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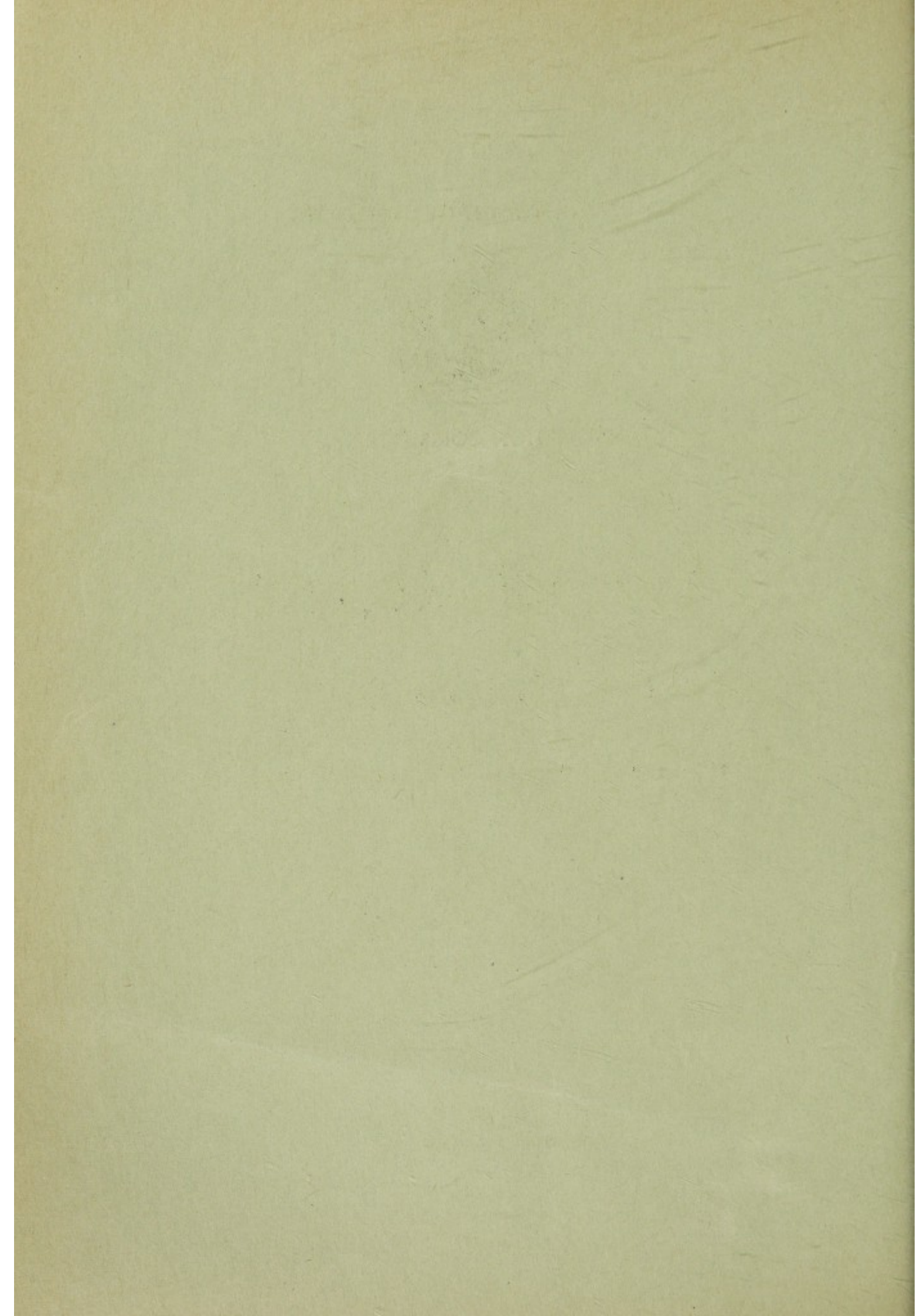
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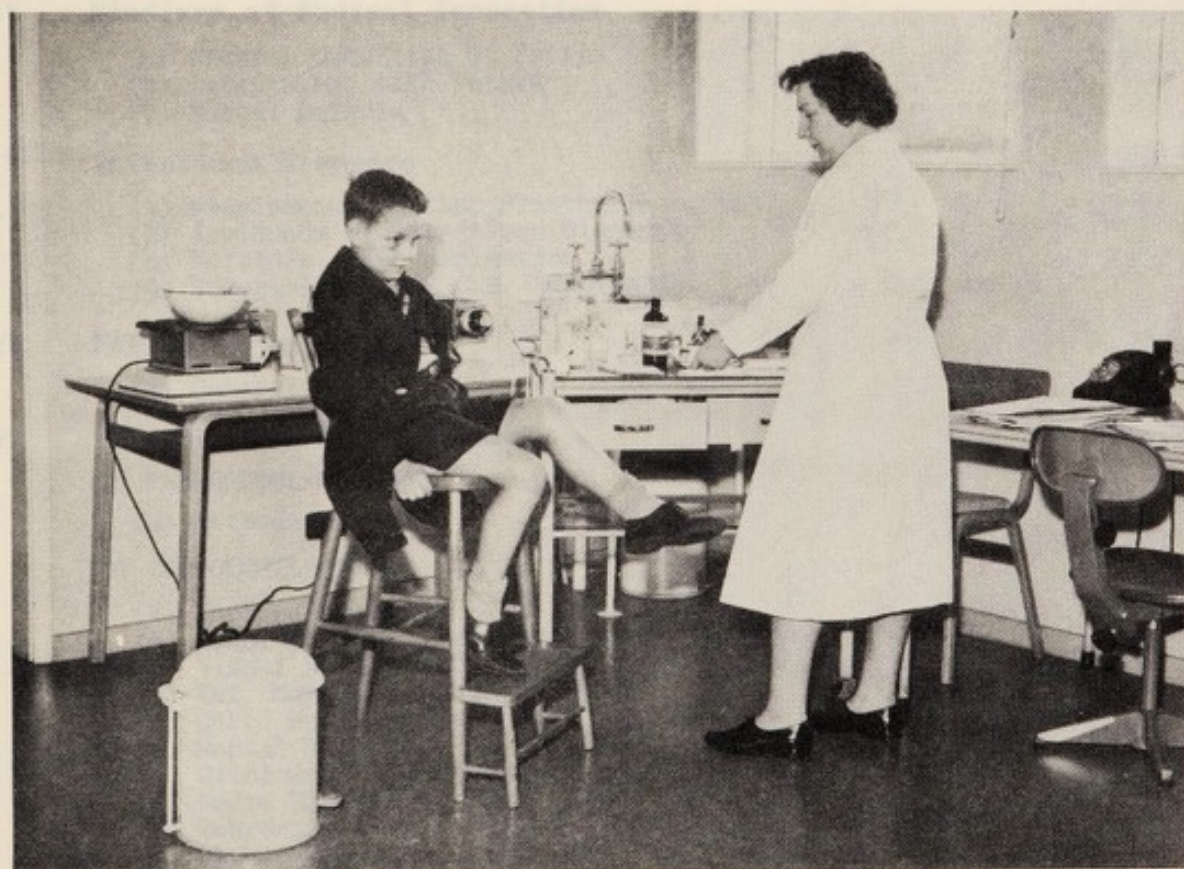
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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

E. Gwyn Thomas, B.A., Ph.D.

STAFF OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Principal School Medical Officer : J. Yule, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Deputy Principal School Medical Officer :

A. R. M. Moir, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

School Medical Officers :

Hilary J. Crewe, M.B., Ch.B.

Stella M. Jones, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

Jean M. Halliwell, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.R.C.O.G., D.C.H.

Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon :

S. H. Faulkner, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.O.M. & S.

Consultant Aural Surgeon : K. Harrison, F.R.C.S.

Chief Dental Officer : Freda Sellars, L.D.S.

Part Time Dental Officers :

F.M. Mears, L.D.S., R.F.P.S.

J. Somekh, L.D.S., M.B., Ch.B.

(Resigned 15th July, 1960)

W. Simkins

(Commenced 16th February, 1960;

Resigned 28th June, 1960)

Superintendent of School Nurses :

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

School Nurses :

Mrs. Turner, S.R.N.

Mrs. Seed, S.R.N.

Mrs. Stevenson, S.R.N.

Mrs. Faulkner, S.R.N.

Mrs. Ward, S.R.N. (Resigned 4th June, 1960).

Mrs. Murray, S.R.N.

Chiropodist : Mr. J. F. Green, F. Ch. S.

Senior Clerk : Mr. T. Lewis

Clerical Staff :

Miss Moulton

Miss Rimmer

Miss Hawkins

Mrs. Goth (Resigned 23rd January, 1960).

Mrs. Hamilton (née Roylance).

Miss Dixon (Resigned 16th January, 1960).

Miss McEwan.

Miss Eckersley

Miss Holehouse (Commenced 1st March, 1960).

SUMMARY OF WORK

	1959	1960
A. Medical Officers at Maintained Primary and Secondary Schools:-		
Periodic Inspections at Primary Schools . .	6,389	7,037
Special . .	65	46
Re-Inspection at Primary Schools . .	4,349	4,085
Periodic Inspections at Secondary Schools . .	2,492	2,882
Special . .	56	23
Re-Inspections at Secondary Schools . .	1,793	2,681
B. Medical Officers at Clinics:-		
Inspections at Clinics . .	4,048	3,540
Re-Inspections at Clinics . .	3,514	3,312
Inspections under Employment of Children		
Byelaws . .	389	395
Entertainments Certificates issued . .	5	1
C. Dental Officers:-		
Periodic Inspections at Primary School . .	9,038	7,348
Periodic Inspections at Secondary Schools . .	5,102	2,949
Special Inspections at Schools and Clinics . .	1,371	1,505
Attendances for Treatment . .	9,830	8,266
D. School Nurses' Visits, etc:-		
Visits to Schools . .	1,056	1,118
Examinations in Schools (including cleanliness inspections) . .	79,309	74,560
Visits to Homes . .	1,103	1,069

COUNTY BOROUGH OF STOCKPORT

General Information

	1959	1960
Population . .	141,400	141,500
Primary Schools -		
Number of Schools . .	36	36
Number of Departments . .	51	52
Number on Rolls . .	13,659	13,368
Schools for Secondary Education -		
Girls . .	4	4
Boys . .	3	3
Mixed . .	8	8
Number on Rolls . .	7,957	8,219
Nursery Schools . .	261	262
Special Schools -		
Longfield Open Air School . .	74	57
Taxal Lodge Residential School for Educationally Subnormal Pupils . .	45	45
Woodlands Special Day School for Educationally Subnormal Pupils . .	100	100

	1958/59	1959/60
Cost of School Health Service -		
Total Cost (Net) . .	£24,071	£24,309
Government Grant . .	£14,443	NIL
Cost to Rates . .	£ 9,628	£24,309**
Product of a Penny Rate . .	£ 5,891	£ 6,688
Cost in Terms of a Penny Rate . .	1,634d.	3,634d.

** The General Grant which took effect from 1st April, 1959, cannot be identified with any individual service.

SCHOOL HEALTH REPORT

*To the Chairman and Members of the Education Committee
of the County Borough of Stockport.*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my 26th Annual Report as Principal School Medical Officer, which is the 52nd of the series. It is encouraging to report that during the year under review the standard of cleanliness and general nutrition has been maintained in school children, and out of the 9,919 children examined at the periodic medical examinations, only 27 were found to show poor general condition.

Cleanliness is not entirely satisfactory and we are still proceeding in our efforts to improve this situation.

No notification of diphtheria in respect of school children has been received during the past eleven years and the immunisation programme has been quite satisfactory.

During the year 1960, no cases of poliomyelitis were notified. The vaccination against poliomyelitis was continued during the year. The number of children in the six months to fifteen years age groups who were vaccinated with two injections during 1960 was 1,263.

The B.C.G. immunisation programme was extended to include children over 13 years of age. This decision, sanctioned by the Minister of Health, (Circular 7/59) enabled the parents of any child who previously missed B.C.G. vaccination to re-consider the benefits of this scheme. Of the number examined, there were 153 positive reactors which gives a figure of 10%. Because of radiation risk to school children from films taken at the Mass Miniature Radiography Unit, it was decided to follow the advice of the Adrian Committee and abandon the use of this service for x-ray examination of the positive reactors, and we are indeed grateful to Dr. E. R. Smith, Consultant Chest Physician, who has very kindly arranged to undertake the examination of the children who are positive reactors, at the special sessions at the Chest Clinic.

Children with cardiac defects are being followed up at the ordinary consultation sessions and referred for specialist opinion as and when necessary. In this connection use is being made of Manchester Royal Infirmary and the local hospitals.

The Ophthalmic Department has continued to do valuable work and during the course of the year 951 cases were refracted.

The work in the ear, nose and throat clinic has been fairly heavy and 404 operations for the removal of tonsils and adenoids have been performed.

There has been no major occurrence of infectious disease throughout the year and bowel infections have not presented anything of a problem.

There has been an increase in attendance at the Minor Ailments Clinic, which is now held at the new building, Ponsonby House. This increase in attendance at this clinic is attributed to the fact that the new building is more convenient and central to all parts of the town.

The new building, Ponsonby House was opened by Lord Morrison on the 17th June, 1960. The administrative offices of the School Health Service and the Central School Clinic are housed in this new building. Two photographs, one of the Minor Ailments Treatment Room and the Child Guidance Therapeutic Room are shown in the Report.

The Child Guidance Clinic which was previously held at the Branch School Clinic, 32 Heaton Moor Road, was transferred to the new building in June, 1960. At present, two sessions a week are held and it is hoped to increase this number in the near future. This is a most valuable service and is of great assistance to any of the school medical officers who wish to have a special consultation on any particular case. It is also hoped to obtain the services of a Psychiatric Social Worker and so give a more adequate service to the children who are in need of psychological help.

The number of children attending Longfield Open Air School has declined during the year. There has been a great improvement in the standard of general health amongst school children. However, Longfield still has its use in helping those children who are handicapped physically and suffer from a mild degree of maladjustment, especially in the under 11 age group.

The volume of work undertaken by the School Dental Service has not been quite as great as in previous years, but the quality of the service remains high. Repeated efforts at advertising have failed to attract full-time dentists into the service and at present use is made of part-time dentists for sessional work.

I desire to thank the Director of Education, Dr. E. Gwyn Thomas, and his staff, for providing information for inclusion in this Report, and for all the consideration that is extended and help that is given with this special branch of the Education Committee's work.

I should also like to thank the Head Masters and Head Mistresses of all schools and departments, who have assisted the medical and nursing staff throughout the year in the many activities of the School Health Service, for all the kindness and co-operation that has been extended to them in the execution of their work.

I wish to place on record my thanks to all members of the staff for their loyal service and response to all demands which have been made upon them. Finally, I should like to express my sincere appreciation of the courtesy and consideration which has been shown by you Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, to all members of the School Health Service throughout the year.

I have the honour to remain,
Your obedient servant,

J. YULE.

Principal School Medical Officer.

School Health Department,
Ponsonby House,
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May, 1961.

R E P O R T**I - STAFF****(a) General**

Miss P. Dixon resigned her appointment as Dental Attendant on 16th January, 1960.

Mrs. R. S. Goth resigned her appointment as Medical Clerk on 23rd January, 1960.

Miss A. C. Eckersley transferred from Dental Attendant to Medical Clerk on 4th January, 1960.

Nurse C. Lambert commenced duty as School Nurse on 1st February, 1960.

Mr. Simpkins assumed his appointment as a Part time Dental Officer on 16th February, 1960, and resigned on 28th June, 1960.

Miss G. Holehouse assumed her appointment as Dental Attendant on 1st March, 1960.

Mrs. K. P. Ward resigned her appointment as School Nurse on 4th June, 1960.

Mrs. J. Somekh resigned her appointment as Part-time Dental Officer on 15th July, 1960.

II - CO-ORDINATION**(a) With General Practitioners**

Satisfactory liaison has continued with many practitioners in the town. From these doctors information is received from time to time about handicapped children under their care for whom the facilities offered by the School Health Service are requested. Many of the children who attend the Aural Clinic and the Eye Clinic are referred at the request of general practitioners.

(b) With Hospitals

The arrangements outlined in last year's Annual Report have continued to operate satisfactorily, whereby medical reports on children who have attended the Out Patients' Department of the Stockport Infirmary or who have been in-patients at Stepping Hill Hospital or at the Infirmary, are sent to the Principal School Medical Officer. The visiting Specialists who conduct the Eye Clinics and Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics which are held at the Central School Clinic, are also on the staff of the local hospitals; thus, continuity of supervision is ensured.

(c) With the Health Department

Information concerning children entering school for the first time is supplied by the Health Department from the Health Visitors' records of home visits and clinic attendances.

III - MEDICAL INSPECTION

(a) Periodic Inspections

In the School Health Service Regulations, 1959, reference is made to alternative schemes which may profitably replace routine medical inspection of children in the intermediate age group. The following recommendation is made in the Circular No. 352 dated 24th March, 1959, that accompanied the Regulations:-

'Where it is possible.....for the school doctor to visit schools regularly (e.g. at least two or three times a term), it may be found preferable for him to see on each occasion such children as are brought to his attention by parents, teachers, or the school nurse, instead of seeing all the children of a particular age group at infrequent intervals. The Minister hopes that this practice will continue to be developed, as being likely to increase the efficiency of the preventative work of the School Health Service.'

During the year under review, the medical inspection of pupils has continued as in previous years, the age groups inspected being:- School Entrants; Leavers from the Primary School; and Leavers from the Secondary School. In addition, pupils reaching the age of 8 years during the current year were also examined. Variations of present arrangements are under consideration by this authority, and will be implemented in a limited experimental way, if considered suitable.

(b) Special Inspections

Special Inspections relate to children who are not due for periodic inspections but who are specially presented for examination by parents, teachers, or nurses when some defect is suspected.

Details of the defects requiring treatment or observation which were discovered at these inspections are shown in Part II Table B, page 39.

(c) Statistics of Medical Inspection

The Statistical Tables relating to the Periodic Medical Inspections carried out during the year are shown on page 35. The number of Periodic Medical Inspections carried out during the year was 9,919 compared with 9,151 last year. The number of Special Inspections was 69 and the number of Re-Inspections was 6,766 during the year. This compares with 121 Special Inspections and 6,142 Re-Inspections last year.

The number of visits to schools by the School Medical Officers for the purpose of carrying out Periodic Medical Inspections was 647 as compared with 632 in 1959.

IV - FINDINGS OF MEDICAL INSPECTION

The detailed figures relating to the defects found at the Medical Inspections will be found in Part II Table A page 38.

(a) General Condition of Pupils

In accordance with the provisions of Ministry of Education Administrative Memorandum No. 514 dated 2nd September, 1955, the former heading 'Classification of the General Condition', has been replaced by 'Classification of the Physical Condition', and only two categories are provided for, i.e., 'Satisfactory' and 'Unsatisfactory'.

The figures for 1960 are as follows:-

Age Groups Inspection	No. of Pupils inspected	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		No.	%	No.	%
New Entrants	2,755	2,744	99.6	11	.4
11 - year old Group	1,372	1,371	99.9	1	.1
15 - year old Group	1,938	1,935	99.8	3	.2
'Others'	3,854	3,842	99.6	12	.4
Total	9,919	9,892	99.7	27	.3

(b) Infestation with Vermin

The School nurses continue to pay regular visits to the schools to examine children for the presence of infestation. This year 61,799 inspections of pupils were made as compared with 68,093 inspections in 1959. Out of a total of 21,742 on the rolls, 1,232 individual children were found to be unclean or 5.66 per cent of the children on the rolls. In 1959, 7.91 per cent of the children on the rolls were found to be unclean. The nursing staff is handicapped in that it has no power to cleanse those members of the household who are not of school age, and consequently it is not possible to deal with the sources of infestation.

The statistical tables relating to this subject will be found on page 37 of this Report.

(c) Dental Defects

Part IV, page 42, shows that 49 sessions were devoted to the inspection of 10,347 pupils in school. In addition, 1,505 Specials were inspected at the clinic.

V - INFECTIOUS DISEASES**(a) Immunisation Against Diphtheria - 1960**

During the year immunisation of children of school age has continued to be satisfactory. The total number of children of the ages 5 - 15 years inclusive, immunised during the year was 2,942 (this figure includes 2,333 children who had re-inforcing injections.)

There were no cases of Diphtheria occurring during the year amongst the 22,356 children comprising the school population. (This figure includes 613 Stockport Grammar School Pupils).

Immunisation at Welfare Centres:

The number of children who had a course of Primary Injections was 229 and re-inforcing injections was 201, giving a total of 430.

Immunisation at Schools:

The number of children who had a course of Primary Injections was 364 and re-inforcing injections was 2,054, giving a total of 2,418.

Number of Visits to Schools.....78

Number of Schools visited.....48

Immunisation by Private Doctors:

The number of children who had a course of Primary Injections was 16 and re-inforcing injections was 78, giving a total of 94.

(b) Incidence of Infectious Diseases

<i>Disease</i>	<i>1st Quarter</i>	<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<i>4th Quarter</i>	<i>Total 1960</i>	<i>Total 1959</i>
Scarlet Fever	51	36	11	19	117	69
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	4	-	2	-	6	5
Pneumonia	2	-	-	1	3	8
Meningo-coccal infections	-	-	2	-	2	2
Measles	7	18	50	24	99	320
Whooping Cough	2	18	31	11	62	23
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	4	-	4	-
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	2	-	2	2

There were no cases of Diphtheria in children of school age.

The number of Measles cases showed a decrease of 221 from that of the previous year.

There were 117 cases of Scarlet Fever as compared with 69 in 1959.

The number of cases of Whooping Cough notified during the year was 62 compared with 23 in 1959.

There were no cases of Poliomyelitis.

(c) Poliomyelitis Vaccination

The number of children in the six months to fifteen years age group who were vaccinated with two injections during 1960 was 1,263.

(d) Tuberculosis - B.C.G. Vaccination

B.C.G. Vaccination was continued during the year in accordance with the provisions of Ministry of Health Circular No. 22/53 dated 5th November, 1953. The scheme entails contacting parents through the medium of the schools and undertaking skin testing and vaccination on school premises. If the response from any particular school is small, it is arranged that children from such schools shall attend at the nearest Welfare Centre.

An extension of the existing arrangements was sanctioned by the Minister of Health (Circular 7/59) to include children over 13 years of age. This decision enabled the parents of any child who previously missed B.C.G. vaccination to reconsider the benefits of this scheme. In the first year of the extended age group, 99 consented, and of this number, 71 were vaccinated; 18 were positive reactors and the remainder absent, etc.

The following Table gives in detail the response and results of the B.C.G. Vaccination Programme since the inception of the scheme in January, 1954.

Year	No. of Schools	No. of 13-yr. old children	No. of acceptances	No. given B.C.G.	Positive Reactors	% Pos.
1954	22	1,495	886	596	204	25
1955	21	1,632	899	672	158	19
1956	22	1,794	997	784	188	19
1957	20	1,799	1,021	821	154	15
1958	22	1,749	1,014	804	119	13
1959	21	2,178	1,377	1,178	176	13
1960	22	2,398	1,450	1,256	153	10

Arrangements are in progress for B.C.G. Vaccination to be undertaken for children who reach the age of 13 in 1961, and also for any older children who may previously have missed the opportunity.

X-Ray examination of all positive reactors has been undertaken by the Mass Miniature Radiography unit, but in order to comply with the recommendations of the Adrian Report, arrangements are now made with the Consultant Chest Physician at the local Chest Clinic, who has very kindly consented to undertake these examinations. Of the 171 positive reactors, 161 attended for a chest x-ray, 1 was required for further investigation and in addition, 3 were referred to their own doctor for observation. These figures apply for all age groups examined.

VI - FOLLOWING-UP**(a) General**

The children who are found at the periodic medical inspections to have defects requiring treatment or observation are followed up by the School Medical Officers at their subsequent visits to the schools. The Head Teachers of the schools and the School Nurses are informed of the names of those children who require to

be followed up and are therefore able to ascertain whether the recommendations made have been implemented. In those cases where the recommendations are not being carried out through default on the part of the parents, the School Nurses visit the homes of the children to discuss the matter with the parents. In this connection the number of visits to the schools during the year was 121 and the number of home visits was 152.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Head Teachers for their co-operation in ensuring that our school children receive the attention they need, and that defects are not neglected.

VII - ARRANGEMENTS FOR TREATMENT

(A) PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

(a) Attendances

(i) Minor Ailment Clinic (Skin defects and miscellaneous cases)	149
(ii) Eye Clinic	
Refractions	58
(iii) Dental Clinic	551

(B) SCHOOL CHILDREN

(a) Uncleanliness

The removal of lice and nits from the hair of infested children is primarily the responsibility of the parents. When infestation is found by the School Nurse, the parents of the infested children are informed and asked to cleanse the children forthwith. Only when the parents have failed, after repeated requests, to carry out the cleansing satisfactorily, are the children cleansed compulsorily at one of the School Clinics. In a large proportion of the cases seen, the parents do make an effort to comply with the requests of the School Nurses, and are prepared to bring their children to the Clinic, if necessary, for cleansing to be carried out under supervision. However, there remains a hard core of difficult cases who are impervious to persuasion, and for these there appears to be no alternative but to carry out the cleansing compulsorily.

During the year 997 visits were made to the schools by the School Nurses to examine children for uncleanliness.

(b) Minor Ailments and Diseases of the Skin

(1) CONSULTATION AND MINOR AILMENT CLINICS.

Doctors' consultations are held at the following Clinics and the School Nurses carry out treatment for minor ailments at the following times.

The Minor Ailments Clinic at Ponsonby House, is open daily and one of the School Medical Officers is in attendance on Monday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, Thursday mornings, and Friday afternoons.

The Minor Ailments Clinic at the Reddish Welfare Centre, Stanhope Street, Reddish, is open on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. A School Medical Officer is in attendance on Wednesday mornings.

The Minor Ailments Clinic at 32, Heaton Moor Road, is open each day from 9.0 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. for the treatment of minor ailments. A School Medical Officer is in attendance on Thursday mornings.

The Minor Ailments Clinic at Brinnington is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9.0 a.m. to 10.0 a.m. for the treatment of minor ailments. A School Medical Officer is in attendance on Tuesday mornings.

Attendances at the Minor Ailments Clinics :-
(including doctors' consultations)

Number of New Cases seen during the year	..	4,035
Total number of attendances during the year	..	12,390

It is clear from these figures that many parents continue to seek advice and treatment for their children at the School Clinics although they are presumably registered with a general practitioner under the National Health Service.

(11) SCABIES CLINIC.

There were no cases of Scabies during the year.

(c) Visual Defects and External Eye Diseases

(1) OPHTHALMIC CLINIC

The visiting ophthalmologists attended at the Central School Clinic on three sessions each week to examine children referred to the Clinic. In addition to examining children for defective vision, the visiting Specialists advise on the treatment of external eye diseases and certify cases of blindness and partial sightedness among schoolchildren.

Details of the work done at this Clinic are given below:-

Total number of attendances	..	1,104
Total number of cases refracted at the Ophthalmic Clinics.		951
Number of cases in which spectacles were prescribed	..	615

Of the cases refracted at the Ophthalmic Clinics, 58 were pre-school children. External eye diseases are treated at the Minor Ailments Clinic. Severe cases are referred to their own doctor and are excluded from school. In urgent cases children are referred direct to Stockport Infirmary.

All those children who are prescribed glasses at the School Eye Clinic are seen subsequently at school by the school nurses to ascertain whether the glasses prescribed have been obtained. This is more satisfactory than writing to the Head Teachers of the schools for the information and does not take up a great deal of the nurses' time as the information is usually obtained at the time the nurses visit the schools for cleanliness inspections.

(11) ORTHOPTIC CLINIC

This Clinic is held at Stepping Hill Hospital and is administered by the Regional Hospital Board.

The number of school children referred from the school Eye Clinic to this Clinic during the year was 71.

(d) Ear, Nose and Throat Defects

(1) EAR, NOSE AND THROAT CLINIC

Children are seen by appointment at this clinic. Consultants from the Ear, Nose and Throat Department of the Infirmary visit on Thursday afternoons each week to examine the children referred to the Clinic. A daily treatment clinic is held for those children who have been ordered treatment by the consultant. Children recommended for operative treatment are admitted to Stepping Hill Hospital.

The number of treatments carried out by the nurses at the Central School Clinic in this connection numbered 186. The number of children who received operative treatment for enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids during the year was 404. Of these, 311 were operated on at Stepping Hill Hospital and 93 at Stockport Infirmary. The number of children operated on for other conditions of the Ear, Nose and Throat was 91. The waiting period for operation at Stepping Hill Hospital was approximately nine months.

(11) AUDIOMETRIC CLINIC

During the year 206 children were tested on the Pure Tone Audiometer by the Audiometrician. This instrument enables the type and degree of deafness to be accurately determined.

(111) PURE TONE SWEEP AUDIOMETRY

A scheme for the testing of children's hearing in schools was inaugurated at the beginning of 1955. The tests are carried out on a Pure Tone Sweep Audiometer. The Department of Education of the Deaf, The University, Manchester, arranges for the training of Audiometricians.

Out of a total number of 1,901 children examined, the hearing of 1,583 children was found to be normal. 318 children were re-tested, and of these 46 were subsequently referred to the Aural Surgeon for further investigation.

Arrangements are made for the testing of the following special groups of children:-

- (a) Cases with speech defect.
- (b) Retarded or E.S.N. children, and others who are late in acquiring normal speech.
- (c) Cases referred from E.N.T. Clinics.
- (d) Cases referred from other sources, e.g. visiting consultants, general practitioners, assistant medical officers, health visitors, etc.

(e) Child Guidance

The arrangements for Child Guidance during the year have in the main followed the pattern of last year. Two clinic sessions a week have been held at Ponsonby House School Clinic, and urgent cases have been seen at Booth Hall Hospital, by appointment. It is hoped to increase the number of sessions held at Ponsonby House in the near future, when it is also hoped that Psychiatric Social Workers will be available for the work.

It is a great advantage to have the Psychiatrist who conducts the Child Guidance Clinic associated with the Hospital Psychiatric service.

During the past year, 29 new cases were seen and 48 cases were reviewed on one or more occasions. Several patients were referred to Booth Hall Hospital for further investigations.

(f) Dental Defects**The Report of the Chief Dental Officer : Miss F. Sellars, L.D.S.****(1) THE SCHOOL DENTAL CLINICS**

The School Dental Service in Stockport has three separate clinics. The Central Dental Clinic was transferred to the new Health Department building, Ponsonby House, in June, 1960. At this clinic there is an up to date dental suite in one of the three surgeries, a recovery room, office and workroom. The Branch Clinic at 32 Heaton Moor Road serves the north side of the town and has two surgeries, etc. A branch Clinic at Brinnington Road affords treatment for the dental patients on the new housing estate. All three clinics are open for the dental treatment of school children, pre-school children and expectant and nursing mothers.

(11) STAFFING

The staffing position has been worse this year than for many years. The establishment is one Chief Dental Officer with three full time assistants. For the first few months of the year the staff consisted of the Chief Dental Officer and two part-time Dental Officers, but during the second half of the year, there was only the Chief Dental Officer and one part-time Dental Officer. The vacant positions were advertised, but as in many other local authorities, there were no suitable applications. The year 1961 looks as though it may be a brighter year for the recruitment of part-time Dental Officers. The employment of part-time Dental Officers works satisfactorily, especially for routine cases.

(111) SCHOOL INSPECTIONS

School Inspections were carried out mainly by the Chief Dental Officer, who also assigns the necessary routine work for the other Dental Officers. The number of children seen in school this year was reduced in order that the available staff could undertake more treatment sessions. On completion of each inspection the parents of all children with dental defects are notified and asked to state their preference for private or clinic treatment. Parents are also

asked to give their consent for the administration of a general anaesthetic, if the Dental Surgeon considers it necessary. On the whole, co-operation has been good in returning the forms after the school inspections.

(IV) THREE MONTHLY INSPECTIONS

A large number of children take advantage of the three monthly inspections and keep their appointments very well. Despite the fact that less treatment time has been available, this service has been carried on as usual for all children who are interested and who will benefit from this service.

(V) CASUALS

Head Teachers have a list of times for all Dental clinics, when children can attend, without an appointment, for advice and treatment. These children bring with them special cards giving their parents' written consent. The number of emergency cases has not increased greatly in the year, although less routine dental treatment has been done.

(VI) EXTRACTIONS

815 general anaesthetics were given by a specialist Anaesthetist and 1,371 local anaesthetics by the Dental Officers for the extraction of 1,595 permanent and 3,044 temporary teeth.

(VII) CONSERVATION WORK

Efforts have been made to conserve both temporary and permanent teeth as far as possible. 3,242 permanent and 1,617 temporary teeth were filled in 1960.

(VIII) X-RAYS

Children from all parts of the town attend the Heaton Moor Clinic for Dental x-rays, when required.

(IX) ORTHODONTIC WORK

All Orthodontic cases are referred to the Chief Dental Officer for the necessary treatment, some by the school dental officers and others referred from private practitioners. Owing to shortage of time for this work, the type of appliances used has been changed. Most of the appliances inserted have been sent to the dental laboratory for processing instead of being welded in the surgery. 92 impressions were taken, 52 appliances inserted and 285 attendances were made for inspection and adjustment of appliances. All completed orthodontic patients are kept under observation and are given three monthly inspections. Consultant orthodontic opinion, if required, is available at the Manchester Dental Hospital.

(X) PARTIAL DENTURES

19 partial dentures were inserted for the school children, the mechanical work being sent to a dental laboratory. Partial dentures have been mainly required to replace anterior teeth lost as a result of accidental fractures and teeth knocked out in falls, etc. Unfortunately, there are still some parents who do not arrange for dental treatment for their children until it is too late, and

the front teeth are too carious for conservation work and thus have to be extracted and replaced by a partial denture.

(XI) PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Pre-school children attend for dental treatment through various sources. A great number accompany their older brothers and sisters every three months, and are themselves treated. The nursery schools all have a dental inspection in turn, and these children are given the same opportunity for treatment as school children. Pre-school children are referred from the Infant Welfare clinics if dental defects are discovered at their regular inspections.

342 pre-school children made 551 attendances for dental treatment in 1960. 273 teeth were filled, 109 general anaesthetics and 31 local anaesthetics were given for the extraction of 278 teeth.

(XII) EXPECTANT AND NURSING MOTHERS.

Expectant and nursing mothers requiring dental treatment are referred to the School Dental Service from the maternity clinics where they have indicated that they do not intend to seek treatment from a private dental practitioner. During 1960, 143 mothers made 404 attendances for dental treatment and the following work was carried out:-

Number of teeth filled	74
.. .. ., extracted	700
.. .. ., general anaesthetics	50
.. .. ., local anaesthetics	69
.. .. ., full dentures inserted	44
.. .. ., partial dentures inserted	7

(XIII) OCCUPATION CENTRE.

There was no dental inspection of the children attending the Occupation centres in 1960, due to shortage of staff, but children who asked for treatment received attention at the clinic.

Part IV on page 42 gives details of school inspections and dental treatment given in clinics.

(g) Orthopaedic and Postural Defects

Arrangements have been made in some schools for children found by the School Medical Officer to have postural defects, to have regular weekly or twice weekly remedial exercises under the direction of a trained teacher. In addition, use of the modern apparatus installed in many schools in recent years will help to reduce the incidence of postural defects. Children suffering from the severer types of postural defect and from other orthopaedic conditions are referred to the Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Stockport Infirmary.

The number of children referred to hospital for treatment during the year was 17. The number of children with severe orthopaedic defects admitted to the Children's Orthopaedic Hospital, Marple, was 14.

(h) Heart Disease and Rheumatism

There has been no separate clinic held for diseases of the heart and rheumatism during the year.

This type of case is now dealt with at ordinary school sessions and each School Medical Officer has the advantage of following up their own cases from the moment of diagnosis to consultant referral and subsequent treatment.

(i) Enuresis

There has been no separate Enuresis clinic held during the year, but each School Medical Officer has dealt with these cases at the ordinary consultation sessions. Throughout the year, use has been made of the Conflex bell ringing apparatus, and there is no doubt that in many cases, this has been tremendously helpful and has frequently effected a cure. It is not the answer to every case of enuresis. It is primarily important to select suitable children for this type of machine, and it is considered that children under the age of eight should not be so treated. It is also imperative that the parents whose child is under treatment are completely and entirely convinced that this method of treatment is worth a trial. Probably the most important arrangement in connection with the treatment is regular weekly supervision, watching the progress and supporting by encouragement any results obtained by the warning apparatus.

(j) Chiropody

Number of attendances by the Chiropodists	207
.. .. treatments	1,640
.. .. new patients	312
.. .. cases of Verrucae	226
.. corns	26
.. contracted or overlapping toes	7
.. ingrowing toenails	8
.. other conditions (flat feet, bursae metatarsalgia, heloma miliares, onychogryphosis, etc.)	45

The customary re-inspections have been carried out and the full co-operation of the children and their parents has been received.

Sessions for schoolchildren are now held weekly at the three branch school clinics, Heaton Moor, Reddish and Brinnington.

(k) Speech Therapy**The Report of the Speech Therapist : Miss D. E. Lees**

During 1960, speech clinics were held at Ponsonby House, the Branch School Clinic, Heaton Moor Road, and during term time, Woodlands Special School, Offerton. Two sessions a week were held at the Central School Clinic, Heath Road, Cale Green, during the first months of the year. These sessions were subsequently transferred to Ponsonby House.

Altogether 10 sessions a week are held, a total of 472 being held during the year. The sessions are as follows:-

Branch School Clinic, Heaton Moor	7
Ponsonby House	2
Woodlands Special School	1
Total	<u>10</u>

116 children, 82 boys and 34 girls, were treated for speech defects and disorders during 1960, 26 of whom were discharged as cured. 63 children were still receiving treatment on 31st December, 1960, and 47 remained on the waiting list.

Out of a total of 197 children (this figure includes both those who received treatment or were on the waiting list during 1960), 35 failed initial appointments or did not complete treatment. In addition, 18 were found not to require treatment and 2 were referred back to the School Health Service as unsuitable for speech therapy. 3 left the Stockport area.

During the year, 17.7% of the total failed their appointments at the speech clinic. This figure shows a slight increase of 1.2% on the numbers failing in 1959, but is still below that of other years. The attendances of children in infant and junior schools has again proved better than those of senior schools, 19.3% of the juniors having failed their appointments, whereas the figure for the seniors is 26.9%. This trend however, is reversed when comparing the discharges. For the first time the seniors show the better result, the figures being 34.6% of seniors and 19.3% of juniors.

The following is an analysis of the various kinds of defects and the number of children treated during 1960:-

	<i>Pre-school children</i>		<i>Infants and Juniors</i>		<i>Seniors</i>		<i>Totals</i>
	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	
Allalia	-	-	-	1	-	-	1(1)
Cleft-Palate Speech	1	-	2	1	-	-	4
Dyslalia	1	-	52	19	6	6	84(13)
Dysphonia and other voice disorders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stammering	-	-	7	-	8	3	18(1)
Mixed disorders	-	-	3	3	2	1	9
Totals	2	-	64	24	16	10	
	2		88		26		116(15)

The numbers in brackets are educationally sub-normal children included in the totals. Between the 1st January and 31st December, 1960, 82 boys and 34 girls received speech therapy.

VIII - OPEN-AIR EDUCATION

(a) The Longfield Open-Air School

Children are admitted to this school on the recommendation of the School Medical Officers. Conditions for which admission is recommended are mainly debility, chronic ill health, nervousness and physical handicaps of moderate degree. The school has large airy classrooms and extensive grounds, thus ensuring that the children have the opportunity of benefitting from an open air regime. The children rest for an hour after the midday meal either on camp beds or in comfortable chairs. During the summer months this rest period is held out of doors, weather permitting. There are only 58 pupils in attendance and so the teachers are able to get to know their pupils more intimately than is possible in an ordinary day school. Normal school activities are carried on as far as possible but individual attention is given to the children. This extra help to the individual child is beneficial where there has been long absence from school through illness. The children thus quickly get to know each other and lose their feeling of strangeness and loneliness.

A hot milk drink with added vitamins is provided for each child on arrival at the school. This milk drink is part of the two thirds of a pint of milk which is supplied daily to each child. Hot dinners, prepared on the premises, are provided for all pupils, payment being assessed according to family income. After dinner, children have a dessert spoonful of cod liver oil and Parishes' food mixed. Special arrangements are made for any particular cases, such as diabetic. Children have a shower once a week unless excused on medical grounds. Free transport is arranged for all pupils from meeting points close to their homes. All furniture used in the school is portable so that in warm weather classes may be taken in the open air.

Regular cleanliness inspections are carried out by the School nurse.

Throughout the year under review the number of children on the roll was 63, which means that the school has never at any time been used to capacity, where there is accommodation for 90 children. It has been decided to use the school in future for other categories of children, such as physically handicapped and slightly maladjusted under 11 years of age. The attendance of the children has been reasonable throughout the year, having regard to the complaints from which they suffer. Withdrawn, emotionally disturbed children frequently benefit from a period at this school.

IX - CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS, TEACHERS, SCHOOL WELFARE OFFICERS AND VOLUNTARY BODIES

(a) Co-operation of Parents

(i) ATTENDANCE AT THE PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

During the year, 9,919 children were inspected at the Periodic Medical Inspections and parents were present at 5,606 of these inspections.

The number of parents attending with their children in the four age groups examined was as follows :

	<i>Number examined</i>	<i>Parents present</i>	<i>% (approx.)</i>
School Entrants ..	2,755	2,121	76.98
Primary School Leavers.	1,372	937	68.29
Secondary School Leavers	1,938	174	8.97
Other Periodic Inspections	3,854	2,374	61.59

The inspections classified as 'Other periodic inspections' take place when the children are between the ages of seven and eight years. Bearing this in mind it will be observed from a perusal of the above figures that parental interest in the inspections diminishes progressively as the children get older. This is unfortunate as parental co-operation is required if the defects found at inspection are to be adequately corrected. For example the catarrhal child needs to be taught correct nasal hygiene and needs to be reminded frequently of the rules to follow if lasting improvement is to be made; similarly children with postural defects should ideally carry out the remedial exercises at home each day, under the supervision of the parent. It is much more satisfactory if the doctor is able to discuss these matters with the parent at the time of examination rather than write about them.

(II) ATTENDANCE AT CONSULTATION AND SPECIALIST CLINICS

The children seen at the Consultation Clinics by the School Medical Officers are brought either because the parents seek advice on some medical problem or because the School Medical Officers, having examined the children at school, wish to examine them further at the Clinic. In most cases they are accompanied by their parents. Children attending the Specialist Clinics must be accompanied by their parents, otherwise they may not be seen.

(b) Co-operation of Teachers

(1) MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSPECTION

The arrangements made for the Medical Inspection of pupils on school premises worked smoothly during the year; thanks are due to the Head Teachers of the schools for their co-operation in this matter. Whenever possible a well heated room has been put at the disposal of the Medical Officer for the inspection. In some of the older schools the inspections have still to be carried out in a classroom which has been vacated for the purpose. Head Teachers or their representatives attend at the medical inspection in some schools and are able to furnish the Medical Officer with useful information at the time the children are being examined.

The co-operation of the Head Teachers has been appreciated by the Dental Officers.

(II) FOLLOWING-UP.

At the end of each medical inspection the Head Teacher is informed of the names of those pupils who have defects requiring attention. The Head Teachers are able to help in the following up of these children in such ways as ensuring that when glasses have been provided, they are worn each day by the children, that children with defective hearing are given a favourable position in class, and that children with valvular heart disease are either excluded from games or restricted in their activities. Thanks are due to the Head Teachers for their co-operation in this matter during the year.

(III) MEDICAL AND DENTAL TREATMENT

Thanks are due to the Head Teachers for ensuring that their pupils attend for treatment at the Clinics at the times arranged.

Certain periods of the day are set aside in the dental clinics for the examination and treatment of children without appointments, and Head Teachers inform the parents of these times. Facilities are available for children to attend the Dental Department for advice and treatment in any emergency without an appointment.

(c) Co-operation of School Welfare Officers

The Staff of the School Welfare Department continues to do valuable work, and close contact is maintained with this Department.

(d) Co-operation of Voluntary Bodies

The Department is very much indebted to the various Voluntary Bodies for their work, and desires to place on record its appreciation.

(i) THE G. W. COOKSON BEQUEST

The G. W. Cookson Bequest (vested in the Mayor of Stockport) provided an outing for poor children. These were 250 children selected by Welfare Officers from 'free meals' list, orphans, etc. The children were conveyed to Fleetwood by coach and had a highly successful outing. The Senior Welfare Officer organised the outing and was ably assisted by the Staffs of the School Health Service and Education Department.

(ii) THE STOCKPORT AUXILIARY OF THE CRIPPLES' HELP SOCIETY

This organisation provided a visit to the Circus at Belle Vue in January and a day's outing to Fleetwood in the summer months, for cripples of the town, many of whom are children of school age.

(iii) THE NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

The Society has continued to render valuable assistance to the School Health Service.

(iv) THE WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The local branch of the Women's Voluntary Service has been most helpful in providing items of clothing in cases where the plight of necessitous children has been brought to its notice.

X - BLIND, DEAF, DEFECTIVE AND EPILEPTIC CHILDREN

(a) Examinations of Children for a Disability of Mind as Prescribed by Regulations 4 of the Reports to Local Authorities (Records) Amending Regulations, 1949.

192 children were examined during the year for a disability of mind and recommendations were made as follows :

(i)	To be educated in an ordinary school	72
(ii)	To be educated in an ordinary school and be referred to the Consultant Child Psychiatrist	20
(iii)	To be educated in a special day school for educationally subnormal pupils	24
(iv)	To be educated in a special residential school for educationally subnormal pupils	12
(v)	To be educated in a special residential school for Maladjusted pupils	3
(vi)	To be educated in a special residential school for partially Deaf Pupils	1
(vii)	To be reported to the Local Authority for the purposes of the Mental Health Act, under Section 57(4).. .. .	4
(viii)	To be reviewed at a later date	17
(ix)	To continue education in an ordinary school	35
(x)	Other recommendations	4
		192

In addition -

5 children were examined prior to leaving school. No supervision was considered necessary.

26 children were examined prior to leaving school and were recommended for friendly supervision.

14 cases were examined at the request of the Mental Health Department.

1 child was examined at the request of the Probation Officer.

(b) Admissions to Special Residential Schools and Hospitals

(i) BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED PUPILS

1 boy was admitted to The Condover Hall School, Shrewsbury, Salop, after discharge from The Sunshine House, Leamington Spa.

1 boy was admitted to The Sunshine House for Blind Children, Birkdale, Southport, Lancashire.

1 boy was admitted to The Rushton Hall School, Kettering, Northants.

(II) DEAF AND PARTIALLY DEAF PUPILS

1 girl and 1 boy were admitted to, and 1 boy was discharged from The Royal Residential School for the Deaf, Old Trafford, Manchester.

1 boy was admitted to The St. John's Roman Catholic Institution for the Deaf, Boston Spa, Yorkshire.

1 boy was admitted to The Phillips Park Secondary School Special Class, Manchester, as a Day pupil.

1 boy was discharged from The Liverpool School for the Partially Deaf, Southport, Lancashire.

(III) DELICATE AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PUPILS

13 boys and 21 girls were admitted to, and 18 boys and 24 girls were discharged from The Longfield Open Air School for Delicate Pupils, Mauldeth Road, Heaton Mersey, Stockport.

8 boys and 6 girls were admitted to, and 6 boys and 7 girls were discharged from The Children's Orthopaedic Hospital, Dale Road, Marple, Cheshire.

2 boys (one transferred from Manchester) were admitted to The Lancasterian School, Cavendish Road, West Didsbury, Manchester.

1 boy was admitted to The Bethesda Special School for the Physically Handicapped, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.

1 girl was admitted to The Hawksworth Hall School for Spastics, Hawksworth, Leeds, Yorkshire.

2 boys were discharged from The Hurst Lea School for Crippled Boys, White Ness Manor, Kingsgate, Kent.

(IV) EDUCATIONALLY SUBNORMAL PUPILS

8 boys were admitted to, and 9 boys were discharged from The Taxal Lodge Special Residential School, Whaley Bridge, Nr. Stockport.

8 boys and 8 girls were admitted to, and 8 boys and 10 girls were discharged from The Woodlands Special Day School, Offerton, Stockport.

1 boy was admitted to and discharged from The Pontville Roman Catholic School, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

1 boy was discharged from The Besford Court Roman Catholic School, Worcester.

1 girl was discharged from The Capenhurst Grange Special School, Great Sutton, Cheshire.

1 boy was discharged from The Grappenhall Hall, Grappenhall, via Warrington.

(V) MALADJUSTED PUPILS

1 girl was discharged from Clwyd Hall School, Llanychan, Ruthin.

1 girl was discharged from St. Joseph's Convent School, East Finchley.

1 boy was admitted to The Sutcliffe School, Winsley, Wilts, and subsequently discharged.

(VI) EPILEPTIC PUPILS

2 boys were admitted, and one boy and one girl were discharged from The Colthurst House School (David Lewis Colony), Warford, Cheshire.

XI - FULL-TIME COURSES OF SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR BLIND, DEAF, DEFECTIVE AND EPILEPTIC STUDENTS

(a) General

There were no admissions or discharges during the year.

XII - SPECIAL SCHOOLS

(a) Longfield Open Air School, Mauldeth Road, Heaton Mersey

Accommodation	90
Number on Roll	58
Percentage Attendance	82%

54 children were inspected by the School Dental Officer and 45 children were referred for treatment.

Number of children discharged during the year :

	Boys	Girls	Total
Group I - Cured	3	1	4
Group II - Much improved	5	8	13
Group III - Improved	8	12	20
Group IV - Withdrawn by parents	1	3	4
Group V - Poor attendance	1	-	1
	18	24	42

General Classification of defects at end of Autumn Term :

	Boys	Girls	Total
Asthma	5	3	8
Bronchitis	1	2	3
Bronchiectasis	1	-	1
Debility	6	13	19
Delicate	2	-	2
Diabetes	1	-	1
Heart Disease (Congenital)	-	1	1
Nervousness	-	4	4
Haemophylia	1	-	1
Subacute Rheumatism	-	2	2
T.B. Spine	-	1	1
Recurrent chest symptoms	2	2	4
Subnormal physical development	5	1	6
Underweight	2	3	5
	26	32	58

**(b) Taxal Lodge Special Residential School for Educationally
Subnormal Pupils, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire.**

Number on Roll 45 boys.

Eight boys were admitted to the school during the year.

Nine boys were discharged from the school during the year.

(c) Woodlands Special Day School

Number on Roll 100

I. Q. Range 50% - 87%.

91 children were inspected by the School Dental Officer and 80 were referred for treatment.

XII - NURSERY SCHOOLS

The numbers of children accommodated at the Nursery Schools are shown below:

Reddish Vale :	Reddish Vale Road	..	From two to five years	..	88
Edgeley :	Hollywood Park School.		From two to five years	..	44
Portwood :	Avenue Street	..	From two to five years	..	42
Adswold :	Arnfield Road	..	From two to five years	..	44
Belmont :	Grafton Street	..	From two to five years	..	44

**XIV - HIGH SCHOOLS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS
OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**

(a) Medical Inspection

The Local Education Authority maintains four Secondary Schools of the Grammar School type and nine Secondary Modern Schools, and a Secondary Technical School at Pendlebury Hall.

An annual Periodic Medical Inspection is carried out at these schools, the pupils being examined in their 15th year and annually thereafter if they remain at school. All pupils found to have defects are re-examined at school from time to time. Details of the number of pupils who were examined at these schools during the year are as follows:

Fylde Lodge High School	. . .	91
Goyt Bank High School	. . .	250
Stockport High School	. . .	85
Stockport School	. . .	945
Stockport College (Junior Commercial)	. . .	44
Secondary Technical School for Boys	. . .	260
Avondale County Secondary School	. . .	141
Belmont County Secondary School	. . .	225
Brinnington County Secondary School	. . .	7
Dialstone County Secondary School	. . .	140
Offerton County Secondary School	. . .	112
Peel Moat County Secondary School	. . .	163
Reddish Vale County Secondary School	. . .	187
St. George's C.E. Voluntary Secondary	. . .	78
St. Michael's R.C. Voluntary Secondary	. . .	56
		<hr/> 2,784

(b) Dental Inspection

Dental Inspections were carried out at the following schools during 1960 -

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number Referred for Treatment</i>
Fylde Lodge High School . . .	352	141
Goyt Bank High School . . .	357	139
Avondale County Secondary . . .	544	377
Brinnington County Secondary . . .	176	135
Dialstone County Secondary . . .	656	410
Offerton County Secondary . . .	559	252
St. George's Secondary . . .	305	226
	<hr/> 2,949	<hr/> 1,680

(c) Following Up and Medical Treatment

All pupils in whom defects are discovered are referred for the necessary treatment and are re-inspected each time the School Medical Officer visits the school.

XV - MISCELLANEOUS**(a) The School Health Service and the Youth Employment Bureau****(i) SCHOOL LEAVING MEDICAL CERTIFICATES**

A medical certificate is issued in respect of every child attaining school leaving age. These certificates are forwarded to the Youth Employment Bureau and are found to be most helpful, particularly in the case of children who are seriously handicapped by physical or mental disabilities. These children are encouraged to register under the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act, 1944.

(ii) MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

1 Medical Certificate was issued under the 'Employment of Children in Entertainments Rules, 1933'.

(iii) EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN

Street Trading and Employment of Children. - No proceedings were instituted during the year.

Employment of School Children. - 395 Medical Certificates were issued during the year.

(b) Medical Examination of Entrants to Courses of Training for Teaching and to the Teaching Profession (Ministry of Education Circular 249)

The medical examination of teachers and of those entering the teaching profession continues to be carried out by the Medical Officers on the staff of the School Health Service. Each candidate is required to have an X-ray of the chest to exclude the presence of tuberculosis. These X-rays have been carried out under arrangements made with the Stockport Chest Clinic and the Consultant Radiologist at Stepping Hill Hospital.

In this connection 72 candidates for entry into Training Colleges and 22 prospective teachers were examined during the year.

(c) Scheme for Tuition of Children in Hospital

On or about 22nd January, 1961, eight children were receiving tuition in Cherry Tree Hospital, in accordance with the provisions of Ministry of Education Circular No. 312, dated 11th September, 1956.

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XVI - STATISTICAL TABLES

Medical Inspection of Pupils in Government, Municipal
and Assisted Primary and Secondary schools
(including Nursery and Special schools)

A - PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Age Groups Inspected (By year of birth)	No. of Pupils Inspected	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			
		Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		No.	% of Total	No.	% of Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1930 and later	312	300	97.75	12	3.24
1935	512	502	98.24	10	1.95
1940	549	540	98.36	9	1.64
1945	650	647	99.54	3	0.46
1950	1,102	1,080	98.74	22	1.99
1951	470	477	99.79	3	0.64
1952	803	804	99.99	4	0.50
1953	1,372	1,371	99.92	1	0.07
1954	524	522	99.62	2	0.38
1941	251	245	97.61	6	2.39
1946	601	607	100.99	7	1.17
1945 and earlier	1,204	1,205	99.94	4	0.33
TOTAL	9,218	9,202	99.93	16	0.17

XVI-STATISTICAL TABLES

YEAR, 1960

MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURNS

Year ended 31st December, 1960

PART I

Medical Inspection of Pupils attending Maintained
and Assisted Primary and Secondary Schools

(Including Nursery and Special Schools)

A - PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Age Groups Inspected (By year of birth)	No. of Pupils Inspected	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			
		Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		No.	% of Co. 2.	No.	% of Co. : 2
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1956 and later	313	306	97.76	7	2.24
1955	943	942	99.89	1	.11
1954	849	849	100.00	-	-
1953	650	647	99.54	3	.46
1952	1,183	1,180	99.74	3	.26
1951	478	477	99.79	1	.21
1950	668	664	99.40	4	.60
1949	1,372	1,371	99.28	1	.72
1948	635	632	99.53	3	.47
1947	283	282	99.64	1	.36
1946	607	607	100.00	-	-
1945 and earlier	1,938	1,935	99.84	3	.16
TOTAL	9,919	9,892	99.71	27	.29

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TABLE B. - PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT AT PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTION
(excluding Dental Disease and Infestation with Vermin)

<i>Age groups inspected (by year of birth)</i>	<i>For defective vision (excluding squint)</i>	<i>For any of the other conditions recorded in Part II</i>	<i>Total individual pupils</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1956 and later	-	37	37
1955	-	442	442
1954	1	397	398
1953	32	298	330
1952	69	547	616
1951	29	226	255
1950	29	279	308
1949	58	568	626
1948	11	264	275
1947	9	37	46
1946	15	138	153
1945 and earlier	60	436	496
TOTAL	313	3,669	3,982

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TABLE C - OTHER INSPECTIONS

Number of Special Inspections	4,043
Number of Re-Inspections	10,593
	Total	<u>14,636</u>

TABLE D

Infestation with Vermin

(i) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by school nurses or other authorised persons	61,799
(ii) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	3,484
(iii) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom First Informal Notices were issued	1,232
(iv) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom Second Informal Notices were issued	181
(v) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued, (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	---
(vi) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued, (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	---

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PART II

RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION IN THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1960

TABLE A - PERIODIC INSPECTIONS

Defect Code No.	Defect or Disease (2)	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS								TOTAL	
		Entrants		Leavers		Others		Requiring Treatment (9)	Requiring Observation (10)		
		Requiring Treatment (3)	Requiring Observation (4)	Requiring Treatment (5)	Requiring Observation (6)	Requiring Treatment (7)	Requiring Observation (8)				
4	Skin	35	61	36	83	114	203	185	347		
5	Eyes -										
	a. Vision	1	57	63	480	249	867	313	1,404		
	b. Squint	37	210	5	82	44	553	86	845		
	c. Other	9	17	3	38	12	108	24	163		
6	Ears -										
	a. Hearing	9	65	6	19	15	128	30	212		
	b. Otitis Media	5	21	5	2	8	42	18	65		
	c. Other	6	36	10	9	22	31	38	76		
7	Nose and Throat	135	504	19	61	196	546	350	1,111		
8	Speech	14	83	1	11	31	141	46	235		
9	Lymphatic Glands	-	179	-	3	-	141	-	323		
10	Heart	2	92	3	40	6	194	11	326		
11	Lungs	6	111	1	27	6	174	13	312		
12	Development -										
	a. Hernia	8	3	1	-	9	15	18	18		
	b. Other	20	94	2	7	13	200	35	301		
13	Orthopaedic -										
	a. Posture	54	5	162	18	492	56	708	79		
	b. Feet	623	22	237	23	1,601	61	2,461	106		
	c. Other	268	61	93	66	429	123	790	250		
14	Nervous system -										
	a. Epilepsy	-	6	2	4	2	15	4	25		
	b. Other	-	5	2	8	2	15	4	28		
15	Psychological -										
	a. Development	1	18	5	52	16	219	22	289		
	b. Stability	10	241	5	158	41	840	56	1,239		
16	Abdomen	7	22	1	6	14	56	22	84		
17	Other	55	124	45	90	94	421	194	635		

MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURNS

PART II - continued

RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION

IN THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1960

TABLE B - SPECIAL INSPECTIONS

Defect Code No.	Defect or Disease	SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
		Requiring Treatment	Requiring Observation
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4	Skin	268	1
5	Eyes -		
	a. Vision "	179	3
	b. Squint	10	-
	c. Other	60	1
6	Ears -		
	a. Hearing	33	-
	b. Otitis Media	-	-
	c. Other	10	-
7	Nose and Throat	316	5
8	Speech	22	2
9	Lymphatic Glands	2	-
10	Heart	19	-
11	Lungs	14	1
12	Developmental -		
	a. Hernia	3	-
	b. Other	3	-
13	Orthopaedic -		
	a. Posture	4	-
	b. Feet	8	-
	c. Other	44	-
14	Nervous system -		
	a. Epilepsy	1	-
	b. Other	1	-
15	Psychological -		
	a. Development	148	-
	b. Stability	137	-
16	Abdomen	4	-
17	Other	1, 147	4

PART III

TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED AND ASSISTED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING NURSERY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS)

TABLE A - Eye Diseases, Defective Vision and Squint

	<i>Number of cases known to have been dealt with</i>
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint	92
Errors of Refraction (including squint)	951
Total	<u>1,043</u>
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed . . .	615

TABLE B - Diseases and Defects of Ear, Nose and Throat

	<i>Number of cases known to have been dealt with</i>
Received operative treatment	
(a) for diseases of the ear . . .	---
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	404
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	91
Received other forms of treatment .	186
Total	<u>681</u>
Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids -	
(a) in 1960	---
(b) in previous years	16

TABLE C - Orthopaedic and Postural Defects

	<i>Number of cases known to have been treated</i>
(a) Pupils treated at clinics or out-patients departments	17
(b) Pupils treated at school for postural defects	307
Total	<u>324</u>

PART III - continued

TABLE D - Diseases of the Skin (excluding uncleanness, for which see Table D of PART I)

			<i>Number of cases known to have been treated.</i>
Ringworm - (i) Scalp	-
(ii) Body	1
Scabies	-
Impetigo	53
Other skin diseases	249
Total			<u>303</u>

TABLE E - Child Guidance Treatment

Pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics	39
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TABLE F - Speech Therapy

Pupils treated by Speech Therapists	116
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TABLE G - Other Treatment Given

	<i>Number of cases known to have been dealt with</i>
(a) Pupils with minor ailments ..	1,066
(b) Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements ..	9
(c) Pupils who received B. C. G. vaccination	1,327
(d) Other than (a), (b), and (c) -	
(i) Audiometric Tests	206
(ii) Pure Tone Sweep Audiometric Tests	1,901
(iii) Pure Tone Sweep Audiometric Re-tests	318
(iv) Chiropody	322
Total, (a) to (d)	5,149

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PART IV - DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT

CARRIED OUT BY THE AUTHORITY

(1) Number of Pupils inspected :-										
(a) Periodic Age-Groups.										
AGE	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
CLEARs	21	13	27	184	287	296	271	311	346	
DEFECTS	-	33	77	438	614	926	834	901	776	
TOTALS	21	46	104	622	901	1222	1105	1212	1122	
AGE	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total	
CLEARs	294	241	382	305	178	91	50	24	3,321	
DEFECTS	549	481	580	508	231	52	20	6	7,026	
TOTALS	843	722	962	813	409	143	70	30	10,347	

(b) Specials	1,505
(c) TOTAL (Periodic and Specials)	11,852
(2) Number found to require treatment	8,531
(3) Number offered treatment	8,531
(4) Number actually treated	4,732
(5) Attendances made by pupils for treatment	8,266
(6) Half-days devoted to :-	
Inspection	49
Treatment	733
Total	<u>782</u>
(7) Fillings:-	
Permanent teeth	3,837
Temporary teeth	1,787
Total	<u>5,624</u>
(8) Number of teeth filled:-	
Permanent teeth	3,242
Temporary teeth	1,617
Total	<u>4,859</u>
(9) Extractions:-	
Permanent teeth	1,595
Temporary teeth	3,044
Total	<u>4,639</u>
(10) Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	815
(11) Other operations:-	
Permanent teeth	1,399
Temporary teeth	394
Total	<u>1,793</u>
(12) Administration of	
Local Anaesthetics	
for Extraction and	
Conservation	
Work	1,371
(13) Orthodontic Work:-	
Impressions taken	92
Bands made	17
Appliances inserted	52
Inspection and Adjustment	285
(14) Prosthetic Work:-	
Partial dentures inserted	
Mothers	7
School children	19
Total	<u>26</u>
Full dentures inserted	
Mothers	44