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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PRINCIPAL
SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER
for the
Year ending 31st December, 1955.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Isle of Ely
Education Committee*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the School Health Service for the year 1955, and, in doing so, I wish to record my appreciation of the good team work and loyal service of the whole staff of the department, of the full co-operation of the Chief Education Officer and his staff, and of the interest and encouragement of the Chairman and Members of the School Medical Services Sub-Committee.

The problem of filling vacancies in the establishment for dental officers and medical auxiliaries remains virtually insoluble. There still seems to be a general shortage of dentists throughout the country and as regards medical auxiliaries the attractions of working in the hospital service appear, wrongly I feel, too great.

The recurring failure to visit all schools during the year for routine medical inspection is due quite simply to an insufficient establishment of medical officers. This position I am glad to say has now at the time of writing been rectified.

A most noteworthy advance in the facilities available in the Isle was made during the year. This was the opening of Wilburton Manor Special School for educationally sub-normal children. This category of handicapped pupils has always presented problems, due mainly to the fact that such children form much the largest part of the register of the handicapped. This local provision, added to the places now available for girls at Orton Hall in Huntingdonshire, a school in which this authority has an interest, has greatly eased the situation, although further provision for older boys is still urgently necessary. While this matter is receiving attention it is likely to be some time yet before a solution is reached.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

M. E. HOCKEN,
Principal School Medical Officer

STAFF

Principal School Medical Officer.

M. E. HOCKEN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

School Medical Officers.

M. J. DUNN, M.B., Ch., B.

J. M. MATTHEW, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. (appointed 31/1/55).

Principal School Dental Officer.

G. R. SMITH, L.D.S., R.C.S. (Ed.)

School Dental Officers.

TWO VACANCIES.

W. P. KEOGH, L.D.S. (part time) (resigned 15/7/55).

Speech Therapist.

VACANCY.

Speech Therapist—Part-time.

H. MACNAUGHTON.

Orthopaedic Physiotherapist.

VACANCY.

Oculists—Part-time.

M. PERRERS TAYLOR, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.O.M.S

D WILSON TAYLOR, M.B., Ch.B.

J. H. KODICEK, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (temporary).

Orthoptist—Part-time.

S. A. SEALEY.

Superintendent Nursing Officer.

G. M. SANDERS, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

Health Visitors and School Nurses.

E. CORNISH, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

M. B. GUDGEON, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

D. NIELD, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. (appointed 22/8/55).

E. E. REDHEAD, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

L. J. W. STEPHEN, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. (appointed 5/7/54).

E. T. TAYLOR, S.R.N., S.C.M.

School Nurses—Part-time.

C. M. BIART, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

H. BROADHEAD, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

J. PARROTT, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. (resigned 2/4/55).

M. NUTTALL, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. (appointed 1/11/55).

M. E. PHILLIPS, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. (appointed 24/9/55).

K. M. RAILTON, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

D. M. RUSSELL, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. (resigned 31/12/55).

M. M. SOUTHWARD, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. (resigned 13/9/55).

G. A. WEBSTER, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

Clinic Nurse.

M. E. HOPE, S.R.N.

Dental Attendant.

V. BRADLEY.

M. WOODS (part time) (resigned 31/5/55).

Clerical Staff.

H. A. HOUSE (Administrative Officer).

I. R. BENSON.

A. MILLER.

ANNUAL REPORT

1955

No. of Children on Roll:—

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|
| Primary Schools | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9466 |
| Secondary Modern Schools | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2864 |
| Grammar Schools | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1632 |
| | | | | | <hr/> 13962 <hr/> |

No. of Schools 78

MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

Routine visits of inspection were paid to 48 schools.

A. *Periodic Medical*

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Inspections</i> | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 | 1951 |
| Entrants | 2,033 | 1,085 | 674 | 1,059 | 2,083 |
| Second Age Group | 1,904 | 823 | 1,117 | 628 | 924 |
| Leavers | 1,190 | 166 | 487 | 721 | 708 |
| Additional Periodic Inspections | 540 | 413 | 194 | 364 | 325 |
| Total | <hr/> 5,667 <hr/> | <hr/> 2,487 <hr/> | <hr/> 2,473 <hr/> | <hr/> 2,772 <hr/> | <hr/> 4,040 <hr/> |

B. *Other Inspections*

Special Inspections—
children specially
referred by par-
ents and teachers

| | | | | |
|-----|----|----|----|----|
| 196 | 13 | 61 | 69 | 45 |
|-----|----|----|----|----|

Re - inspections—
all children found
to have defects at
the previous ex-
amination

| | | | | |
|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| 885 | 768 | 1,215 | 1,045 | 2,147 |
|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|

| | | | | | |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total | <hr/> 1,081 <hr/> | <hr/> 781 <hr/> | <hr/> 1,276 <hr/> | <hr/> 1,114 <hr/> | <hr/> 2,192 <hr/> |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|

The number of schools inspected rose from 27 to 48, with a resultant rise in numbers of pupils from 3,268 to 6,748; this is due to nearly a whole year of full medical staff. Nevertheless it is apparent that the medical establishment is not sufficient to cover all the necessary work, a matter to which the Council has since given full consideration.

WORK OF SCHOOL NURSES—CLEANLINESS INSPECTIONS.

| Sessions spent at routine medical inspection | Average number of visits per school for cleanliness inspection | No. of children examined for cleanliness | No. of individual children found unclean | Follow-up visits in homes for all purposes | Attendances at minor ailment and eye clinics |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 315 | 4.90 | 28,555 | 222 | 700 | 700 |

MINOR AILMENT CLINICS.

| CLINIC | ADDRESS | DOCTOR PRESENT |
|------------|---|---------------------------|
| WISBECH | .. County Clinic, Lynn .. Rd., Wisbech | 1st & 3rd Friday mornings |
| MARCH | .. County Clinic, County .. Hall, March | 4th Thursday morning |
| ELY | .. County Clinic, Down- .. ham Rd., Ely | When required |
| THORNEY | .. Duke of Bedford C.P. .. School | 1st Thursday morning |
| WHITTLESEY | .. Sir Harry Smith School | When required |

TREATMENT OF MINOR AILMENTS IN THE CLINICS FOR THE YEAR 1955.
(Individual numbers of children treated).

| | Wisbech | March | Ely | Chatteris | Thorney | Outwell | Whittlesey |
|------------------------|---------|-------|-----|-----------|---------|---------|------------|
| Ringworm (head) .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Ringworm (body) .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Scabies .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Impetigo .. | 45 | 6 | 8 | .. | .. | 1 | .. |
| Other skin diseases .. | 19 | 16 | 1 | 5 | .. | 31 | .. |
| Minor eye defects .. | 22 | 19 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 2 | .. |
| Minor ear defects .. | 8 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 4 | .. |
| Miscellaneous .. | 439 | 30 | 29 | 35 | 30 | 149 | 127 |
| TOTALS .. | 533 | 72 | 46 | 41 | 35 | 187 | 127 |

GRAND TOTAL : 1041

Total attendances made by children : 2040

TABLE OF ATTENDANCES AT EYE CLINICS DURING 1955.

| | Number of Clinics | Total Attendances | Individual Attendances | New Cases |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Doddington County Hospital | 70 | 523 | 345 | 92 |
| Wisbech Clarkson Hospital | 36 | 350 | 229 | 105 |
| Peterborough Memorial Hospital | 10 | 94 | 89 | 31 |
| Ely School Clinic | 46 | 458 | 250 | 79 |
| Total | 162 | 1425 | 913 | 307 |

OPHTHALMIC TREATMENT.

Miss Perrers Taylor reports as follows:—

The Ophthalmic Clinics at Ely continue to run very smoothly and satisfactorily. There has been 217 attendances in the year. The surgical cases have been fewer, and this is due to the fact that we now have regular Orthoptic Clinics. A certain number of squints can be cured by exercises, and surgery is not then needed.

I should like to express my thanks to Nurse Cornish and Miss Sealey for their great help.

ELY ORTHOPTIC CLINIC.

Miss Sealey reports as follows:—

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Total number of attendances ... | ... | ... | 631 |
| Number of new cases ... | ... | ... | 29 |
| Number of absentees ... | ... | ... | 115 |
| Received operative treatment ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Discharged ... | ... | ... | 22 |

Two cases were discharged as being good cosmetically, one case because he had refused operation, and further orthoptic treatment was useless without this. Four children were discharged as they had left school. Two children did not need any treatment at all. Five cases were transferred to other clinics—either because they had left the district or are now attending private schools. Eight children were discharged as cured after courses of treatment.

Attendances for this clinic are, on the whole, bad and some children persistently do not come. The majority of parents do not notify when a child is ill.

TUBERCULOSIS.

554 examinations of school children were carried out at chest clinics at Wisbech and Doddington by the chest physician during 1955. Of this number 159 were new cases, the remainder being re-examinations.

536 X-ray examinations of school children were carried out at the chest clinics, and of these 159 were new cases, the remainder being re-examinations of old cases.

14 cases of tuberculosis were notified as occurring among school children during 1955, 12 pulmonary and 2 non-pulmonary. During the year 8 school children were recommended for sanatorium treatment and at the end of year 3 had been admitted to Papworth Sanatorium, 1 to Nayland Sanatorium and 4 to Kelling Children's Sanatorium.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

During the year the Mass Radiography Unit visited Chatteris, Whittlesey and Wisbech. A number of Thorney children are included in the Whittlesey figures.

| | Chatteris | | | Whittlesey | | | Wisbech | | |
|-----------------|-----------|----|-------|------------|-----|-------|---------|-----|-------|
| | M | F | Total | M | F | Total | M | F | Total |
| School Children | 81 | 97 | 178 | 203 | 224 | 427 | 707 | 872 | 1579 |
| School Staff | 6 | 19 | 25 | 17 | 37 | 54 | 42 | 95 | 137 |
| Domestic Staff | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | |

Three children at Wisbech were referred for further investigation following their X-ray. All had been contacts with cases of tuberculosis.

AUDIOMETRY.

During 1955 routine "sweep" tests were carried out during school medical inspections on 321 boys and 280 girls in the seven year age group. Of these, 18 boys and 19 girls (4.66%) were found to have defective hearing to such an extent as to warrant further investigation.

In addition a number of children were given audiometric tests at minor ailment clinics at the request of teachers, members of the professional staff, or parents.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE.

Administration.

The general character of the dental inspection and treatment scheme has remained unaltered during the year. At no time during 1955 were the services of a full staff available.

Dental Inspections.

These were carried out on school premises during school hours, and 2,602 school children were inspected during 17 half-day sessions.

Dental Treatment.

Of the 2,602 school children inspected, 1,976 (seventy-six per cent.) were found to require treatment, and of this number 1,513 (seventy-seven per cent.) received treatment from the school dental officer.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF TOTAL NUMBERS OF CHILDREN
INSPECTED AND TREATED DURING THE PAST SIX YEARS.

| | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 |
|--|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Number Inspected | 1,616 | 871 | 1,661 | 1,702 | 3,212 | 2,602 |
| Number Treated | 737 | 282 | 1,113 | 1,163 | 1,856 | 1,513 |
| Number of Inspections and Treatment Sessions | 274½ | 111 | 465 | 492 | 642 | 561 |

Orthodontics.

It has only been possible to undertake a small number of orthodontic cases without sacrificing time spent on other necessary forms of treatment.

For the children to benefit from the modern technique of orthodontics, a part-time consultant orthodontic specialist should be employed in addition to a full staff of school dental officers.

Pre-School Children.

Lack of staff has again postponed the implementation of the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, with regard to the development of a maternity and child welfare dental scheme, to which these children properly belong. However, we have continued the same policy as last year. All children under five, on whose behalf application was made, were inspected and treated.

Dental Statistics, 1955.

A complete analysis of the children inspected during 1955, and also of the treatment carried out for these children is shown in the following table:—

| | | | | |
|-----|----------------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| 1. | Total number inspected | ... | ... | 2602 |
| 2. | Number referred | ... | ... | 1976 |
| 3. | Number actually treated | ... | ... | 1513 |
| 4. | Attendances at Treatment Centres | ... | | 3467 |
| 5. | Number of Inspection Sessions | ... | | 17 |
| 6. | Number of Treatment Sessions | ... | | 544 |
| 7. | Fillings: | | | |
| | Permanent Teeth | ... | ... | 2520 |
| | Temporary Teeth | ... | ... | 544 |
| 8. | Number of Teeth Filled: | | | |
| | Permanent Teeth | ... | ... | 2273 |
| | Temporary Teeth | ... | ... | 528 |
| 9. | Extractions: | | | |
| | Permanent Teeth | ... | ... | 247 |
| | Temporary Teeth | ... | ... | 1342 |
| 10. | General Anæsthetic Cases | ... | ... | 383 |
| 11. | Other Operations: | | | |
| | Permanent Teeth | ... | ... | 739 |
| | Temporary Teeth | ... | ... | 88 |

Mr. Smith reports:—

'Dental Staffing.

Another disappointing year as regards recruitment. It was most unfortunate that in July the part-time dental officer working in the Wisbech clinic resigned. It has not been possible to appoint anyone in his place nor indeed for any of the other vacancies.

The very low Whitley Council salary scale for dental attendants

will before long have an adverse effect on recruitment. A more imaginative salary scale is surely required.

Dental Inspection and Treatment.

With the resignation of the part-time dental officer in July no further inspections have taken place in Wisbech. Treatment too has been discontinued. At March and Ely the service has been carried on as before, with the junior and infant school children being inspected and treated. In addition a small number of senior children has been treated. The number of senior school children receiving treatment is increasing, principally because many of the children were treated while attending the junior schools and are continuing periodic treatment now that they have reached the senior school. It is encouraging too to find that more pre-school children are being brought for inspection. The numbers though are still not sufficient to warrant a complete session each week.

General.

As I remarked earlier, it is encouraging to find that more parents are bringing their children to the clinic before they have reached school age. It is discouraging to find that some parents just make use of the school dental service. This is more true where older children are concerned. It is not uncommon to find that these parents have previously refused treatment on behalf of their children and have only come to the clinic because of the child's toothache. After the toothache has been removed the child fails to keep the next appointment. Are the parents unconcerned or does the child stubbornly refuse to come? Where the parents are unconcerned about future treatment it is often noted that the mother is working and it is not convenient for her to bring the child. These parents do not seem to realise that by their selfishness, lack of interest and poor co-operation, they are preventing future generations from having healthier mouths. Health talks appear to have no effect on these parents and it seems that fluoridation of the domestic water supplies where possible would be of some help in ensuring healthier mouths for the children of the future.

A larger number of orthodontic cases was undertaken during the year, an increase of ten on the previous year, and it is to be hoped that it will be possible to include still more for treatment without sacrificing time spent on the other necessary forms of treatment.

I am grateful to the professional and clerical staffs of the health department for their help during the year and to the head teachers for their co-operation, especially during school inspections.

G. R. SMITH,

Principal School Dental Officer.

MILK IN SCHOOLS SCHEME

On a given day in October, 1955, 10,157 pupils in attendance took milk.

All the 78 schools now receive milk in $\frac{1}{3}$ pint bottles.

Since the 6th August, 1946, all pupils requiring milk are supplied free of charge.

| | Oct. 1949 | Oct. 1950 | Oct. 1951 | Oct. 1952 | Oct. 1953 | Oct. 1954 | Oct. 1955 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| No. on school rolls | 11,264 | 11,380 | 11,840 | 12,316 | 12,476 | 13,293 | 13,336 |
| No. of $\frac{1}{3}$ pints supplied | 8,465 | 8,215 | 8,706 | 9,178 | 9,474 | 10,091 | 10,157 |
| Percentage receiving milk | 75% | 72% | 73% | 75% | 76% | 76% | 76% |

HANDICAPPED PUPILS.

| Category | In Special Schools | | In Maintained Primary and Secondary Schools | | In Independent Schools | | Not at School | | TOTAL | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|----|---|----|------------------------|----|---------------|----|-------|----|
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Blind | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 4 | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| Partially Sighted .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Deaf | 5 | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 7 | 3 |
| Partially Deaf | .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 3 |
| Delicate | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 9 | 4 |
| Educationally Sub-normal .. | 29 | 31 | 42 | 38 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 73 | 69 |
| Epileptic | 1 | .. | 5 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 | 1 |
| Maladjusted | 5 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7 | 1 |
| Physically Handicapped | 4 | 2 | 13 | 9 | .. | .. | 3 | 1 | 20 | 12 |
| | 53 | 42 | 67 | 51 | 4 | .. | 10 | 3 | 134 | 96 |

During the year handicapped pupils were admitted to special schools as follows:—

| Category | | | | | Boys | Girls |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| Blind | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | — |
| Partially sighted | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | — |
| Deaf | ... | ... | ... | ... | — | 1 |
| Delicate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 2 |
| Educationally sub-normal | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 | 24 |
| Maladjusted | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 1 |
| Physically handicapped | ... | ... | ... | ... | — | 2 |
| Total | | | | | 29 | 30 |

A boy suffering from multiple disabilities and another educationally sub-normal boy were admitted to independent schools, as places were not available in special schools.

The Manor Special School for educationally sub-normal children was opened at Wilburton, the old Manor House having been adapted for use as a residential school for about 26 children with classroom provision for a similar number to attend daily. This is the first special school to be opened by the Committee and will fill a very great need in the county. At the end of the year, 44 children (24 residents and 20 day pupils) were on the roll.

Special school places, with the general exception of those for the educationally sub-normal, and maladjusted pupils, are available within a reasonable time for handicapped pupils. A difficulty, however, is experienced when trying to place the child suffering from more than one handicapping condition; for instance, in the case of the boy referred to above, it was necessary to take a place at an independent school which caters for children suffering from almost any condition. In this particular case there is considerable doubt as to the boy's educability but specialists have recommended that he be given a trial at a school and, after a period of two years, the case will be reviewed. These border line cases need very careful consideration and must always be given the benefit of any doubt when the question arises as to whether they are to be dealt with as educable children or passed to the care of the Local Health Authority.

There still seems to be doubt in the minds of the public as to the difference between an educationally sub-normal child and a mentally defective child. I think the way to explain this simply is to say that the educationally sub-normal child is one who **can** be taught in an ordinary or a special school and the mentally defective is one who cannot be taught in any school but can, generally speaking, be trained in an occupation centre, in his own home or, in an institution for defectives.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

No schools were closed for epidemics in 1955. The following table gives incidence of notifiable and other infectious diseases:—

| | Diph- theria | Scarlet Fever | Whoop- ing cough | Chic- ken pox | Meas- les | German measles | Mumps | Total |
|----------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Cases | .. | 52 | 168 | 314 | 707 | 16 | 298 | 1555 |
| Contacts | .. | 8 | .. | .. | 12 | 2 | 1 | 23 |

IMMUNISATION.

Diphtheria.

During 1955, 228 school children received injections of A.P.T. and 951 received a re-inforcing, or 'booster,' injection.

PROVISION OF COOKED MEALS AND HOT DRINKS IN SCHOOLS.

During 1955, school meals were provided in all but 1 school, and the children in that school were served with hot drinks.

On a day in October, 1955, the number of mid-day meals served was 7,347.

HYGIENE IN SCHOOLS.

A routine hygiene inspection was carried out during the periodic medical inspection at each school and any sanitary defects were reported. Appropriate action was initiated and the repairs carried out.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Physical training continued to be carried on by instructors and specially trained members of the teaching staff.

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS.

The following examinations were carried out during 1955:—

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Prospective teachers | ... | ... | ... | 46 |
| Entrants to teaching profession | ... | ... | ... | 8 |

CO-OPERATION.

The measure of co-operation which has existed between the Chief Education Officer and his staff and the staff of the school medical department continues to be very close and leads to prompt action in any matters which concern either department. The head teachers and teaching staffs continue to give valuable assistance at the periodic medical inspections and also in referring pupils with defects. As regards the latter we regard the teachers as our most reliable source of information.

Parents are fully appreciative of the scope of the services and the high acceptance for all types of treatment offered is evidence of their co-operation.

The local inspectors of the N.S.P.C.C. have at all times responded promptly to requests for assistance in dealing with problem families and the four school attendance officers link up with this department in all investigations concerning prolonged absences of pupils due to health reasons.

TABLE I.
MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.
(including Special Schools)

A—PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Number of Inspections in the prescribed Groups— | | | | | | |
| Entrants | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,033 |
| Second Age Group | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,904 |
| Leavers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,190 |
| Total | | | | | | 5,127 |
| Number of Additional Periodic Inspections | | | | | | 540 |
| Grand Total | | | | | | 5,667 |

B—OTHER INSPECTIONS.

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Number of Special Inspections | ... | ... | ... | 196 |
| Number of Re-inspections | ... | ... | ... | 885 |
| Total | | | | 1,081 |

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).

| Group | For defective vision (excluding squint) | For any of the other conditions recorded in Table II. A. | Total individual pupils |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| Entrants | 48 | 199 | 245 |
| Second Age Group .. | 94 | 123 | 214 |
| Leavers | 55 | 69 | 124 |
| Total (prescribed groups) | 197 | 391 | 583 |
| Additional Periodic Inspections .. | 25 | 39 | 63 |
| Grand Total .. | 222 | 430 | 646 |

TABLE II.

A. RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION
IN THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1955.

| Defect Code No. | Defect or Disease (1) | Periodic Inspections | | Special Inspections | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|
| | | No. of defects | | No. of defects | |
| | | Requiring treatment (2) | Requiring to be kept under observation but not requiring treatment (3) | Requiring treatment (4) | Requiring to be kept under observation but not requiring treatment (5) |
| 4 | Skin | 50 | 111 | 3 | 6 |
| 5 | Eyes— | | | | |
| | a. Vision .. | 222 | 330 | 10 | 20 |
| | b. Squint .. | 25 | 43 | 1 | 6 |
| | c. Other .. | 16 | 22 | 2 | 1 |
| 6 | Ears— | | | | |
| | a. Hearing .. | 13 | 51 | 2 | 4 |
| | b. Otitis Media | 11 | 128 | .. | 9 |
| | c. Other .. | 4 | 16 | .. | 2 |
| 7 | Nose or Throat .. | 81 | 334 | 8 | 23 |
| 8 | Speech | 12 | 29 | .. | 6 |
| 9 | Cervical Glands .. | 9 | 82 | .. | 7 |
| 10 | Heart & Circulation | 7 | 74 | .. | 3 |
| 11 | Lungs | 36 | 202 | 3 | 17 |
| 12 | Developmental— | | | | |
| | a. Hernia .. | 3 | 17 | 1 | 2 |
| | b. Other .. | 14 | 143 | 2 | 11 |
| 13 | Orthopædic— | | | | |
| | a. Posture .. | 12 | 56 | .. | 4 |
| | b. Flat foot .. | 36 | 156 | 5 | 6 |
| | c. Other .. | 43 | 197 | .. | 8 |
| 14 | Nervous system— | | | | |
| | a. Epilepsy .. | 9 | 11 | .. | 1 |
| | b. Other .. | 11 | 37 | .. | 4 |
| 15 | Psychological— | | | | |
| | a. Development | 5 | 83 | 3 | 7 |
| | b. Stability .. | 11 | 92 | .. | 6 |
| 16 | Other | 36 | 38 | .. | 1 |

B. CLASSIFICATION OF THE GENERAL CONDITION OF PUPILS
INSPECTED DURING THE YEAR IN THE AGE GROUPS.

| Age Groups | Number of Pupils Inspected | A (Good) | | B (Fair) | | C (Poor) | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | No. | % of col. 2 | No. | % of col. 2 | No. | % of col. 2 |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Entrants .. | 2033 | 1003 | 49.34 | 953 | 46.88 | 77 | 3.78 |
| Second Age Group | 1904 | 932 | 48.95 | 909 | 47.74 | 63 | 3.31 |
| Leavers .. | 1190 | 630 | 52.94 | 537 | 45.13 | 23 | 1.93 |
| Additional periodic Inspections | 540 | 226 | 41.85 | 288 | 53.33 | 26 | 4.82 |
| Total .. | 5667 | 2791 | 49.25 | 2687 | 47.41 | 189 | 3.34 |

TABLE III.

TREATMENT TABLES.

GROUP I.—MINOR AILMENTS

(excluding Uncleanliness, for which see Table V.)

| (a) | Number of Defects treated, or under treatment during the year |
|--|---|
| Skin— | |
| Ringworm—Scalp— | |
| (i) X-Ray treatment | .. |
| (ii) Other treatment | .. |
| Ringworm—Body | 1 |
| Scabies | .. |
| Impetigo | 60 |
| Other skin diseases | 72 |
| Eye Disease | 55 |
| (External and other, but excluding errors of refraction, squint and cases admitted to hospital). | |
| Ear Defects | 14 |
| Miscellaneous (e.g. minor injuries, bruises, sores, chilblains, etc.) | 839 |
| Total .. | 1041 |
| (b) Total number of attendances at Authority's minor ailment clinics | 2040 |

GROUP II.—DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT.

(Excluding Eye Disease treated as Minor Ailments—Group 1).

| | <i>No. of defects dealt with</i> |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Errors of refraction (including squint) ... | 1357 |
| Other defect or disease of the eyes (excluding those recorded in Group 1) | — |
| Total ... | 1357 |
| <hr/> | |
| No. of Pupils for whom spectacles were | |
| (a) Prescribed ... | 996 |
| (b) Obtained ... | 984 |

GROUP III.—TREATMENT OF DEFECTS OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.

| | <i>Total number Treated</i> |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Received operative treatment— | |
| (a) for diseases of the ear | 12 |
| (b) for adenoids and chronic tonsilitis ... | 122 |
| (c) for other nose and throat conditions ... | 6 |
| Received other forms of treatment | 6 |
| Total ... | 146 |
| <hr/> | |

GROUP IV.—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS.

| | |
|--|----|
| (a) No. treated as in-patients in hospitals or hospital schools | 16 |
| (b) No. treated otherwise, <i>e.g.</i> , in clinics or out- patients departments | — |

GROUP V.—CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT AND SPEECH THERAPY.

| | |
|---|----|
| No. of Pupils treated— | |
| (a) under Child Guidance arrangements ... | 25 |
| (b) under Speech Therapy arrangements ... | 55 |

TABLE IV.

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.

| | | | | | |
|--|---|-----|-----|-----|------|
| (1) Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers— | | | | | |
| (a) | Periodic age groups | ... | ... | ... | 2189 |
| (b) | Specials | ... | ... | ... | 413 |
| (c) | TOTAL (Periodic and Specials) | ... | ... | ... | 2602 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| (2) | Number found to require treatment | ... | ... | ... | 1976 |
| (3) | Number offered treatment | ... | ... | ... | 1805 |
| (4) | Number actually treated | ... | ... | ... | 1513 |
| (5) | Attendances made by pupils for treatment | ... | ... | ... | 3467 |
| (6) | Half-days devoted to (a) Inspection | ... | ... | ... | 17 |
| | (b) Treatment | ... | ... | ... | 544 |
| | Total (a) and (b) | ... | ... | ... | 561 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| (7) | Fillings: Permanent Teeth | ... | ... | ... | 2520 |
| | Temporary Teeth | ... | ... | ... | 544 |
| | Total (6) | ... | ... | ... | 3064 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| (8) Number of Teeth Filled: | | | | | |
| | Permanent Teeth | ... | ... | ... | 2273 |
| | Temporary Teeth | ... | ... | ... | 528 |
| | Total (7) | ... | ... | ... | 2801 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| (9) | Extractions: Permanent Teeth | ... | ... | ... | 247 |
| | Temporary Teeth | ... | ... | ... | 1342 |
| | Total (8) | ... | ... | ... | 1589 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| (10) | Administration of General Anaesthetics for extraction | ... | ... | ... | 383 |
| (11) | Other Operations: (a) Permanent Teeth | ... | ... | ... | 739 |
| | (b) Temporary Teeth | ... | ... | ... | 88 |
| | Total (a) and (b) | ... | ... | ... | 827 |

TABLE V.

INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

| | | | |
|-------|---|-----|--------|
| (i) | Total number of examinations in the schools by the school nurses or other authorised persons | ... | 28,555 |
| (ii) | Total number of individual pupils found to be infested | ... | 222 |
| (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) | ... | — |

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