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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER

FOR THE YEAR

1948

School Medical Officer.

(Mrs.) S.M. Godfrey. M.A., M.B., B.Ch. (1/1/48 - 30/9/48).
A.D. Whitelaw. M.A., M.D., D.P.H. (1/10/48 - 31/12/48)

School Dental Officer.

L. MacTaggart. L.D.S., R.F.P.S. (G).

School Oculist.

S.H.G. Humfrey M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S.

School Nurse.

Miss W.B. Neal. SRN (1/10/48 - 30/11/48).
Mrs. J. Wright. SRN (1/12/48 - 31/12/48).

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1948.

For nine months of the year the appointment was not held by the County Medical Officer. The two appointments were reunited on October 1st 1948.

Another change which took place was the retirement of Miss W.B. Neal after 27½ years of devoted service as School Nurse. Personally, I found her knowledge of local conditions and routine procedure invaluable during the last two months of her service.

This report is therefore mainly a record of the work carried out by Dr. Sheila Godfrey and Nurse Neal.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Number of children on registers: Primary Schools	:	1585
Number of Primary Schools	:	34
Number of children on registers: Secondary Schools	:	730
Number of Secondary Schools	:	4

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

The age-groups subjected to periodic medical inspection are prescribed in the Handicapped Pupils and School Health Service Regulations, 1948. Number of children examined during 1948 :-

(5 years)	Entrants	349
(10/11 years)	Second age group	203
(13/14 years)	Third age group	100
	Specials	21
	Reinspections	91

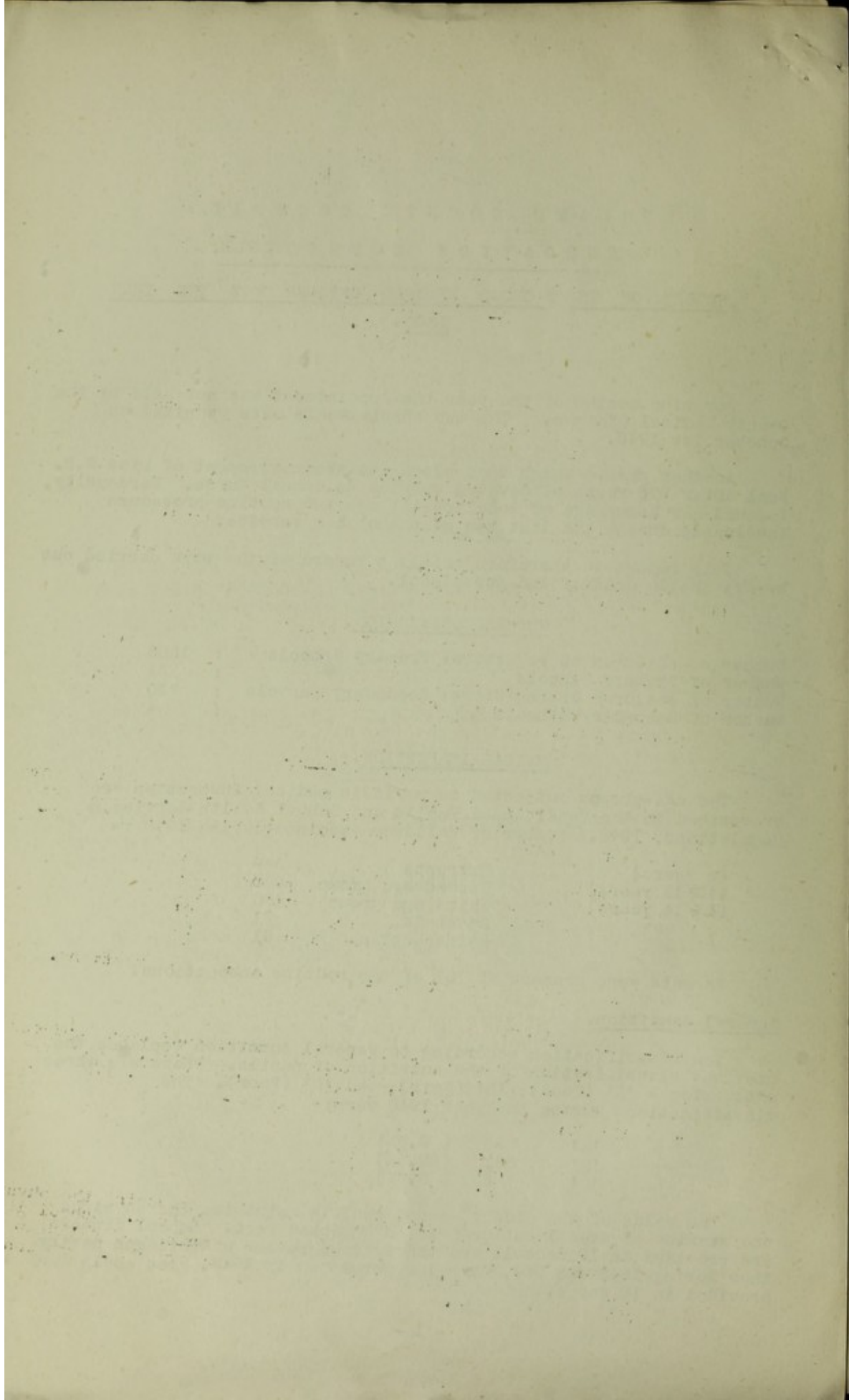
Parents were present at 78% of the routine inspections.

General Condition.

The classification according to general condition replaces the previous classification of the nutrition of pupils. There are three categories - 'A' (Good); 'B' (Fair); and 'C' (Poor). The classifications during the year 1948 were:-

'A'	66	(9.5%)
'B'	591	(89.6%)
'C'	6	(0.9%)

The value of the midday school meal in maintaining the physique and stamina of school children is an accepted fact. School dinners are provided in 19 schools and the average number of children having them during 1948 was 964, over 100 more than in 1947. Free meals were provided in 18 cases.



The number of children having milk in school was higher than in previous years; i.e. 1340. The designation of the milk supplied was as follows:-

Tuberculin Tested	2	Schools
Pasteurised	4	"
Accredited	7	"
Non-designated	5	"
National Dried Milk	12	"

Nine schools received their milk in 1/3 pint bottles.

Eight schools did not provide school milk.

TREATMENT OF DEFECTS.

Visual.

Refraction clinics were held when necessary at the Oakham, Uppingham and Great Casterton Secondary schools. During the year four sessions were held and 125 children were examined.

Two children were operated on for squint at the Northampton General Hospital by Dr. Humfrey.

Naso-pharyngeal.

91 cases of enlarged tonsils and adenoids received operative treatment during the year either at the Oakham Hospital by Dr. F.H. Wallace, or at the Stamford Infirmary by Mr. Dr. Bruyn.

Orthopaedic.

These were referred to the Manfield Orthopaedic Clinic held at Peterborough Memorial Hospital Out-patient Department; and included:

- 6 cases of flat foot,
- 2 cases of knock knee and
- 2 cases of valgus ankle.

Circumcision.

Two boys received operative treatment.

CLEANLINESS.

4752 children were examined by the School Nurse during the year. 188 children were found to have dirty heads, 2 being definitely verminous. In 10 cases it was necessary for the School Nurse to undertake cleansing. In addition, 13 cases of scabies and 2 of skin ringworm were treated by her.

Minor Ailments.

48 children were treated for impetigo and 88 for various sores, cuts and bruises by the School Nurse.

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Dental Treatment.

Routine inspections were carried out by the School Dental Officer. Treatment is given in a specially equipped caravan which is towed from school to school as necessary.

During the year there were delays on several occasions in moving the caravan and in consequence Mr. MacTaggart's work was held up.

He was also without the services of an attendant or Dental Nurse.

HANDICAPPED PUPILS.

Partially Sighted.

1 Ashwell girl (11) admitted to Condover Hall School, Shrewsbury during 1948.

1 Braunston boy (11) boarder at Leicester Stoneleigh School.

1 Uppingham boy (12) (removed from Worcestershire), at Birmingham Institution for the Blind.

1 Ketton girl (10) improved after cataract operation and now attending Tinwell Primary school.

Epileptic.

1 Wing boy (15) discharged from St. Elizabeth's Home, Much Hadham, and now on the register of Oakham Secondary school.

1 Hambleton boy (10) (also feeble-minded). Attending Hambleton Primary School.

1 girl (12) (transferred from Oakham Public Assistance Institution) at Lingfield Epileptic Colony since 30.4.47.

Physically Handicapped.

1 Greetham girl. Congenital heart disease. Attends Greetham Primary school

ALAN D. WHITELAW.

March 1949.

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