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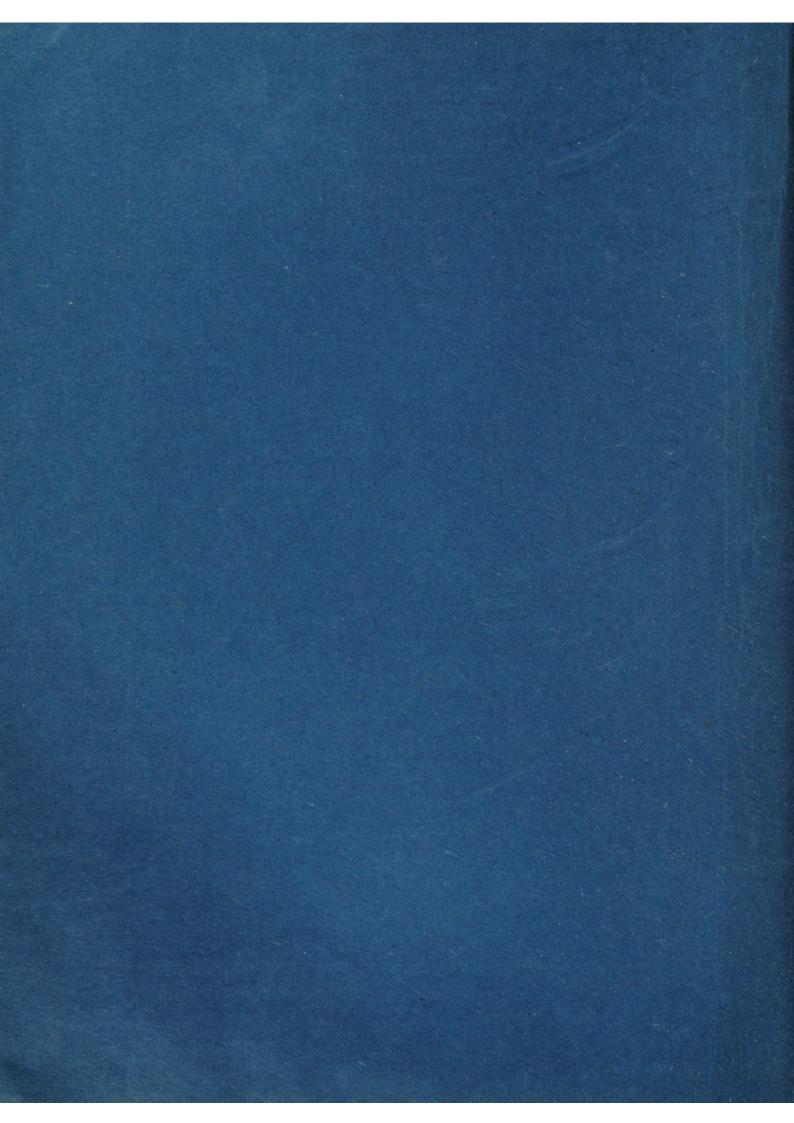
REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF

SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER

for the Year 1946



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COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROTHERHAM.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population								 	78,610
Area (acres)								 	9,255
Primary and Vo	oluntary	School	ls:—						
Number	of scho	ools						 	20
Number	of depa	artment	s					 	37
Average	number	on ro	lls					 	9,097
Average	attenda	nce						 	7,985
Secondary Mod	lern Sch	ools:-	-						
Number	of scho	ools						 	3
Number	of depa	artment	S					 	6
Average	number	on ro	lls					 	2,215
Average	attenda	nce						 	1,931
Rotherham Gra	ammar 3	School	(Boys)-	-avera	ge num	ber on	roll	 	540
County Gramm	ar Scho	ol for	Girls—	average	numbe	er on ro	ll	 	618

STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health and Chief School Medical Officer: WILLIAM BARR, M.D., D.Sc., D.P.H.

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Ophthalmic Surgeon (part-time): W. M. MUIRHEAD, M.B., Ch.B., D.O.M.S.

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School Dental Surgeon: H. R. HEALD, L.D.S.

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F. S. DODD, L.D.S. (to 2.3.46). DOROTHY M. BATEMAN, B.Ch.D., L.D.S. G. W. LOWE, L.D.S. (from 28.10.46).

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Miss N. MALLEN.

Mrs. D. DOUGLAS.

Mrs. D. ROBERTS (nee Cutts, to 9.11.46) Miss D. WHITTAKER (from 25.11.46).

Cleansing Attendants:

Miss A. MAGEE.

Mr. H. BUTTERELL.

Speech Therapist: ONE VACANCY.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

ROTHERHAM.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROTHERHAM.

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration the annual report on the

work of the School Health Service for the year 1946.

The temporary wartime use of the Coleridge Road Nursery School ceased in the

early part of the year and as from 1st April, 1946, the Cranworth Road Clinic was

again used for general clinic purposes.

During the year, the medical staff was brought up to pre-war strength by the

return of doctors from H.M. Forces. One dental officer resigned on demobilisation

and I am glad to say the vacancy has been filled. As soon as accommodation and

equipment are available it is hoped to engage a fourth dentist.

An intensified diphtheria immunisation campaign was organised during the summer

months and results were satisfactory. There is still disappointing public apathy and

indifference to immunisation.

To the staff of the School Medical Service, to Mr. Mair and his staff, and to

the Committee, I extend once again my thanks for their help and co-operation through-

out the year.

WILLIAM BARR.

Chief School Medical Officer.

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SUMMARY OF WORK.

A.	Medical Officers at schools:		
	Routine inspections in schools		4,164
	Special inspections in schools		39
	Re-inspections in schools		8,516
B.	Medical Officers at clinics:		
	Routine inspections of scattered homes and boarded-out children		540
	Inspections at clinics		5,414
	Re-inspections at clinics		10,193
	Inspections under employment of children byelaws		110
1	Miscellaneous	71.	93
0			
C.	Specialists at clinics:		
	Special inspections at clinics		1,464
	Re-inspections at clinics		2,729
D.	Dental Officers:		
	Routine inspections at schools		3,535
	Special inspections (school children)		1,826
	Special inspections (non-school cases)		415
	Attendances for treatment (school children)		6,922
	Attendances for treatment (non-school cases)		1,107
E.	School Nurses:		
	Visits to schools		993
	Examinations (including cleanliness inspections) in schools		46,447
	Visits to homes		505
	Treatment of minor ailments in clinics		
	Treatment of orthopædic defects in clinics		
	Treatment of aural defects in clinics		3,101

I.—STAFF.

- On 4.9.46, Dr. N. M. Macdonald, Senior School Medical Officer, and on 1.3.46, Dr. J. Urquhart, Assistant School Medical Officer, returned to their former duties on being demobilised from H.M. Forces. In consequence of this, the temporary appointment of Dr. A. C. Lindsay was terminated.
- Dr. R. C. Wofinden, Venereal Diseases Medical Officer and Assistant School Medical Officer, resigned on 31.12.46, on being appointed Deputy Medical Officer of Health for Bradford.
- Mr. F. S. Dodd, Assistant Dental Surgeon, resigned his appointment on release from the Army on 2.3.46, and was replaced by Mr. G. W. Lowe on 28.10.46.
- Miss E. Bates commenced duty as school nurse on 1.3.46, replacing Mrs. M. A. Frost who resigned on 2.3.46.
- Mrs. C. Weigh resigned her appointment on the clerical staff on 17.4.46, and was replaced by Miss D. Watson on 22.7.46. Mr. J. D. Johnston returned from H.M. Forces on 18.3.46.
- Mrs. D. Roberts, dental attendant, resigned on 9.11.46, and was replaced by Miss D. Whittaker on 25.11.46.

II.—THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Provision of free specialist in-patient and out-patient treatment for children is envisaged under the Education Act, 1944, and under the National Health Service Act, 1946. Negotiations to this end are still in progress with the Rotherham Hospital and the Sheffield Hospitals.

It has been arranged that a plastic surgeon will see such cases as require his attention. Few such cases occur.

A psychiatric specialist and an educational psychologist have been engaged to commence duties in Rotherham in January, 1947, on a part-time basis. Up to the end of 1946 there were no applicants for the post of psychiatric social worker.

Approval of the Ministry of Education is being sought for the employment of a chiropodist on a sessional basis.

The ear, nose and throat, opthalmic and orthopædic specialists have continued to hold clinics as usual.

There have been no applicants for the post of speech therapist and, unfortunately, the demand for such persons will long be in excess of the supply.

The existing minor ailment and scabies clinics have been maintained as before.

III.—EVACUATION.

There is nothing to report under this heading.

IV.—MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Routine and special inspections were carried on as in former years. 4,164 children were medically examined compared with 2,946 in 1945.

Special and re-inspections totalled 28,355 against 22,208 in 1945.

FINDINGS OF MEDICAL INSPECTION.

NUTRITION.

There has been a marked increase in the number of children in the excellent group. The normal or average remains much as last year. There were fewer in the slightly subnormal class but a few more badly nourished.

The following table shows the nutritional classifications of school children at the routine examinations with the comparative figures for 1945.

No. of children examined	A (Excellent) per cent.	B (Normal) per cent.	C (Slightly sub-normal) per cent.	(Bad) per cent.	
1946 4352	6.81	83 · 15	9.56	0.48	
1945 3142	2.7	85.8	11.5	byzobay bra	

UNCLEANLINESS.

The number of children with vermin and/or nits remains disturbingly high and shows a big increase over the previous year, 1,231 as compared with 1,016.

A poor standard of personal hygiene is the main reason for this, and the increasingly over-crowded living conditions are an important contributing factor.

21 children were cleansed during the year as compared with 35 in 1945.

There is a widespread belief that some people are more prone to lousiness than are others. There are no known grounds for this assumption and it is probably based on the fact that some persons suffer considerable discomfort from the creature's bites and even from its crawling, while other folk do not notice either the presence or the bites of the louse.

It has been proved that the louse does not show a preference for any particular individual, so that infestation, or avoidance of it, depends chiefly on personal cleanliness.

MINOR AILMENTS.

A total of 6,101 minor ailments were dealt with. In 1945 the figure was 5,229.

VISUAL DEFECTS AND EXTERNAL EYE DISEASES.

The opthalmic and minor ailments clinics cater for the above conditions. Figures are given on page 10. Vision tests were carried out on 995 ten-year-old children 64 of whom were referred for treatment and 73 were kept under observation.

EAR, NOSE AND THROAT DEFECTS.

Details are given on pages 12-15. Special and minor ailments clinics deal with these conditions.

ORTHOPÆDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS.

Seven sessions were held in Rotherham by the orthopædic specialist. Further particulars are given on pages 10-12.

HEART DISEASE AND RHEUMATISM.

466 children suspected of suffering from heart disease were examined. 96 were found to have rheumatism. In 1945 the figures were 268 and 32 respectively. Twelve cases suspected of having chorea were kept under observation.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The Tuberculosis Officer examined 90 children, 44 of whom were referred by the school medical officers. One had tubercular glands of the neck, another had lupus of the face, and the remaining 88 were found to be non-tuberculous.

OTHER CONDITIONS.

29 children, seen at routine examinations, had poor or bad clothing and the footwear of 34 afforded no protection from the weather. The figures for 1945 were 19 and 19 respectively. Lack of coupons and the poor quality of much present day footwear are partly the cause of the increase in numbers of ill-clad and ill-shod children. Most of the children concerned came from problem families however.

V.—DUTIES OF SCHOOL NURSES.

A summary of the work of the school nurses is given below: -

1—Number of visits paid to schools:—		
Cleanliness inspections		 429
Other purposes		 564
2-Number of examinations of children for cleanliness		 46,447
3-Number of children found with nits and/or verminous	head	 1,231
4—Number of examinations of such children		 5,217
5-Number of verminous children cleansed at the clinic		 21
6—Number of visits paid to homes		 505
7—Number of visits paid to scattered homes		 275
8—Number of treatments of minor ailments at clinics		 22,594
9—Number of treatments of aural cases at clinics		 3,101
10-Number of treatments of orthopædic cases at clinics		 7,076

VI.-MEDICAL TREATMENT.

SKIN DISEASES.

SCABIES.

Scabies continues to be prevalent, 855 individuals making 1,965 attendances, compared with 737 persons and 1,629 treatments in 1945.

The appended table gives more details: -

			Cases	Attendances
Pre-school children	 	 	 118	255
School children	 	 	 428	1048
Adults	 	 	 309	662
Total	 	 	 855	1965

RINGWORM.

Ringworm of the scalp has increased considerably and similar findings have been reported from widely scattered areas all over the country. There were 62 cases of ringworm of the scalp and 39 cases of ringworm of the body compared with 28 and 48 respectively in 1945.

457 children have been examined by Wood's lamp for ringworm since April, 1946.

PÆDIATRIC CLINIC.

At the pædiatric clinic, held under the Child Welfare Scheme, Dr. Naish, by special arrangement, saw twelve school children and made 49 examinations. Appropriate treatment or observation was carried out.

OPTHALMIC CLINIC.

80 sessions were held during the year by the Opthalmic Surgeon. The appended tables give an analysis of the work:—

		Ref	ractions	D.	Carataslas
		Cases	Attendances	Re- inspections	Spectacles prescribed
School children	 	 588	1009	1129	536
Pre-school children	 	 67	187	270	54
Totals	 	 655	1196	1399	590

The conditions found at the examinations were as follow: -

			(School Children	Pre-School Children
Emmetropia		 	 	30	_
Hypermetropia		 	 	97	9
Hypermetropic astigma	atism	 	 	171	7
Myopia		 	 	130	- 5
Myopic astigmatism		 	 	11	5
Mixed astigmatism		 	 	50	6
Concomitant strabismu	18	 ***	 	71	54
Nebulae		 	 	5	1
Cataract		 	 	7	_
Nystagmus		 	 	4	
Referred for squint of	peration	 	 	10	
Choroidal defects		 	 	2	3

ORTHOPÆDIC CLINIC.

INSPECTIONS AND RE-INSPECTIONS BY THE ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON.

Seven sessions were held by the specialist during the year.

Details are given below: -

			Inspections	Re- inspections
School children	 	 	 35	56
Pre-school children	 	 	 20	47
Total	 	 	 55	103

One artificial limb and 1 splint were supplied during the year. Adjustments were made to the boots of 19 children.

TREATMENT AT KIRBYMOORSIDE HOSPITAL.

During the year 6 school children were admitted to the Adela Shaw Orthopædic Hospital and 7 were discharged.

TREATMENTS AT ORTHOPAEDIC CLINICS.

The total number of attendances made at the clinics during the year was 7,076, the purpose for which they were made being shown below:—

Reason for a	ittenda	nce	School children	Pre-school children
Remedial exercises			 1773	_
Massage			 1178	- 100T
Radiant heat			 1184	_
Electrical treatment			 2452	38
Plasters applied			 4	-
Other purposes			 382	65
Total	T		 6973	103

The following table shows the nature of the deformities treated in school children and the results of treatment by remedial exercises:—

	Number	and the state of	Result of	treatment		
Deformity	treated	Remedied	Much improved	Slightly improved	Un- changed	Discontinued treatment
Scoliosis	 14	6	3	1	2	2
Kyphosis	 45	21	12	3	7	2
Flat foot	 90	34	33	4	9	10
Torticollis	 6	5	1	-	-	-
Total	 155	66	49	8	18	14

The following table shows the nature of the defects treated in school children and the results of treatment by massage and radiant heat:—

	Number					
Defect	treated	Remedied	Much improved	Slightly improved	Un- changed	Discontinued treatment
Infantile paralysis	14	2	4	4	4	-
Synovitis	8	5	2	-	-	1
Sprains	16	12	3	- T	-	1
Fractured tibia	1	1	-	-	-	-
Hallux valgus	35	15	11	1	3	5
Myalgia	13	10	3	-	-	-
Fractured arms	1	1	-	-	-	
Talipes	10	6	4	-	-	-
Total	98	52	27	5	7	7

The following cases of enuresis in school children were treated by faradism: --

Number treated	Remedied	Unchanged	Under treatment	Discontinued treatment
80	27	18	22	13

EAR, NOSE AND THROAT CLINIC.

The work of the clinic is summarised in the following tables: -

		Cranworth	T . 1
	House	Road	Total
1-Number of new cases examined by Aural Surgeon	338	274	612
2-Number of cases receiving treatment on 31/12/45 v	vho		
continued treatment in 1946	160	210	370
3—Number of attendances made by cases in—			
(a) Head 1	1054	1359	2413
(b) Head 2	198	584	782
4—Number of Aural Surgeon's subsequent inspections—			
(a) Head 1	1050	871	1921
(b) Head 2	442	521	963

Particulars of the conditions found and treated at the clinics are given in the following table: —

Tonowing table.—	Ferham House	Cranworth Road	Total
Number of children who attended	498	484	982
Ear conditions—Suppurative	63	47	110
(a) Cured	27	33	60
(b) Improved	16	4	20
(c) Continuing treatment	20	10	30
Non-suppurative	194	162	356
(a) Cured	150	66	216
(b) Improved	26	20	
(c) Continuing treatment	18	76	94
Nose conditions	40	70	110
Throat conditions: —			
(a) Tonsils and adenoids advised operation	164	96	260
(b) Tonsils and adenoids removed		-	276
(c) Tonsils only advised operation	25	3	28
(d) Tonsils only removed		_	15
(e) Adenoids only advised operation	7	4	11
(f) Adenoids only removed	_	_	1
(g) Cervical adenitis	5	2	7
(h) Cervical adenitis and tonsils and adenoids re-			
moved	-	-	1

AUDIOMETRIC TESTING.

The aural nurse examines the hearing of all children in school at the age of 8, years with the 4-AE, gramophone audiometer. Particulars of such examinations carried out at school are given in the following table:—

Number	Deaf	Number	Deaf
tested	1st test	re-tested	2nd test
915	426	426	306

All the children who were found to have more than 6 units loss on the first test were re-tested to eliminate such factors as novelty, lack of concentration and nervousness.

Of the children tested the following analysis is made: -

Group A (-3 to 6 decibels) ... 1372 Normal ears.

Group B (9 to 18 decibels) ... 226 Slightly deaf ears.

Group C (21 to 30 decibels) ... 232 Partially deaf ears.

Total 1830

A further analysis is made of children with defective hearing in both ears: -

Group B 48 children. Group C 124 children.

TREATMENT.

Children found to have defective hearing by the gramophone audiometer are examined by the aural surgeon.

The results of such examinations are shown as follows: -

			Ferham	Cranworth	
			House	Road	Total
Children examined by aural surgeon	1		 172	146	318
Defects: —					
Chronic rhinitis			 3	-	3
Chronic suppurative otitis med	ia		 2	3	5
Acute suppurative otitis media			 8	5	13
Mild eustachian catarrh			 86	75	161
Catarrhal otitis media			 24	11	35
Wax			 24	14	38
Foreign bodies			 -	1	1
Referred for removal of tonsils	and aden	oids	 17	23	40
Referred for removal of tonsils of	only		 _	1	1
Referred for removal of adenoid	s only		 _	1	1
Nerve deafness			 1	2	3
Referred for inferior hyperturb	inectomy		 -	1	1
Referred for intra-nasal antroto	my		 1	_	1
No diagnosis			 6	9	15

These defects were treated and the children who were found to be deaf were re-examined for hearing loss.

The following table shows the results of treatment of the children found to be deaf: —

Number of children re-tested with gramophone audiometer after treatment	216
Number of children cured of deafness by treatment	110
Number of children with improved hearing after treatment	86
Number of children showing no improvement and continuing treatment	20

IONISATION.

	er of children referred for ionisation er of ears dry after ionisation					7 7
OPERATIVE	Work of the Aural Surgeon.					
	umber of children receiving operative treat performed were as follow:—	ment	during	the ye	ar and	d the
Numbe	er operated upon					328
Operat	ions performed: —					
	(a) Tonsils and adenoids removed					276
	(b) Tonsils only removed					15
	(c) Adenoids only removed					1
	(d) Sub-mucus resections					7
	(e) Inferior hyperturbinectomy					1
	(f) Intra-nasal antrotomy					1
	(g) Dissection of tonsils and adenoids	S				5
	(h) Dissection of tonsils					13
	(i) Dissection of tonsil remains					2
	(j) Aural polypus removed					3
	(k) Dissection of tonsils and laryng	goscop	y			1
	(l) Exploration of antra					1
	(m) Exploration of antra and remov					1
	(n) Removal of tonsils and adenoids	and	cervical	adenit	is	1

CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC.

During 1946, Rotherham children continued to be dealt with by the Sheffield Child Guidance Clinic. Owing to shortage, it was found impossible to continue sending staff to Rotherham after June, 1946. For the rest of the year, only such cases as would travel to Sheffield were seen.

The report from the Sheffield Child Guidance Clinic is given below. As stated earlier, now that a part-time educational psychologist and a part-time psychiatrist have been appointed in Rotherham, it is hoped to begin regular and frequent sessions at Ferham House from January, 1947.

Report from the Sheffield Child Guidance Clinic on Rotherham Branch Clinic, 1946:—

During 1946, twenty-three children were referred, five girls and eighteen boys. The persons referring the children gave reasons which placed them in the following categories: —nervous disorders 2; habit disorders 1; behaviour disorders 5; intellectual difficulties 15.

Thirty cases were closed during the year, the reasons for closure being as follows:

Parents unco-operative		 	 	 	2
Transferred to other treats	ment	 	 	 	7
Consultation only		 	 	 	19
Treatment completed					
Closed after supervision		 	 	 	1
					30

That a larger proportion than usual is shown as "transferred to other treatment" is due to the fact that the Rotherham Authority was on the point of starting its own psychological service at the end of the year and all the remaining cases but one were handed over to the Authority to be dealt with by its own officers.

The regrettable situation that had existed for the last six months and the admittedly inadequate service prior to that, thus appears at the end of 1946, to be on the point of radical improvement and the staff of the Sheffield Child Guidance Clinic offers its best wishes for the success of the new service.

The following figures also refer to the cases opened and closed during the year: -

By whom referred:

Head teachers School medical				
				23

Age range on reference:

6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
years								
7	10	- 10	3	2	-	_	100_0	1

Intelligence quotient range of closed cases:

Below 65										111— 115		
3	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	4	2	_	2	1

DENTAL CLINIC.

Mr. Heald, the School Dental Surgeon, reports on the work of the dental clinic: -

It was expected that, on his demobilisation from the Royal Army Dental Corps in February, 1946, Mr. Dodd would return to the dental staff. Indeed, such was his expressed intention in January, but a dental vacancy occurred in a dental practice near his home and he elected to take this over and resign his post in Rotherham. Eventually in late October Mr. G. W. Lowe was appointed, so that the dental officers now employed are again up to the strength of the years 1938-42, and less treatment will now be left undone.

Nearly 1,000 additional attendances were made for treatment during the year compared with 1945, and 233 more individuals were treated. The actual details of treatment can be seen in the appended tables, and a comparative one of children who were inspected in school and those attending schools not inspected by a dentist is given below. This again shows the stimulus given to obtain treatment by such routine inspections, and it should be remembered that the schools inspected in 1946, with an acceptance 'rate of 67 per cent., were those missed in 1945, during which year the percentage acceptance of treatment was only 17.4.

	1946	1945	1944
Number of school children inspected	3535	4297	3305
Number referred for treatment	1973	2497	2068
Number accepting treatment	1322	1696	1545
Percentage acceptance	67.0	67.9	74.7
Number of children in schools not inspected	6818	7342	6847
Number of such children attending for and			
receiving treatment	1826	1272	1047
Percentage acceptance	26.8	17.4	19.2

Many children are now sent appointments every six months to attend the clinic, such appointments being over and above the number usually treated each session, and in this way many cases of irregular teeth are kept under observation, and by judicious extraction, at the right age, much trouble in later life can be avoided and also decay can be detected and treated in the early stages. During 1946, the dentists' time was spent, for school children, at the ratio of 33 treatment sessions to one inspection session and it might well be that, with an extension of the method mentioned above, the time spent on inspection could be further reduced. A visit to a clinic for inspection impresses on both child and parent (who hardly ever attends a school inspection) the value of dental care much more than the usual "ten minutes out of class to have his teeth

looked at." Some measure of the success of this scheme can be noticed from the fact that in 1944, 1,047 children attended from non-inspected schools (19.2 per cent.), whereas in 1946, 1,826 children attended from such schools (26.8 per cent.). It can be assumed that not all this increase in attendance is due to the driving power of toothache!

The increased holiday periods of the primary and secondary modern schools give correspondingly less time for the carrying out of routine inspections in schools, but under the regular inspection at the clinics scheme, there are always some patients found to require attention at school holiday times and thus a steady amount of dental work is performed regardless of the schools being open or not. Probably the most appreciative patients are those who attend on Saturday mornings or during school holidays, although it must be said that a very small number of appointments are not kept at any time.

Nearly 500 more permanent teeth were filled in 1946 than the previous year, while the number of teeth extracted remained practically the same. It should be noted that many *sound* permanent teeth are extracted for regulation purposes—this including the extraction, if at the correct age, of opposing six-year-old molars and of premolars to allow canines to erupt in alignment with the other teeth.

An increasing number of children require, or, at least, attend for orthodontic treatment, and apart from those treated solely by extractions, over a hundred children had plates supplied during the year. These are made by the dentists in between seeing patients and largely outside official hours, while one of the dental attendants has become very proficient in the processing and finishing of the plates. With the prospect of a fourth dentist being appointed and an increase in the amount of work undertaken for the public health patients in the supplying of dentures, at present carried out by a "mechanic to the profession," the time is rapidly approaching when it may be advisable to appoint a dental mechanic to the staff.

Seventy-nine patients were referred to the X-ray department at the Municipal General Hospital during the year and the co-operation of the staff there is very much appreciated.

It will have been noted elsewhere that the clinics are again at Cranworth Road after their wartime sojourn at Coleridge Road.

The particulars of the cases treated at the several clinics are given in the following table:—

Clinic	Total atten-	No. of individ's	Extra	ctions	Fill	ings	Anaes	thetics	Other
Chine	dances	treated	Perm. teeth	Temp. teeth	Perm. teeth	Temp. teeth	Local	Gen- eral	opera- tions
Cranworth Rd. 1	4041	1883	1293	2639	1064	63	130	1869	1433
Cranworth Rd. 2	156	15	9	10	115	1	5	9	81
Ferham House	3387	1592	1780	2082	759	39	100	1608	1255
Thorpe Hesley	249	49	2	3	59	14	6	-	202
Greasbrough	155	10	1	2	55	10	3	-	131
Oakw'd Hall San	41	14	64	-	-	-	14	4	21
Total 1946	8029	3563	3149	4736	2052	127	258	3490	3123
Total 1945	7042	3330	2989	4790	1561	75	219	3476	2454

The following table gives the details of dental treatment of school children, maternity, child welfare and tuberculous patients during 1946:—

	Total	No. of individ-	Extra	ctions	Filli	ings	Anaest	thetics	Other	No. of patients supplied
Group	attend- ances	uals treated	Perm. teeth	Temp.	Perm. teeth	Temp. teeth	Local	Gen- eral	opera- tions	
School children	6922	3148	1524	4514	1987	104	196	2999	2607	-
Tuberculosis	57	19	70	1	6		18	4	34	4
Maternity	881	271	1555	2	59	-	37	358	463	56
Child welfare	169	125	-	219	-	23	7	129	19	-
Total 1946	8029	3563	3149	4736	2052	127	258	3490	3123	60
Total 1945	7042	3330	2989	4790	1561	75	219	3476	2454	77

CLINIC SUMMARY.

The following table summarises the work done at the several school clinics during the year: -

	Fel	Ferham House	Crar	Cranworth	The	Thorpe Hesley	Greasl	Greasbrough			Te	Totals		
Work									Schoo	School cases	Non-sch	Non-school cases	All	cases
	Cases	Cases Attend- ances	Cases	Attend- ances	Cases	Attend- ances	Cases	Artend- ances	Cases	Attend- ances	Cases	Attend- ances	Cases	Attend- ances
Minor ailment and general	2392	11091	2350	12162	133	377	486	692	5041	22797	320	1525	5361	24322
Orthopædic	51	1121	337	5955	1	1	1	1	329	6973	59	103	388	9202
Refractions	302	1226	353	1369	1	1	1	1	588	2138	19	457	929	2595
Aural	538	2961	484	2952	1	1	1	1	817	5150	205	763	1022	5913
Dental	1606	3428	1898	4197	49	249	10	155	3148	6922	415	1107	3563	8029
Scabies	855	1965	1	1	1	1	1		428	1048	427	917	855	1965
Pædiatric	1	1	20	19	. 1	T	1	.1	12	49	00	18	20	19
Total	5744	21792	5442	26702	182	626	496	847	10363	45077	1501	4890	11864	49967

VII.—INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND IMMUNISATION.

The appended table gives the numbers of the common infectious diseases in children of school age and shows the quarterly distribution of the cases. The totals for all ages are also given.

		Cases occi	urring in				
Disease	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total 1946	Total 1945	Total all ages 1946
Scarlet fever	23	15	20	20	78	178	128
Diphtheria	5	12	1	3	21	11	33
Typhoid fever	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Pneumonia	2	3	3	2	10	8	79
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Encephalitis							
lethargica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-spinal fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Erysipelas	-	-	2	-	2	1	29
Dysentery	5	-	-	1	6	1	22
Whooping cough	31	10	2	9	52	87	222
Measles	-	1	41	66	108	517	260

There has been a sharp fall in the incidence of scarlet fever in school children, 78 compared with 178 in both 1945 and 1944.

There has been a rise in the number of cases of diphtheria, most marked in the second quarter. 21 cases, the same as in 1944, were notified, compared with 11 in 1945. Of the 21 cases, 6 had been immunised during 1941 and 1942, and one in 1943. None of the seven had been given a stimulating or third dose. No child died of diphtheria during the year.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

There was a marked falling-off in numbers of children attending for immunisation during the first half of the year. In the summer and autumn, a campaign was organised to try to overcome public apathy and indifference. Whether or not these ends were attained is doubtful, but more children were immunised, which was the main object of the campaign.

A mobile immunising unit was sent into the areas with a poor record in immunisation and to all schools in the town. The results showed that a regrettably large number of parents cannot be bothered going to the readily accessible clinics nor to their private doctors.

As long as they themselves are not put to any trouble whatsoever, then such parents do not object to their children being immunised.

It is doubtful if press posters and notice board displays have any effect on the ignorant and disinterested parents. Individual verbal advice by medical officers, school nurses, health visitors and teachers, is by far the most successful form of propaganda.

The following figures show the numbers of school children dealt with in Rother-ham in each year since, and including, 1940 when diphtheria immunisation was first made widely available in the town. The majority of those immunised in 1946 were done in schools:—

1940	 	 	 485
1941	 	 	 2289
1942	 	 	 2595
1943	 	 	 1255
1944	 	 	 227
1945	 	 	 138
1946	 	 	 1215

70.2 per cent. of children at school at the end of 1946 had been immunised against diphtheria.

WHOOPING COUGH.

Immunisation against whooping cough is gaining favour in this country and large scale field work is being carried on in several populous centres, but results will not be available for some time.

As far as can be gathered from general practitioners who practise immunisation against whooping cough, the results are encouraging both in preventing the disease and modifying attacks.

From 1941 to 1946 small numbers of children were immunised by school medical officers against whooping cough. A recent enquiry has shown that of the 52 inoculated, 4 subsequently developed whooping cough. It is likely that the majority of the children were contacts, as whooping cough is more or less endemic in this area and there were 222 cases at all ages this year and 303 in 1945. Six are known to have been close family contacts but did not develop whooping cough. Though the numbers involved are far too small to prove or disprove anything, the results do appear to encourage further and wider investigation.

VIII.—NURSERY CLASSES.

No new nursery classes were opened during the year. Particulars of visits, medical inspection and findings are given below.

Number of visits paid to nursery classes:

(a) Routine daily visits		 	***	 83
(b) Weighing sessions		 		 6
(c) Attendance at medical	inspection	 		 8

Number of examinations of children:

	Boys	Girls
(a) Routine	1536	1425
(b) Weighing	95	109
(c) Medical examinations by School Medical		
Officer	80	74
Number of children referred to minor ailment clinic	23	8
Number of children immunised on school premises		15
Number of examinations for cleanliness	1536	1425
Number of new children found with verminous head	4	6
Number of examinations of children with verminous		
head	16	259
Number of children for whom iron tablets were pre-		
scribed by the medical officer		10
Number of home visits by the nursery class nurse		15

IX.—SPEECH DEFECTS.

The need for a speech therapist is urgent. There have been no applicants for the post, nor are there likely to be while the demand continues to be so far in excess of the trained personnel available.

X.—SCHOOL MEALS.

Miss Taylor, organiser of school meals, has provided the following information. "The table gives details of the number of dinners served during the year January 1st to December 31st, 1946.

	1	Number of Meals	
	Seniors and Juniors	Infants	Nursery
Spring term	126,740	34,825	9,321
Summer term	156,978	52,545	12,031
Autumn term	. 193,453	50,870	14,179
Total	477,171	138,240	35,531

School meals are increasing in number and have now become an integral part of school life and organisation.

But it is with a sense of frustration and futility we plod along. Pressure at our one cooking centre is very great—this does determine the type of meal prepared, which

tends to be very monotonous. Nevertheless, the standard and quality of the meal remains good. Not until the building of planned kitchens and dining halls materialises, and the pressure of the container meals is relieved, can we hope to attain a desired standard."

XI.—HANDICAPPED PUPILS.

It is hoped that the new open-air school will be opened in 1947. This school is intended primarily to cater for the delicate child. It has been proposed by some that a class for partially sighted children should also be held in this school.

It is a cause of great concern that there appears to be no available accommodation in residential special schools for children who are educationally subnormal, maladjusted or suffering from speech defects. Vacancies in residential schools for delicate and epileptic children are also few and far between.

The lack of special accommodation is commonly blamed for the frequency with which the maladjusted or educationally subnormal child lands in the police court.

XII.—SCHOOL PREMISES.

Overcrowding of classrooms is becoming an increasing problem. While it is recognised that it is not easy to carry out alterations and repairs nowadays, it is felt, here and there, minor improvements could be made which would add to the comfort and convenience of staff and pupils.

Although some of the existing schools will be occupied for only another five, ten or fifteen years, it is considered that conditions should be made as satisfactory as can be in the meantime.

XIII.—SCATTERED HOME AND BOARDED-OUT CHILDREN.

SCATTERED HOME CHILDREN.

In December, 1946, "Oakwood Grange" was opened and it is an admirable home for the children now in residence. They are the girls who were formally at "Easthill," Doncaster Road, and the toddlers who were at Westgate Home.

The girls at "Oak Lea," Clough Road, moved into "Easthill," and the "Lindum House" boys transferred to "Oak Lea." "Lindum House" is no longer used as a Home.

All children admitted to the Homes go first to Westgate. There they are seen by one of the school medical officers and arrangements are made for any treatment thought necessary. From Westgate, the children go to whichever Home is felt to be the most suitable.

It is hoped that a telephone will be installed shortly in each of the Homes.

The general health of the children continues to be satisfactory.

Quarterly medical inspections were carried out as usual during the year. 170 children were seen and 483 examinations made. 136 visits were made to the Homes by the medical officer.

Eleven children suffering from various complaints were admitted to the Municipal General Hospital during the year and one mentally defective boy who was admitted to the hopital in 1943 is still in.

One child was admitted to the Isolation Hospital suffering from rubella.

One child, admitted to the Oakwood Hall Sanatorium with tubercular hip in 1945, is still in the hospital.

BOARDED-OUT CHILDREN.

Eighteen boarded-out children were seen and 57 medical examinations were made.

Eight new defects were found and treatment given accordingly.

Three children were admitted to the Municipal General Hospital, one for removal of tonsils and adenoids, one with pleurisy and one with what appeared to be epileptiform attacks.

XIV.—MISCELLANEOUS MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS' ACT.

Nine boys and three girls were examined during the year, prior to their going to remand home or approved school.

In last year's report, a plea was made that longer notice be given medical officers of cases referred to the Juvenile Court.

It still happens, more often than not, that the doctor's first intimation of a child being in trouble is that child's appearance before him for examination regarding his fitness to be sent to a remand home.

EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN.

During the year, 82 boys and 4 girls were granted certificates of fitness for employment. The figures in 1945 were 53 and 1 respectively. Two boys were examined and found to be unsuitable for employment.

22 girls and one boy were granted certificates of fitness to take part in stage entertainments compared with 15 girls in 1945.

XV.—REPORT OF THE ORGANISERS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

The Organisers of Physical Education, Mr. Jas. Longstaff and Miss A. R. Caughey (resigned 31.8.46), submit the following report for 1946:—

A-PHYSICAL TRAINING IN SCHOOLS.

Children in all schools have instruction in physical education and playground games. Where suitable facilities exist, they also have field games and dancing. In view of the limited and often inadequate accommodation available for physical training, games and dancing, the standard of work is satisfactory. The improvement in boys schools is perceptible and is due to the return of men teachers from the Forces.

Gymnastic kit and plimsolls have been provided for secondary modern schools and those primary schools fortunate enough to have halls. The Authority has power to extend these provisions and such extension as necessary.

B-ORGANISED GAMES AND ATHLETICS.

Good use is made of all available spaces which are suitable. Many well-sited spaces classed as playing areas are unserviceable. At the moment no school in Rother-ham, with the possible exceptions of Badsley Moor Lane and the County Grammar School for Girls, has access to adequate playing fields. The development plan includes consideration of this need in connection with new schools. The need of other schools is equally important and it is suggested that co-operation with the Parks Committee and the Transport Committee may provide a temporary solution; the most satisfactory solution will be for the Education Committee to own and staff its own playing fields.

C-SWIMMING.

The Main Street Baths are used to capacity during school hours. It becomes more and more necessary to limit swimming instruction to secondary modern and senior primary schools.

Summary of 1946 awards: -

Reservational and a subject to the party of	TORE THE	Boys	Girls	Total
Swimming Certificates	 	 792	631	1423
Royal Life-saving Society Awards	 	 101	94	195
Free Passes	 	 86	68	154
Medallion of Merit (R.S.A.A.)	 	 5	1	6

D-Brinsworth Street Gymnasium.

This was again used to capacity during the evenings by the Boys' Brigade, Sea Cadet Corps, Leaders Courses and Badminton Clubs, and during the day by the College of Technology, St. Bede's and Thornhill.

E-College of Technology and School of Art.

There has been a distinct improvement in physical training, organised games and swimming, due to the appointment of suitable staff. The use of the Boys' Club premises has been most helpful. Playing-field accommodation at Oakwood is good; changing and lavatory facilities cannot be considered satisfactory, especially in view of the intercollege cricket and football matches—similar hockey matches are desirable for the girls, but cannot be entertained.

F-School Journeys and Camps.

Camp Grants for 1946—£62. Ferham boys at Lake District Guest House. Whitley Bridge Agricultural Camp attended by scholars from South Grove Secondary Modern School, was reported successful.

The provision of camp or camp schools has been approved in principle by the Committee and will become an accomplished fact when premises are available.

School journeys have been more prominent during 1946 and are admirably conducted. They include several into Derbyshire and Ladybower and Dam, Conisborough and Sprotborough, Roche Abbey, Southwall Minster and Dukeries, York, Lincoln and Leeds.

G-PHYSICAL TRAINING FOR ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS.

Evening Institute physical training, dancing and "keep-fit" classes were arranged to meet all demands.

Instructors were appointed to Boys' Welfare Club, 3rd Boys' Brigade and Sea Cadet Corps.

H-LOCAL YOUTH COMMITTEE.

Several grants-in-aid were made to enable potential leaders of physical recreation to attend vacation courses. Local courses were held during two terms by the C.C.P.R. in co-operation with this Authority; one in swimming was particularly successful, several teachers and others gaining the A.S.A. Elementary Teachers' Certificate.

A training course for men was held in Rotherham for the Festival of Youth at Wembley in July. Four Rotherham men were selected for the team representing South Yorkshire and took part in the mass demonstration of physical training.

All affiliated clubs which submitted requisitions received buying permits covering their requirements. Fortunately these limitations are being withdrawn.

We are indebted to Works Clubs for the loan of their sports grounds, particularly to Beatson Clarks. Facilities still fall short of demand, but Herringthorpe Playing Fields will be available in 1947.

At the Athletic Sports held at the County Grammar School for Girls in July, 11 Youths' and 8 Girls' organisations took part.

Result: -

Junior Youths-Spurley Hey Youth Club.

Senior Youths-Y.M.C.A.

Junior Girls-Kimberworth Youth Club.

Senior Girls-Sea Rangers.

We regret no trophies are available for these events, particularly in view of the fact that prizes are not awarded.

Swimming events for youth clubs were included in the Rotherham A.S.A. Gala. The result was a tie between Spurley Hey Boys' Youth Club and the Sea Cadet Corps, who each hold the "Lund" Cup for six months.

I-ROTHERHAM SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The R.S.A.A. has now resumed its excellent work in all branches of physical activities out of school hours on pre-war scale.

Summary of results: -

ATHLETICS Juniors-Ferham Boys; Alma Road Girls.

Seniors-Kimberworth Boys; Kimberworth Girls.

Yorkshire—1st Long Jump; 2nd 440 Relay and ½-mile; 3rd Long Jump and 220.

English—1st Long Jump—Kenneth Walls, 19ft. 23ins.

SWIMMING

Juniors-Wellgate Boys; St. Ann's Road Girls.

Seniors—Spurley Hey Boys; Spurley Hey Girls.

Yorkshire—For the first time a Junior Association, i.e., one with school population of less than 15,000, won both the Junior Association "Charlesworth" Trophy and also the "Bradford" Trophy for the highest aggregate. The boys also won the Sheffield Telegraph Shield and Cup for Breast Stroke Team and Free Style Team respectively.

The boys also won 100yds. Free Style-D. Tasker (S.H.).

66²3yds. Breast—P. A. Caine (S.H.). 66²3yds. Back—K. Casey (S.G.).

The girls were 2nd and the boys 3rd in several events. A very noteworthy performance.

FOOTBALL

Juniors-9 entrants-"Saul" Cup-Doncaster Road.

Seniors—4 entrants—"Parkin" Cup—Rawmarsh.

Yorkshire—"Wylie" Shield won by Rotherham boys who defeated Dearne Valley, Barnsley, Bradford and Doncaster. For—31; against—5. CRICKET

"Hedley Verity" Cup won by South Grove for 2nd year in succession.

ROUNDERS

Juniors—"Aizlewood" Cup was won by Meadowhall Road.

Seniors-"Kelly" Cup was won by Rawmarsh.

In conclusion we would report that the services of the Organisers of Physical Education have been available to all sections of the community. We would also like to thank the Committee, Mr. Mair and his staff, and the teachers, for their help and co-operation throughout the year.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.

MEDICAL INSPECTIONS OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

A-ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

Entrants		 	 	1299
Second age group		 	 	1267
Third age group		 	 	1234
Other routine inspection	ıs	 	 	552
Total		 	 	4352

B-OTHER INSPECTIONS.

Number of special inspections and re-inspections ... 28,355

TABLE II.

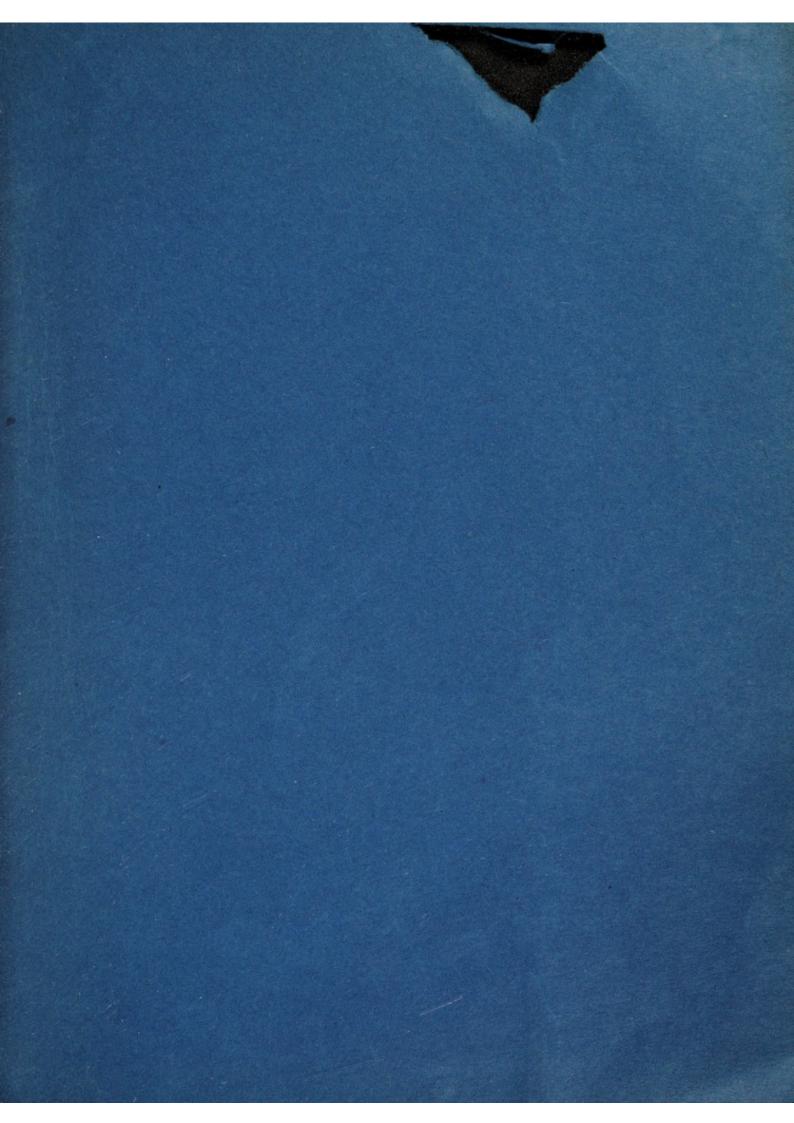
CLASSIFICATION OF THE NUTRITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED DURING THE YEAR IN ROUTINE AGE GROUPS.

Number of pupils	(Ex	A scellent)	(N	B (ormal)	(Sligh	C tly ib-normal)		D (Bad)
inspected	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent
4352	296	6.81	3619	83 · 15	416	9.56	21	0.48

TABLE III.

GROUP I—TREATMENT OF MINOR AILMENTS (excluding uncleanling)	ness).
Total number of defects treated or under treatment during	
the year under the Authority's scheme	6101
GROUP II—TREATMENT OF DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT (under Scheme).	er the Authority's
Errors of refraction (including squint)	588
Other defect or disease (excluding those recorded in Group 1)	4
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were (a) Prescribed	536
(b) Obtained	556
GROUP III—TREATMENT OF DEFECTS OF NOSE AND THROAT (und Scheme).	
Received operative treatment	328
Received other forms of treatment	166
Total number treated	494
TABLE IV.	
DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.	
(1) Number of pupils inspected by the dentist	
(a) Routine age groups	3535
(b) Specials	1826
(c) Total (Routines and Specials)	5361
(2) Number found to require treatment	3799
(3) Number actually treated	3148
(4) Attendances made by pupils for treatment	6922
(5) Half-days devoted to:—	
Inspection	25
Treatment	837
Total	862

(6)	Fillings:—								
	Permanent teeth							***	1987
	Temporary teeth								104
	Total								2091
(7)	Extractions: —								
	Permanent teeth								1524
	Temporary teeth								4514
	Total								6038
(8)	Administrations of ge	neral a	naesthe	tics for	extract	ions			2999
(9)	Other operations: —								
	Permanent teeth								2607
	Temporary teeth								_
	Total								2607
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		VER	MINO	us co	NDIT	IONS.			
(1)	Total number of exam	ninatio	ns of pu	ipils in	the scho	ools by s	school n	urses	
	or other authorised								46,447
(2)	Number of individua	l pupil	s found	unclea	an				1,231



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