	...	...	10,574
(b) As Specials	...	...	...	...	95
			Total (1)	...	10,669
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(2) Number found to require treatment	...	...	...	...	5,814
(3) Number offered treatment	...	...	...	...	5,814
(4) Number actually treated	...	...	...	...	4,074
(5) Number of attendances made by pupils for treatment, including those recorded at heading 11(h)	...	...	...	...	6,526
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(6) Half-days devoted to: Periodic (School) Inspection	...	...	...	...	153
Treatment	...	...	...	...	1,201
			Total (6)	...	1,354
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(7) Fillings:	Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	3,018
	Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	403
			Total (7)	...	3,421
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(8) Number of Teeth filled: Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	2,797
	Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	377
			Total (8)	...	3,174
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(9) Extractions:	Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	735
	Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	3,147
			Total (9)	...	3,882
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(10) Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	...	...	...	...	24
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(11) Orthodontics:					
(a) Cases commenced during the year	...	...	...	...	31
(b) Cases carried forward from previous year	...	...	...	...	22
(c) Cases completed during the year	...	...	...	...	3
(d) Cases discontinued during the year	...	...	...	...	2
(e) Pupils treated with appliances	...	...	...	...	26
(f) Removable appliances fitted	...	...	...	...	26
(g) Fixed appliances fitted	...	...	...	...	—
(h) Total attendances	...	...	...	...	213
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(12) Number of pupils supplied with artificial dentures	...	...	...	...	18
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(13) Other operations:					
Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	917
Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	1,037
			Total (13)	...	1,954
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HANDICAPPED PUPILS REQUIRING EDUCATION AT SPECIAL  
SCHOOLS OR BOARDING IN BOARDING HOMES.

During the calendar year ended 31st December, 1957	(1) Blind (2) Partially sighted		(3) Deaf (4) Partially deaf		(5) Delicate (6) Physically handicapped		(7) Educa- tionally sub- normal (8) Mal- adjusted		(9) Epi- leptic	Total 1-9
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
A. Handicapped pu- pils <i>newly placed</i> in special schools or boarding homes	—	1	1	2	1	2	20	—	—	27
B. Handicapped pu- pils <i>newly assessed</i> as needing special educational treat- ment at special schools or in boarding homes	—	1	—	—	—	—	17	4	—	22
On or about 31st Jan- uary, 1958 number of handicapped pu- pils from the Auth- ority's area—										
C. (i) on the registers of special schools as:										
(a) day pupils ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3
(b) boarding pu- pils ...	1	6	17	4	1	3	55	9	2	98
(ii) on the regis- ters of independ- ent schools under arrangements made by the Authority ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	—	6
(iii) boarded in homes and not al- ready included under (i) or (ii)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL C. ...	1	6	17	4	1	4	59	13	2	107
D. being educated under arrange- ments made under Section 56 of the Education Act, 1944.										
(i) in hospitals ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(ii) in other groups (e.g., units for spastics, conval- escent homes) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(iii) at home ...	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	6



**BOROUGH OF LOWESTOFT.****(EXCEPTED DISTRICT).**

The following report on the work of the School Health Service during 1957 has been prepared by Dr. A. C. Gee, School Medical Officer for Lowestoft.

A perusal of the statistics comprising the bulk of this report, and their comparison with those of previous years, will indicate that the amount of work carried out during the year continues at approximately the same level. One feature of the statistics for the year is that they indicate a higher percentage of pupils placed in the "satisfactory" group for physical condition than ever before; figures of 99.8%, 99.6% and 100% for the three age groups being particularly gratifying. So too is the fact that there has been a drop in the number of cases of infestation with head vermin. One hopes that eventually this figure will fall to zero, but the continued existence of small pockets of infestation makes this goal difficult to achieve. Members of the Committee can be assured that we are doing all we can to stamp out this nuisance.

The types and numbers of defects found during medical inspection are much the same as before; defects of the eyes heading the list as usual. It is of interest to note that the number of speech defects found is quite surprisingly high.

**Dental Services.**

The total volume of dental work remains at the same level and as will be seen from the statistics, is high. Members of the Committee will need no reminding, I know, of our good fortune in having two wholtime dental surgeons to cope with this volume of work. During the year under review the question of emergency dental extractions has arisen on one or two occasions and it might be appropriate, therefore, to draw attention, in this report, to the position as it exists at the moment.

Whilst on humanitarian grounds every effort is naturally made to relieve cases of toothache, circumstances frequently make immediate extractions impossible. In every such case, however, an appointment is given for the first available opportunity and this is usually possible within a day or so. In view of the fact that we have a wholtime adequate dental service in the Borough for the prevention of dental caries, it is reasonable to expect parents to insist on their children attending for dental treatment in its early stages, before dental abscesses, necessitating emergency extractions, occur. Our school dental surgeons are naturally reluctant to have to stop their normal work of treating those who do attend regularly to cope with someone who, as likely as not, has consistently refused treatment which has been repeatedly offered on previous occasions. This attitude is one which appears to be adopted also by the private dental practitioners in the town. They find it difficult to fit in what they term the 'casual' patient.

The dentists point out that where a child regularly attends for periodic inspections the need for emergency treatment should never arise; the obvious remedy is for parents to ensure that their children's teeth receive this attention through the school dental service or otherwise.

### **Infectious Diseases.**

The year was a heavy one for measles, the peak of the epidemic occurring in May. Apart from this infection, the school population was comparatively free from infectious disease. Of the seven cases of poliomyelitis occurring in the Borough, three were school children.

Booster injections against diphtheria were continued for the entrants, some 229 children being immunised in this way. Immunisation against poliomyelitis was also begun, but due to limited supplies of vaccine, only a few school children received their injections during the period under review.

### **Connaught House Clinic.**

Discussions continued throughout the year about the future of the premises used for school clinic purposes at the north end of the town. It is good to be able to report that all the authorities concerned are now in agreement that new and larger clinic facilities are required. However, the suggestion that no further progress in planning a new building can be made until an overall plan has been agreed for the Civic Centre, leaves one with a feeling that we shall have to occupy these present premises for a very long time yet.

### **Speech Therapy.**

In my last year's report I outlined a scheme to use the services of an Elocutionist to provide some speech training for pupils with less severe types of speech defect. This experiment worked well, much valuable help being given to the cases concerned and, from the remarks of teachers, the thanks of parents and my own observations, I can report that this innovation was successful. We were, however, successful in appointing a speech therapist towards the end of the year in the person of Miss J. Bassett. Miss Bassett is working full-time in the Borough Schools and I hope will be able to get the speech therapy work up to date in the not too distant future. The services of the elocutionist have, therefore, been discontinued.

### **Staff.**

Our health visiting/school nursing staff has seen further changes. Mrs. G. Robertson left the Department in July, her place being taken by Miss F. Corkhill, to whom we extend our welcome. Our present staff appears adequate at present to cover the needs of the Department.

### Hospital Services.

Consultant advice and treatment required in the realms of ophthalmic, orthopaedic, ear, nose and throat, child guidance, etc., are provided by the Regional Hospital Board, and our arrangements with them are working smoothly and without undue delay.

### Presence of Parents at School Medical Inspection.

During 1957 the investigation, begun in 1956 into the reasons for absence of parents, was continued and the information obtained is shown in the attendance table below.

<i>Department</i>	<i>No. Examined</i>	<i>No. of parents present</i>	<i>Percentage 1957</i>	<i>Percentage 1956</i>
Infant ... ..	511	481 or	94.1%	93.4%
Junior ... ..	788	670 or	85.0%	82.5%
Secondary ... ..	652	271 or	41.5%	40.7%

#### *Reasons for absence:—*

<i>Department</i>	<i>Both parents working</i>	<i>Illness in the home</i>	<i>Several pre-school children</i>	<i>Relative or Friend present</i>	<i>Mother too busy</i>	<i>Other adequate reasons</i>	<i>No reason given</i>
Infant ... ..	—	1	—	15	—	—	14
Junior ... ..	26	12	6	37	—	9	28
Secondary ... ..	75	27	4	8	12	12	243

## 1. STAFF.

**Borough School Medical Officer:**

Arthur C. Gee, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

**Deputy School Medical Officer:**

Isabella Sim, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

**School Medical Officers:**

None.

The aggregate of time given to School Health Service work is equivalent to the services of 0.77 of a full-time Officer.

**Speech Therapist:**

Miss J. Bassett, L.C.S.T. (from 1/11/57).

**Principal School Dental Officer:**

Mr. C. D. Macpherson, L.D.S.

**School Dental Officers:**

Mrs. H. A. Bell, L.D.S.

Miss Janet W. Hepburn, L.D.S.

**County Nursing Officer:**

Miss M. Vaughan-Jones, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

**Deputy County Nursing Officer:**

Miss H. Place, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

**School Nurses:**

Mrs. D. Carter.

Miss F. N. Corkhill (from 1/10/57).

Miss J. P. Cosnett.

Miss M. C. Edwards

Miss E. A. M. Pretty (part-time).

Mrs. G. T. G. Robertson (resigned 30/9/57).

Miss A. Taylor.

The aggregate of time given to School Health Service work is equivalent to the services of 2.4 full time School Nurses.

**Dental Attendants:**

Miss D. Rackham.

Miss D. Rudd.

## 2. STATISTICS.

TABLE I.

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

## A.—PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

Age Groups inspected and Number of Pupils examined in each						
Entrants ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	454
Second Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	722
Third Age Group ...	...	...	...	...	...	599
				Total ...	...	1,775
Additional Periodic Inspections†	...	...	...	...	...	105
				Grand Total ...	...	1,880

## B.—OTHER INSPECTIONS.

Number of Special Inspections ... ..	...	...	...	...	79	
Number of Re-Inspections ... ..	...	...	...	...	624	
				Total ...	...	703

## C.—PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT.

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

- NOTES—(1) Pupils found at Periodic Medical Inspection to require treatment for a defect are not excluded from this return by reason of the fact that they are already under treatment for that defect.
- (2) No individual pupil is recorded more than once in any one column of this Table, and therefore the total in column (4) is not necessarily the same as the sum of columns (2) and (3).

Age Groups Inspected. (1)	For defective vision (excluding squint). (2)	For any of the other conditions recorded in Table III. (3)	Total individual pupils. (4)
Entrants ... ..	28	94	120
Second Age Group ...	51	44	93
Third Age Group ...	27	37	61
Total ... ..	106	175	274
Additional periodic inspections† ... ..	11	10	21
GRAND TOTAL ...	117	185	295

†*E.g.* Pupils at special schools or who missed the usual periodic examination.

D.—CLASSIFICATION OF THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED IN THE AGE GROUPS RECORDED IN TABLE 1.A.

Age Groups Inspected	No of Pupils Inspected	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		No.	% of Col. (2)	No.	% of Col. (2)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Entrants ... ..	454	453	99.8	1	0.2
Second Age Group ... ..	722	719	99.6	3	0.4
Third Age Group ... ..	599	599	100.0	—	—
Additional Periodic Inspections ... ..	105	103	98.1	2	1.9
TOTAL ... ..	1,880	1,874	99.7	6	0.3

TABLE II.

INFESTATION WITH VERMIN.

(i) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in Schools by the school nurses or other authorised persons	20,593
(ii) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested ...	86
(iii) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	—
(iv) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944)	—

TABLE III.

RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION IN  
THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1957.

## A.—PERIODIC INSPECTIONS.

De- fect Code No.	Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS				TOTAL (including all other age groups inspected)	
		Entrants		Leavers		Requir- ing Treat- ment (7)	Requir- ing Obser- vation (8)
		Requir- ing Treat- ment (3)	Requir- ing Obser- vation (4)	Requir- ing Treat- ment (5)	Requir- ing Obser- vation (6)		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
4	Skin ...	13	3	11	1	35	6
5	Eyes— (a) Vision ...	28	90	27	51	117	296
	(b) Squint ...	4	2	—	1	5	5
	(c) Other ...	3	1	2	—	7	2
6	Ears— (a) Hearing ...	—	4	—	1	—	5
	(b) Otitis Media	—	—	1	1	1	1
	(c) Other ...	—	4	2	—	4	5
7	Nose & Throat	28	40	—	—	37	53
8	Speech ...	9	20	—	—	12	28
9	Lymphatic Glands	1	6	—	—	1	12
10	Heart ...	4	4	3	5	8	23
11	Lungs ...	16	13	1	2	22	23
12	Developmental— (a) Hernia ...	1	2	—	—	1	4
	(b) Other ...	3	4	—	2	4	13
13	Orthopaedic— (a) Posture ...	2	2	3	—	5	13
	(b) Feet ...	2	6	—	2	5	8
	(c) Other ...	10	16	5	7	25	33
14	Nervous System— (a) Epilepsy ...	—	—	1	—	1	2
	(b) Other ...	2	1	4	6	11	14
15	Psychological— (a) Development	—	—	—	—	1	4
	(b) Stability ...	2	2	—	—	2	5
16	Abdomen ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	Other ...	4	—	3	—	8	2

TABLE III (Continued).

## B.—SPECIAL INSPECTIONS.

Defect Code No. (1)	Defect or Disease (2)	SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
		Requiring Treatment (3)	Requiring Observation (4)
4	Skin ... ..	1	1
5	Eyes—		
	(a) Vision ... ..	3	18
	(b) Squint ... ..	1	—
	(c) Other ... ..	—	—
6	Ears—		
	(a) Hearing ... ..	—	2
	(b) Otitis Media ... ..	1	—
	(c) Other ... ..	—	1
7	Nose and Throat ... ..	2	2
8	Speech ... ..	—	1
9	Lymphatic Glands ... ..	—	1
10	Heart ... ..	2	1
11	Lungs ... ..	2	1
12	Developmental—		
	(a) Hernia ... ..	—	—
	(b) Other ... ..	—	—
13	Orthopaedic—		
	(a) Posture ... ..	—	—
	(b) Feet ... ..	1	—
	(c) Other ... ..	2	1
14	Nervous System—		
	(a) Epilepsy ... ..	—	—
	(b) Other ... ..	1	3
15	Psychological—		
	(a) Development ... ..	—	1
	(b) Stability ... ..	—	—
16	Abdomen ... ..	—	—
17	Other ... ..	—	—

TABLE IV.

## TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS).

NOTES:—In Groups 1, 2 and 3 treatment includes all defects treated or under treatment during the year by the Authority's own staff, however brought to the Authority's notice (i.e., whether by periodic inspection, special inspection, or otherwise during the year in question or previously) or provided otherwise than by the Authority (i.e. known by the Authority to have been provided, including treatment carried out in school clinics by the Regional Hospital Board).

## GROUP 1.—EYE DISEASES, DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT.

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with.	
	By the Authority	Otherwise
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint ... ..	39	—
Errors of refraction (including squint) ... ..	—	543
Total ... ..	39	543
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed ... ..	—	80

## GROUP 2.—DISEASES AND DEFECTS OF EAR, NOSE &amp; THROAT.

	Number of cases known to have been treated	
	By the Authority	Otherwise
Received operative treatment—		
(a) for diseases of the ear ... ..	—	1
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis ... ..	—	147
(c) for other nose and throat conditions ... ..	—	19
Received other forms of treatment ... ..	7	—
Total ... ..	7	167
Total Number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids—		
(a) in 1957 ... ..	—	—
(b) in previous years ... ..	—	2

## GROUP 3.—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS.

	By the Authority	Otherwise
Number of pupils known to have been treated at clinics and out-patient departments ... ..	15	82

## GROUP 4.—DISEASES OF THE SKIN (excluding uncleanliness for which see Table II).

	Number of cases treated or under treatment during the year by the Authority
Ringworm— (i) Scalp ... ..	—
(ii) Body ... ..	2
Scabies ... ..	—
Impetigo ... ..	9
Other skin diseases ... ..	139
Total ... ..	150

## GROUP 5.—CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT.

Number of pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics under arrangements made by the Authority ... ..	—
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## GROUP 6.—SPEECH THERAPY.

Number of pupils treated by Speech Therapists under arrangements made by the Authority ... ..	42
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## GROUP 7.—OTHER TREATMENT GIVEN.

(a) Number of cases of miscellaneous minor ailments treated by the Authority ...	204
(b) Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements ... ..	1
(c) Pupils who received B.C.G. vaccination	22
(d) Other than (a), (b) and (c) above—	
1. ... ..	—
2. ... ..	—
Total (a)-(d) ... ..	227

TABLE V.

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT CARRIED OUT  
BY THE AUTHORITY.

(1) Number of pupils inspected by Authority's Dental Officers:—				
(a) Periodic	...	...	...	2,495
(b) Specials	...	...	...	1,589
			Total (1)	4,084
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(2) Number found to require treatment	...	...	...	2,561
(3) Number offered treatment	...	...	...	2,358
(4) Number actually treated	...	...	...	1,850
(5) Number of attendances made by pupils for treatment, including those recorded at heading 11(h)	...	...	...	4,597
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(6) Half days devoted to Periodic (School) Inspection	...	...	...	24
	Treatment	...	...	824
			Total (6)	848
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(7) Fillings:	Permanent Teeth	...	...	3,110
	Temporary Teeth	...	...	516
			Total (7)	3,626
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(8) Number of Teeth Filled:	Permanent Teeth	...	...	2,462
	Temporary Teeth	...	...	488
			Total (8)	2,950
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(9) Extractions:	Permanent Teeth	...	...	281
	Temporary Teeth	...	...	1,451
			Total (9)	1,732
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(10) Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	...	...	...	915
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(11) Orthodontics:				
(a) Cases commenced during the year	...	...	...	1
(b) Cases carried forward from previous year	...	...	...	3
(c) Cases completed during the year	...	...	...	2
(d) Cases discontinued during the year	...	...	...	2
(e) Pupils treated with appliances	...	...	...	2
(f) Removable appliances fitted	...	...	...	2
(g) Fixed appliances fitted	...	...	...	—
(h) Total attendances	...	...	...	26
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(12) Number of pupils supplied with artificial dentures	...	...	...	1
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(13) Other operations:	Permanent Teeth	...	...	830
	Temporary Teeth	...	...	462
			Total (13)	1,292
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HANDICAPPED PUPILS REQUIRING EDUCATION AT SPECIAL SCHOOLS  
OR BOARDING IN BOARDING HOMES.

During the calendar year ended 31st December, 1957	(1) Blind (2) Partially sighted		(3) Deaf (4) Partially deaf		(5) Delicate (6) Physically handicapped		(7) Educa- tionally sub- normal (8) Mal- adjusted		(9) Epi- leptic	Total 1-9
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
A. Handicapped pupils <i>newly placed</i> in special schools or boarding homes	1	—	—	—	2	—	8	1	—	12
B. Handicapped pupils <i>newly assessed</i> as needing special educational treatment at special schools or in boarding homes	1	—	—	—	2	1	11	2	—	17
On or about 31st January, 1958 number of handicapped pupils from the Authority's area—										
C. (i) on the registers of special schools as:										
(a) day pupils ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	8
(b) boarding pupils ...	3	5	2	1	1	2	15	7	—	36
(ii) on the registers of independent schools under arrangements made by the Authority ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(iii) boarded in homes and not already included under (i) or (ii)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL C. ...	3	5	2	1	1	2	23	7	—	44
D. being educated under arrangements made under Section 56 of the Education Act, 1944.										
(i) in hospitals ...	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
(ii) in other groups (e.g., units for spastics, convalescent homes) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(iii) at home ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2



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