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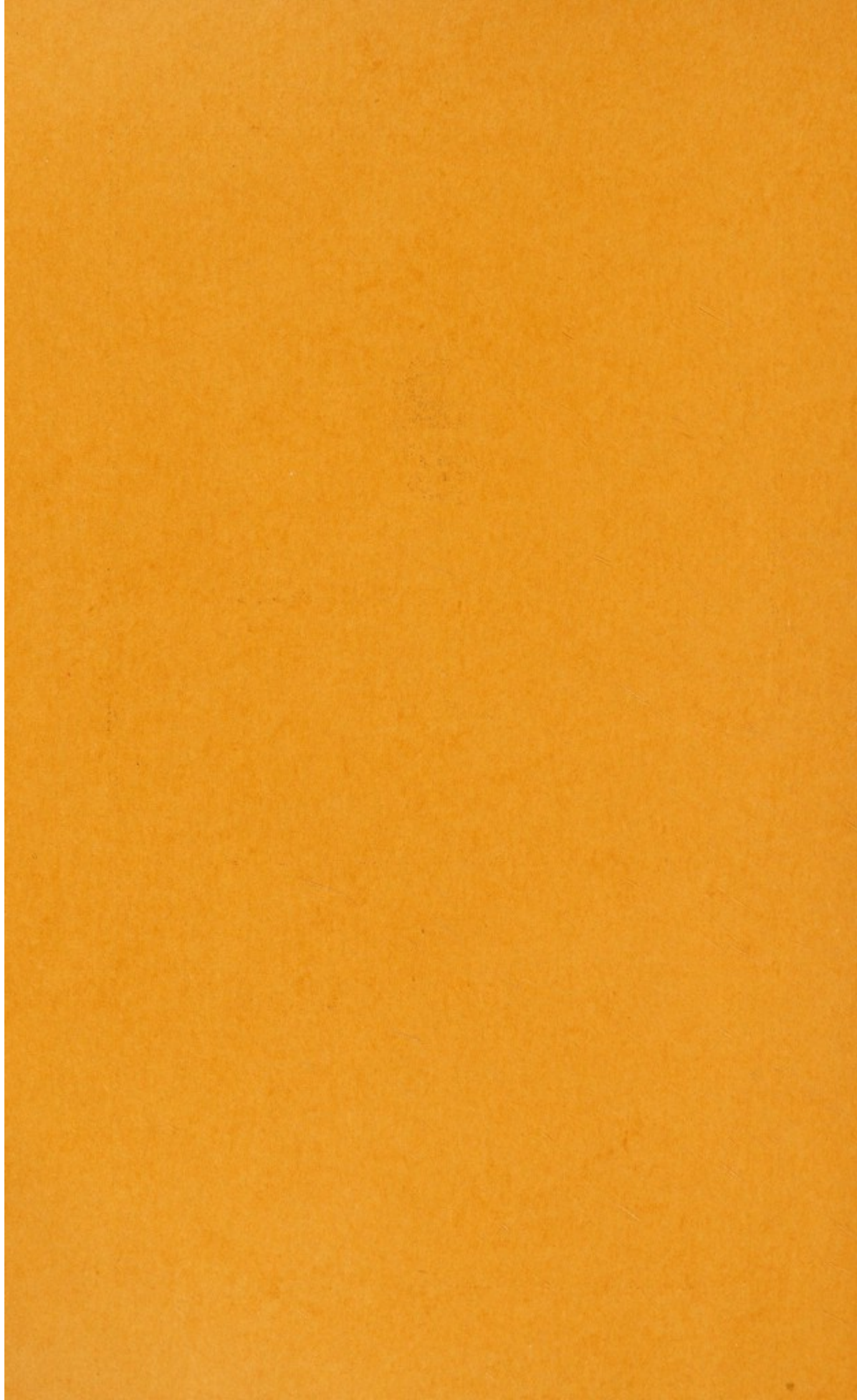
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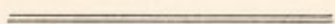
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SCHOOLS WITHIN THE BOROUGH

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

No. on the roll 31.12.57

County Schools

Attleborough (Infants)	140
Attleborough (Junior)	409
Caldwell (Junior)	359
Camp Hill (Junior and Infants)	315
Coton (Infants)	133
Coton (Junior)	321
Galley Common (Junior and Infants)	120
Heath End (Junior and Infants)	163
Higham Lane (Infants)	156
Higham Lane (Junior)	334
Middlemarch (Junior)	187
Queen's Road (Infants)	208
Queen's Road (Junior)	513
Stockingford (Infants)	307
Stockingford (Junior)	570

Voluntary Schools

Abbey Street C.E. (Infants)	196
Abbey Street C.E. (Junior)	282
Attleborough C.E. (Infants)	110
Coton C.E. (Infants)	122
Stockingford C.E. (Junior and Infants)	139
St. Joseph's R.C. (Junior and Infants)	439
St. Nicolas' C.E. (Infants)	73
St. Nicolas' C.E. (Junior)	149

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

County Schools

Alderman Smith (Secondary Modern)	702
Arbury (Secondary Modern)	672
Friary (Secondary Modern)	74
High School for Girls (Grammar)	517
Higham Lane (Secondary Modern)	517
Manor Park (Secondary Technical)	629
Swinnerton (Secondary Modern)	565

Voluntary Schools

King Edward VI (Grammar)	373
St. Joseph's R.C. (Secondary Modern)	262

NURSERY SCHOOLS

Avenue Road	40
Stockingford	40

SPECIAL SCHOOL

Red Deeps Day Special	152
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Total number of children on School Register:

Primary Schools	5,745
Secondary Schools	4,311
Nursery Schools	80
Special School	152

10,288

CLINICS

Service.	Situation of Premises.	Days Open.
Minor Ailments Clinic	Riversley Park, Coton Road	Monday 9—12 noon. Medical Officer in attendance.
	Cross Street, Stockingford	Tuesday 9—12 noon. Medical Officer in attendance.
Treatment Clinics	Riversley Park, Coton Road Cross Street, Stockingford	Every week-day morn- ing, 9—10 a.m. Every week-day morn- ing, 9—10 a.m.

The following Clinics are by appointment only:

Eye Clinic	Riversley Park, Coton Road	Every Tuesday at 9.30 a.m. Occasional Saturdays 9.30 a.m.
Orthopædic Clinic	Riversley Park, Coton Road	Intermediate treat- ment: Monday 9—12 noon. Friday 2—5 p.m. Consultant in attend- ance on the last Friday of each month.
Ultra-Violet Light Clinic	Cross Street, Stockingford	Monday and Thursday at 10.45 a.m.
Dental Clinic	Riversley Park, Coton Road	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30 a.m. —12.30 p.m., 2 p.m.—5 p.m.
Speech Therapy Clinic	Riversley Park, Coton Road	Every Wednesday, 9 a.m. —1 p.m., 2—5 p.m.
	Red Deeps Day Special School	Every Tuesday 1.30 p.m. —3.45 p.m.
Child Guidance Clinic	Riversley Park, Coton Road	Every Wednesday 10 a.m.—12 noon.

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE, 1957

School Medical Department,
Council House,
Nuneaton

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the Annual Report of the School Health Service for the year 1957. Dr. J. H. Briscoe-Smith resigned his appointment as Principal School Medical Officer on the 31st October, 1957, and I did not take up my appointment until the 15th January, 1958. In the interregnum period Dr. G. Hird acted as Principal School Medical Officer, and great credit must be given to him for the efficient way in which the service was run. It is extremely difficult to comment on work in which one has had no part and I will confine my remarks about the health of the school child to a few points.

School Population

There has been little change in the number of children on the school register, the total school population being 10,288, which shows an increase of 83 over the year 1956.

Medical Examinations

The number of inspections in prescribed groups of pupils attending maintained primary and secondary modern schools was 4,270 as opposed to 1,847 in the previous year. This large increase was due to a reorganisation of the work and it is commendable that it was possible despite the increased work due to Poliomyelitis Vaccination. There was a back-log of work in the maintained secondary grammar schools and this was made up during the year when 504 examinations were conducted in the prescribed groups for pupils attending these schools. In the previous year 159 such examinations were carried out.

The number of special inspections and re-inspections carried out showed little variation from those carried out in the previous year.

From Table I(C) it will be seen that at the routine medical examinations 513 pupils, or 12.01 per cent., at primary and secondary modern schools were found to be suffering from defects requiring treatment, and 146 pupils at the secondary grammar schools were also found to be suffering from defects requiring treatment. There were also a large number of children suffering from defects which required observation. Where pupils are found to be suffering from defects requiring observation, every effort is made to see these pupils at regular intervals in order to keep a check on the defects, and should these at a later date be found to require treatment, the children are immediately referred either to the general practitioner or to a specialist.

Infectious Diseases

The year 1957 was definitely a measles year and 518 children between the ages of five and 15 were notified as having suffered from measles. Of this total 269 were boys and 249 girls. However, only 14 of these cases occurred in the 10 to 14-year-old age group, and this once again demonstrates the liability to infection of children who have come out of the semi-protected environment of their homes into the much wider environment of the school. The disease was, however, mild in character and very few complications arose.

By far the most serious disease to affect schoolchildren was that of acute Poliomyelitis. Eleven schoolchildren were notified as suffering from acute Poliomyelitis and of these, ten were in the age group five to nine. Seven of the cases were paralytic and four non-paralytic. However, three other cases which have not been notified were found on investigation to be suffering from Poliomyelitis and this makes the total of schoolchildren so afflicted to be 14. There were, however, no deaths due to the disease. It is to be hoped that with the extension of vaccination it will be possible to bring this dreaded disease under control.

Other infectious diseases affecting schoolchildren were of a minor nature.

Physical Condition of Pupils

It is gratifying to note from Table I(D) that the physical condition of the schoolchildren was for the most part satisfactory—over 98 per cent. were classed as such.

Handicapped Pupils

A total of 286 children were on the Handicapped Pupils Register on the 31st December, 1957. Of these, 29 were ascertained in 1957. In 1956 there were 61 pupils who were ascertained as educationally subnormal, whereas in 1957 there were only 11. It will be appreciated that this fall in number was due to the great effort made in 1956 to ascertain as many children in this category as possible, due to the fact that Red Deeps Special School opened during that year.

Many parents feel that there is some stigma attached to their children being on the Handicapped Pupils Register, but it should be appreciated that it is only by having such a register that more can be done to help these children less fortunate than the vast majority of the school population. Special schools for the educationally subnormal or the physically handicapped can do a great deal to help in this matter.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis was continued during 1957 and the age groups were extended to include all schoolchildren up to the age of 15. The additional work involved threw a great strain on the School Health Staff generally. However, I am sure that nothing but good will accrue from this measure and one hopes to see the day when no Poliomyelitis will be reported.

Conclusion

I wish to thank Dr. K. R. Thomas who has once again kindly submitted some notes on the work of the Child Guidance Clinic during the year, and also to thank the staffs of the local hospitals and all the general practitioners in the Borough for their willing co-operation during the year. I would like to thank Dr. G. Hird for the way in which he initiated me into the vagaries of the School Health Service in Nuneaton and also to Mr. G. F. Baume and the rest of the clerical staff of the School Health Service for keeping me up to scratch and for their assistance in preparing this report.

Yours faithfully,

G. DISON,

School Medical Officer.

August 13th, 1958.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE

ANNUAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31st, 1957

Table I

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MODERN SCHOOLS

A—Number of Inspections in the prescribed Groups:

Entrants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	980
Second Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,662
Third Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,628
Total								4,270
8 years old (vision)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	897
Grand Total								5,167

B—Other Inspections:

Special Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	265
Re-Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,121
Total								1,386

PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

A—Number of Inspections in the prescribed Groups:

Second Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	277
Third Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	227
Total								504

B—Other Inspections:

Number of Special Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Number of Re-Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Total								22

Table I (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 in Table 111	Total Individual Pupils
1	2	3	4
1. Pupils attending Maintained Primary and Secondary Modern Schools:			
Entrants	15	89	91
Second Age Group	118	129	224
Third Age Group	119	101	198
Total (prescribed groups)	252	319	513
8 years old (vision)	91	6	92
Grand Total	343	325	605
2. Pupils attending Maintained Secondary Grammar Schools:			
Second Age Group	37	33	58
Third Age Group	65	28	88

Table I (D)

**CLASSIFICATION OF THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PUPILS
INSPECTED DURING THE YEAR IN AGE GROUPS**

AGE GROUPS 1	Number of Pupils inspected 2	(satisfactory)		(un-satisfactory)	
		No. 3	% of Col. 2 4	No. 5	% of Col. 2 6
1. Pupils attending Maintained Primary and Secondary Modern Schools					
Entrants	980	963	98.3	17	1.7
Second Age Group	1662	1617	97.3	45	2.7
Third Age Group	1628	1610	98.9	18	1.1
Total	4270	4190	98.1	80	1.9
2. Pupils attending Maintained Secondary Grammar Schools					
Second Age Group	277	273	98.6	4	1.4
Third Age Group	227	226	99.6	1	0.4

Table II

INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

1. Total number of examinations in the schools by the school nurses or other authorised persons	22,230
2. Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	279
3. Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued	—
4. Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued	—

Table III
RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTIONS IN
THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1957
A—PERIODIC INSPECTIONS

**1. Pupils attending Maintained Primary and Secondary
Modern Schools**

Defect Code No.	DEFECT OR DISEASE	Periodic Inspections					
		Periodic Inspections Entrants		Periodic Inspections Leavers		Other Age Groups	
		No. of Defects		No. of Defects		No. of Defects	
		Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation	Requiring treatment	Requiring to be kept under observation
4	Skin	2	9	18	10	22	14
5	Eyes:						
	(a) Vision	15	81	119	28	209	52
	(b) Squint	8	7	2	1	12	1
	(c) Other	6	2	5	2	11	11
6	Ears:						
	(a) Hearing	5	3	3	3	2	7
	(b) Otitis Media ..	4	7	3	5	2	4
	(c) Other	5	1	2	—	—	—
7	Nose or Throat	14	67	6	5	13	23
8	Speech	7	10	1	—	2	1
9	Lymphatic Glands ..	4	22	—	3	—	14
10	Heart	1	6	4	8	1	6
11	Lungs	8	33	9	16	9	26
12	Developmental:						
	(a) Hernia	1	4	—	—	—	0
	(b) Other	2	15	1	1	3	31
13	Orthopædic:						
	(a) Posture	2	9	6	12	2	20
	(b) Feet	2	12	1	7	7	12
	(c) Other	3	57	21	6	25	18
14	Nervous System:						
	(a) Epilepsy	7	3	—	3	—	4
	(b) Other	—	—	3	4	3	12
15	Psychological:						
	(a) Developmental	—	4	—	4	1	5
	(b) Stability	—	5	—	4	1	16
16	Abdomen	4	4	1	3	2	6
17	Other (excluding dental defects)	4	35	15	10	17	57

Table III

**RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTIONS IN
THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1957**

B—SPECIAL INSPECTIONS

**1. Pupils attending Maintained Primary and Secondary
Modern Schools**

Defect Code No.	DEFECT OR DISEASE	Special Inspections	
		No. of defects	
		Requiring treatment	Requiring observation
4	Skin	3	—
5	Eyes:		
	(a) Vision	5	8
	(b) Squint	2	1
	(c) Other	1	—
6	Ears:		
	(a) Hearing	—	—
	(b) Otitis media ..	—	1
	(c) Other	—	—
7	Nose or Throat	1	9
8	Speech	7	8
9	Lymphatic Glands ..	—	1
10	Heart	—	—
11	Lungs	1	7
12	Developmental:		
	(a) Hernia	—	1
	(b) Other	—	3
13	Orthopædic:		
	(a) Posture	1	2
	(b) Feet	3	—
	(c) Other	2	6
14	Nervous System:		
	(a) Epilepsy	—	—
	(b) Other	1	2
15	Psychological:		
	(a) Developmental ..	1	6
	(b) Stability	4	2
16	Abdomen	1	—
17	Other (excluding dental defects)	7	4

Table III

**RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION IN
THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1957
PERIODIC AND SPECIAL INSPECTIONS**

2. Pupils attending Maintained Secondary Grammar Schools

Defect Code No.	DEFECT OR DISEASE	Periodic Inspection. leavers		Other Periodic Inspections		Special inspections)	
		Requiring treatment	Requiring observation	Requiring treatment	Requiring observation	Requiring treatment	Requiring observation
4	Skin	4	4	8	4	—	—
5	Eyes:						
	(a) Vision ..	65	17	37	20	2	2
	(b) Squint	2	3	4	1	—	—
	(c) Other	1	2	2	1	—	—
6	Ears:						
	(a) Hearing ..	—	—	—	1	—	1
	(b) Otitis Media ..	1	—	—	1	—	—
	(c) Other	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	Nose or Throat ..	1	—	9	6	—	—
8	Speech	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	Lymphatic Glands ..	—	—	—	6	—	—
10	Heart	2	3	—	4	—	—
11	Lungs	5	8	4	5	1	—
12	Developmental:						
	(a) Hernia	—	1	—	—	—	—
	(b) Other	2	3	1	9	—	—
13	Orthopædic:						
	(a) Posture	—	5	—	5	—	—
	(b) Feet	—	2	2	3	—	—
	(c) Other	6	2	7	11	1	—
14	Nervous System:						
	(a) Epilepsy	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(b) Other	—	1	1	2	—	—
15	Psychological:						
	(a) Developmental ..	—	—	—	1	—	—
	(b) Stability	1	—	—	6	—	—
16	Abdomen	1	—	1	—	—	—
17	Other (excluding dental defects)	2	4	—	13	—	—

Table IV

TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Treatment known to have been provided for children from maintained primary and secondary schools by the Regional Hospital Board.

	Number of individual children treated
1. Eye (treatment other than that given in our own clinics)	
(a) External and other (excluding errors of refraction and squint)	1
(b) Errors of refraction (including treatment of squint other than orthoptic treatment, for which see table V)	1
(c) Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	—
2. Ear, Nose and Throat	
(i) Received operative treatment	
(a) for diseases of ear	1
(b) *for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	57
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	7
(ii) Received other forms of treatment	14
(iii) Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids	
(a) in 1957	—
(b) in previous years	5
*Number referred through the School Health Service	2

Table V

TREATMENT OF EYE DISEASES, DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT AT COUNTY EYE CLINICS

Ophthalmic part-time staff
DR. C. E. CLARK

No. of Sessions—85

Number of individual children who attended in 1957.

New cases	261
Re-examinations	609
Total number of attendances made by these children in 1957	878
Number of individual children prescribed spectacles in 1957.	
New cases	141
Re-examinations	350
Number of individual children referred for orthoptic treatment	47
Number of individual children known to have received orthoptic treatment during the year	44
Number of individual children treated for eye diseases at clinic (excluding errors of refraction and squint)	—
Total cases on register at 31st December, 1957	949

Table VI (A)

SPEECH THERAPY

	Riversley Park Clinic	Red Deeps Special School	Total
Number of sessions	82	12	94
Number of children on register for attendance at beginning of year ...	22	—	22
Number of first attendances during 1957 ...	13	20	33
Number of children recalled during 1957 after having been stood down in a previous year	16	1	17
Total number of children treated during 1957	51	21	72
Number stood down under review during 1957	13	—	13
Number discharged during 1957:			
(a) Treatment completed	11	—	11
(b) Left district	3	—	3
(c) Ceased attendance	2	—	2
Total number of attendances	466	173	639

Table VI (B)

Children whose treatment was completed during 1957

Type of Defect	Cured or much improved	Moderate improvement	Little or no improvement
	No. of children	No. of children	No. of children
Stammer	2	—	—
Dyslalia	8	—	1
Sigmatism	—	—	—
Cleft Palate	—	—	—
Late Development of Speech	—	—	—

Table VII

DENTAL INSPECTIONS AND TREATMENT

1—No. of children inspected by Dental Surgeon:							
(a) Routine Age Groups	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) Specials	...	...	...	...	...	1,044	
2—No. of new cases treated	...	...	...	...	...	743	
3—No. of cases completed	...	...	...	...	...	657	
4—No. of attendances made by children for							
treatment	...	...	...	...	...	2,233	
5—No. of sessions held for:							
(a) Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) Treatment	...	...	...	...	...	292	
6—Fillings:							
(a) Permanent teeth	...	...	...	...	...	1,347	
(b) Temporary teeth	...	...	...	...	...	21	
7—Extractions:							
(a) Permanent teeth	...	...	...	...	...	497	
(b) Temporary teeth	...	...	...	...	...	769	
8—Administration of general anæsthetic for							
extraction	...	...	...	...	...	300	
Administration of local anæsthetic for							
extraction	...	...	...	...	...	350	
9—Other operations:							
(a) Permanent teeth	...	...	...	...	...	266	
(b) Temporary teeth	...	...	...	...	...	28	

Table VIII
MINOR AILMENTS CLINICS

DEFECT OR DISEASE	Nuneaton Clinic		Stockingford Clinic	
	219 sessions		222 sessions	
	No. of first attendances	No. of subsequent attendances	No. of first attendances	No. of subsequent attendances
Skin:				
Ringworm—Scalp ..	1	—	1	—
Body ..	—	—	1	2
Scabies	1	3	—	—
Impetigo	17	93	36	161
Other Skin Diseases	264	1077	337	710
Eye:				
Blepharitis	12	7	11	12
Conjunctivitis	26	24	50	81
Other minor eye conditions	82	92	39	81
Ear:				
Miscellaneous minor ear conditions	44	66	28	36
Nose or Throat .. .				
Miscellaneous minor nose or throat conditions	2	12	88	76
All other minor ailments	654	1285	376	550
Totals	1130	2659	968	1709
Grand Total 6,466				

Table IX

ULTRA-VIOLET LIGHT CLINIC—Riversley Park—Stockingford

Number of cases treated	...	...	53	36
Period of treatment	...	...	4-8 weeks	12-24 weeks
Cases cured	...	...	11	1
Cases much improved	...	...	27	7
Cases improved	...	...	12	13
Cases with condition not changed	...	...	3	8
Course not completed	...	...	—	7
Under observation at end of year	...	...	—	4

Table X

HOME VISITS PAID BY THE SCHOOL NURSE AND HEALTH VISITORS/SCHOOL NURSES

No. of visits on account of:

(a) Personal Hygiene	...	...	...	255
(b) Other—follow-up	...	...	...	518

Table XI

HANDICAPPED PUPILS**DETAILS OF PUPILS ON HANDICAPPED PUPILS REGISTER AT 31-12-57**

CATEGORY	Previously Ascertained	Ascertained in 1957	Total on Register
A. Blind	—	—	—
B. Partially Sighted	3	—	3
C. Deaf	6	—	6
D. Partially Deaf	4	—	4
E. Educationally Subnormal	141	11	152
F. Epileptic	2	1	3
G. Maladjusted	9	2	11
H. Physically Handicapped	30	1	31
I. Speech	—	—	—
J. Delicate	11	9	20
Ineducable— Referred to M.H.O. (57-3)	51	5	56
TOTAL	257	29	286

Table XII

EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN BYE-LAWS

Number of children examined under Employment of Children Bye-laws:

Number of children examined	...	...	147
Number granted certificates	146

RIVERSLEY PARK CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

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During the year there have been no major changes in organisation or policy and I have continued to have the help of Miss E. A. Eatell as Senior Clinical Psychologist, Mrs. J. Williams as Psychiatric Social Worker, and Mr. G. Irving as Junior Clinical Psychologist.

The Wednesday morning clinics have been reserved for diagnostic sessions and cases requiring short follow-up interviews only, while children requiring longer therapeutic interviews have been seen on Friday afternoons. This arrangement has continued to work well.

Sixty-five clinics were held during the year, and a total of 346 children seen for interview, of whom 54 were new cases.

KENNETH R. THOMAS
Consultant Psychiatrist

