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SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER
FOR THE YEAR 1972

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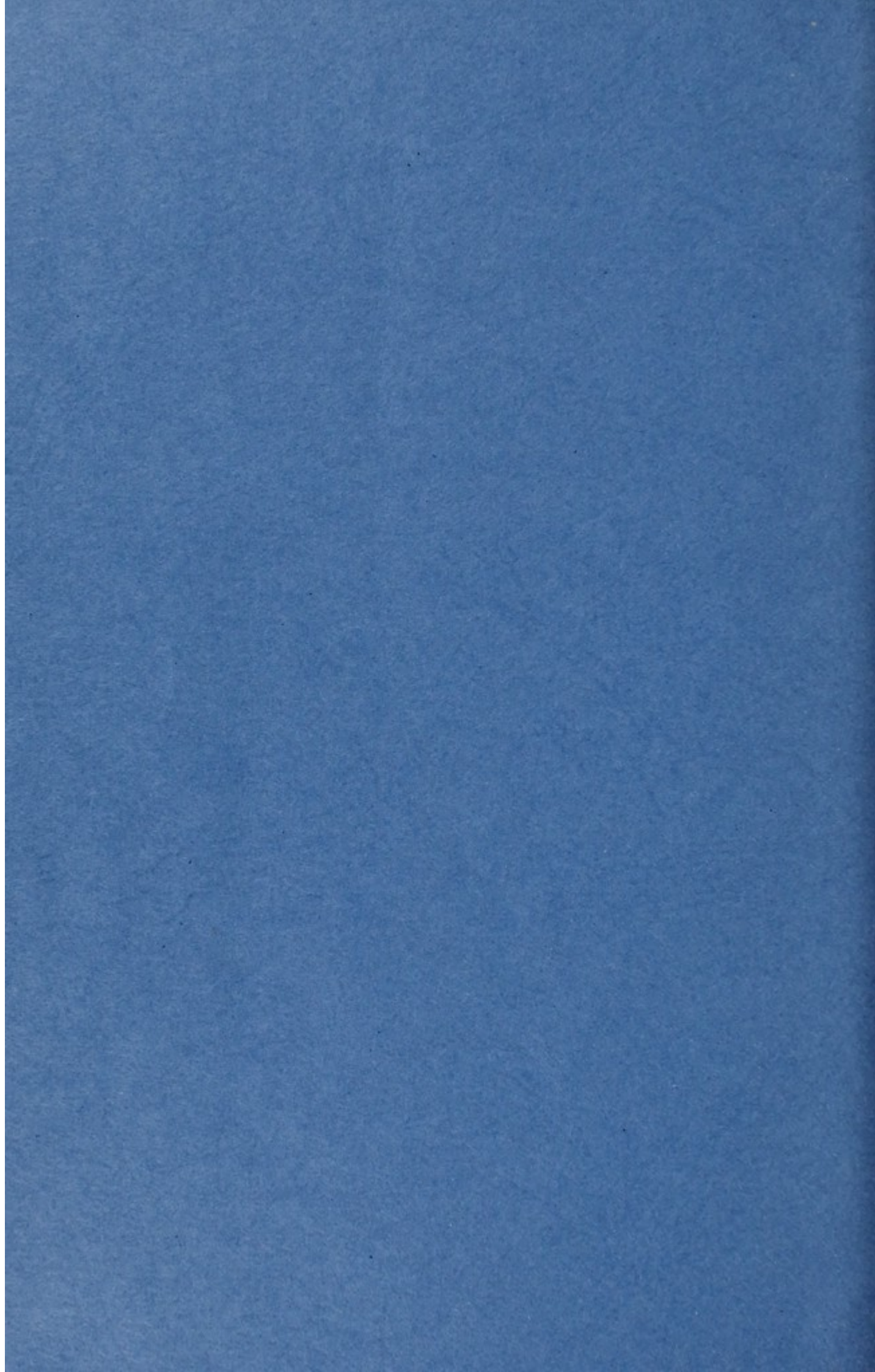
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		(Res. March)
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R.E. Phillips, M.C.S.P.
H. Ward, M.C.S.P. (App. Jan.)
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Orthoptist

B.S. Cohen (Part-time)

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M.E. Rowley, S.R.N.
M. Olsen, S.R.N. (Res. October)
M.M. Cooper, S.R.N.
J. Poole, S.R.N.
E.E. Cooke, S.R.N., O.N.C.
P.M. Bishop, S.R.N.
M.R. Johnson, S.R.N.

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 D. Hodgkinson, S.R.N.
 M.S. Keefe, S.R.N., S.C.M. (H.V. Certificate October)
 E.A. Evans, S.R.N.
 C.A. Bickerton, S.R.N.
 B.L. Crooks, N.N.E.B., S.R.N.
 D. Francis, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Seconded to H.V. Course October)
 E.J. Nutt, S.R.N.

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O.M. MacLeod, S.E.N.	F.M. Adams, S.E.N. (App. January)
G.S. Eglite, S.E.N.	

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G. Stubbs

Organiser for Home Economics

M.F. Siebold, University of London Teachers Diploma in Domestic Subjects

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M. Shaw, M.I.M.A.	Area Organiser

Hanchurch Open Air School

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A. Hibbert (Res. March)	Assistant Matron
P. Massey	Head Teacher

Holyrood Convalescent Home

D.M. Lowry	..	..	..	..	..	Matron
P.E. Partridge	..	..	..	..	..	Matron's Assistant
J.M.D. Harris	..	..	..	..	..	Teacher

Horton Lodge School

R. Orme	..	..	..	..	..	Head Teacher
E. Harvey	..	..	..	..	..	Senior Nurse

Pittsburgh House Boarding Home for Girls

M. McNeill Matron

Cicely Haughton Boarding School for Boys

A.H. Wolverson Head Teacher
O.V. Harris-Hughes Matron/Housekeeper

Aynsley School

H. Cooke Head Teacher

Abbey Hill School

W.H.G. Lovatt Head Teacher

Heathfield School

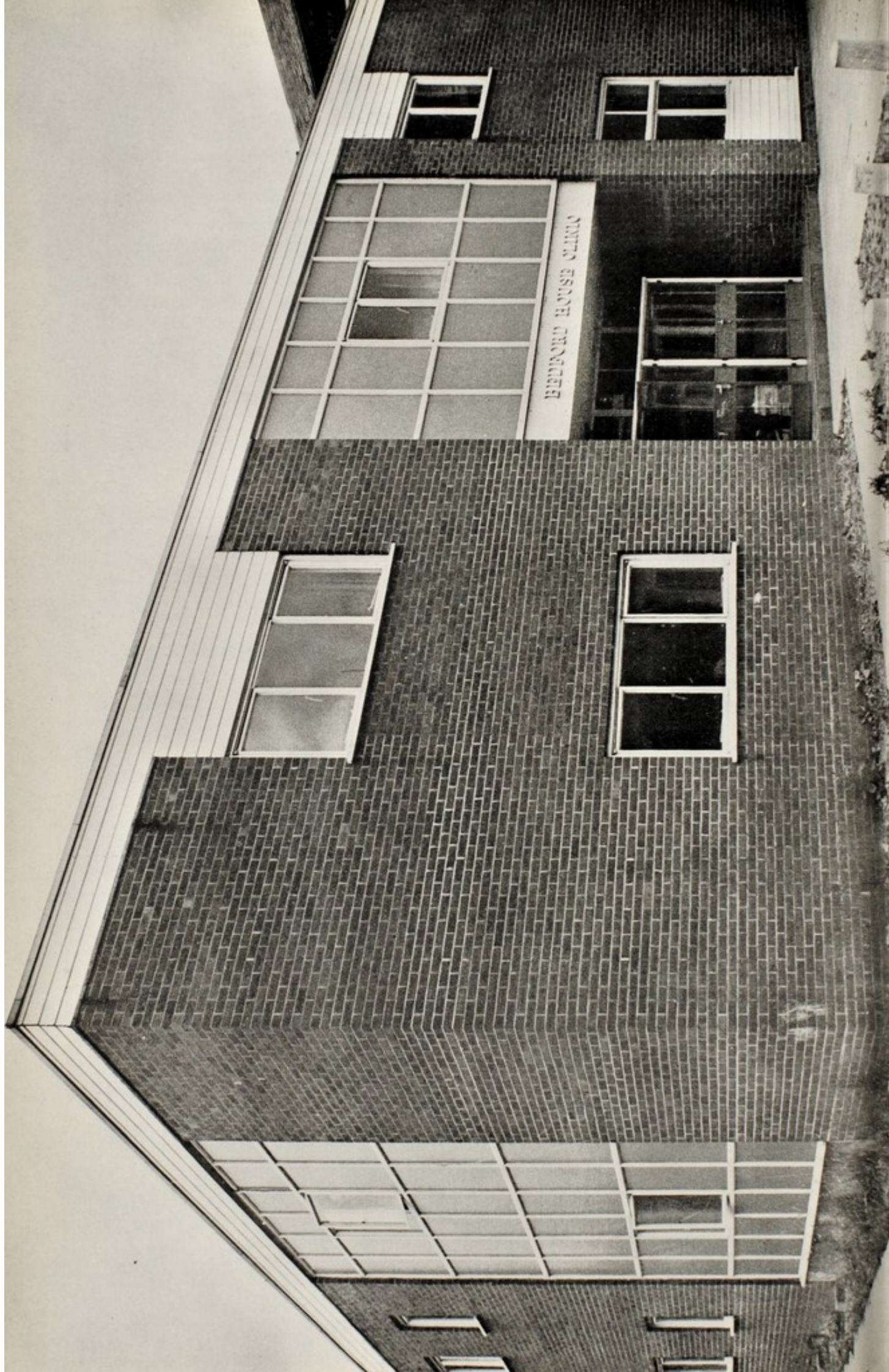
S. Clay Head Teacher

Kemball School

A. Shackleton Head Teacher

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F.R. Allman	Clerk
V. Shirley	Clerk
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M. Mountford	Clerk
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P.E. Hammond		Clerk
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M. Box (App. Dec.)	Clerk



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To the Chairman and Members of the Education Committee.

We have the honour to present for your consideration the Annual Report of the School Health Service for the year 1972.

The routine work of the Service has continued along similar lines to those of previous years and there are no outstanding changes to report. During the year, however, the first effects of the forthcoming re-organisation have begun to make themselves felt and this has been apparent in a growing sense of uneasiness among the staff, an uneasiness perhaps as much due to continuing uncertainty about the future position of individual members, as to the changes themselves. It is inevitable that two such far reaching changes as the total re-organisation of Local Government and the re-organisation of the National Health Service should have a profound effect on the work of all those concerned with school health, and in Stoke-on-Trent where the Service has remained linked to the Education Authority the resulting upheaval can be expected to strike with maximum impact.

Apart from individual uncertainty, one of the major fears has been that the removal of the Service from the Local Authority and the incorporation of that Authority in a larger administrative area is likely to result in some dilution of the facilities currently available within the City, and it is difficult to see how this can be avoided in the long run. It is also difficult to see how the relationship between the Service and the Local Education Authority can ever be as close once the administrative bond is broken and, however good the intention, co-operation can hardly be expected to achieve the same level of integration as when responsibility for both health and education is vested in the same body.

In spite of the uncertain future, staffing in the Service has remained at about the same level as last year and, except in one or two areas, no particular difficulty has been encountered in filling vacancies which have arisen during the past twelve months. Towards the end of the year, approval was given to an increase in the establishment of educational psychologists and, although it has not yet been possible to fill all the vacancies thus created, the position has been marginally improved by the introduction of a senior post and the appointment of one additional educational psychologist. It is hoped that two further psychologists can be appointed early in the new year.

Pressure on all the staff at the Child Guidance Clinic continues to grow and an increasing number of requests for their services now come from outside sources. With the opening of the new Hospital Assessment Unit and the more extensive use of the Child Guidance Service for cases appearing before the Juvenile Courts, such demands can be expected to increase still further.

(Photograph on facing page)

BEDFORD HOUSE CLINIC

The opening of the new extensions at Bedford House early in the year has certainly made the physical conditions under which the staff have to work more comfortable and has meant that the necessity of sharing rooms can now be dispensed with. In addition to accommodation for child guidance staff, the new building includes a minor ailment clinic, together with a physiotherapy room and completely new waiting and office accommodation. The clinic has, for many years, been a very busy centre, offering virtually all the forms of treatment available through the School Health Service and including such specialities as Child Guidance and Audiology. The old building had long been totally inadequate to the demands made upon it, and it is gratifying to see provision in this part of the City brought into line with that of other areas served by the new health centres.

Work on the new school for educationally subnormal pupils, alluded to in last year's report, has unfortunately been delayed, and building is now unlikely to be completed before the Spring or early Summer of 1973. Nevertheless, the urgent need for more provision of this kind remains and the waiting list for the new school is already very long. Another area of need, the provision of special educational facilities for senior physically handicapped pupils, has been the subject of comment in this report and elsewhere for many years, and it is pleasing to record that a start has at last been made on the building of such a school within the City. Limited resources inevitably cast a great burden of responsibility on those charged with the duty of deciding between conflicting priorities, and those of us who chafe impatiently at the delays which must occur in the realisation of cherished projects have to accept that not everything can be done at once. Looking back, one is surprised to realise just how much has in fact been achieved over the years despite all the obstacles, and the Local Education Authority has, indeed, a proud record of achievement in the field of special educational treatment over the past quarter of a century.

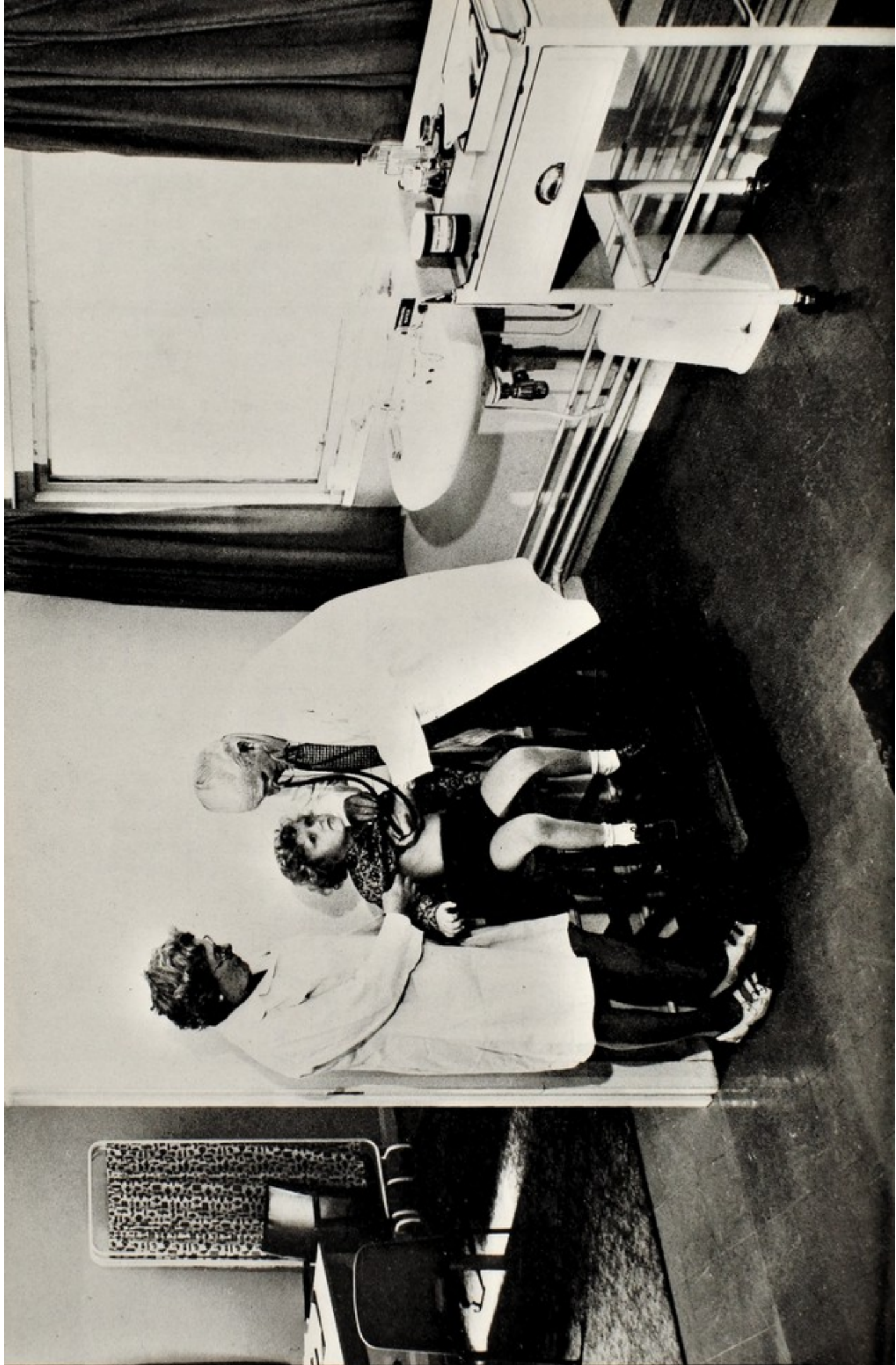
We wish to acknowledge the support and consideration of the Chairman and members of the Education Committee, and to thank the Chief Education Officer and his staff for their help and encouragement throughout the year. We desire to express the thanks of all members of the School Health Service to the teaching profession for their ever-ready help and co-operation.

J.S. HAMILTON, Principal School Medical Officer.

H.G. FLEETWOOD, Senior School Medical Officer.

**CLASSIFICATION OF THE GENERAL CONDITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED IN THE AGE GROUPS
DURING THE YEARS 1968 TO 1972**

Year		1968		1969		1970		1971		1972	
Number examined ..		17,142		17,342		15,723		18,308		16,213	
Classification		Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
ENTRANTS GROUP ..		% 99.50	% 0.50	% 99.88	% 0.12	% 99.89	% 0.11	% 99.88	% 0.12	% 99.74	% 0.26
SECOND AGE GROUP		99.48	0.52	99.87	0.13	99.78	0.22	99.89	0.11	99.82	0.18
THIRD AGE GROUP		99.56	0.44	99.83	0.17	99.94	0.06	99.85	0.15	99.77	0.23
OTHER INSPECTIONS (NURSERIES) ..		99.90	0.10	99.96	0.04	100.00	—	99.91	0.09	99.92	0.08



ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTION

Routine medical inspection has been carried out throughout the year and the statutory requirements have been fulfilled. The number of children in the respective age groups presented for medical inspection in the maintained primary and secondary schools during the year was 16,213. Detailed figures are shown at the end of this report.

NUTRITION

The school medical officers' assessment of the physical condition of the pupils seen at routine medical inspection during the year continues to compare very favourably with figures obtained in previous years.

TREATMENT OF DEFECTS AT THE SCHOOL CLINICS AND ELSEWHERE

MINOR AILMENTS AND DISEASES OF THE SKIN

At the school clinics 3,997 minor ailments were treated, compared with 3,380 in 1971.

The following is a summary of the skin conditions treated at the school clinics throughout the year:

Ringworm, head	..	..	..	2
Ringworm, body	..	..	..	28
Impetigo, body	..	..	..	220
Scabies ..	..	..	..	188
Other diseases ..	..	..	..	1,271
Total	..	..	..	1,709

VISUAL DEFECTS AND EXTERNAL EYE DISEASES

Dr. V.L. Gokhale has carried out refraction work at the clinics, and has reported as follows:—

“During the year 3,133 children were dealt with at Ophthalmic Clinic sessions, including Horton Lodge and Heathfield Special Schools.

The number of eye diseases treated at Minor Ailment clinics was 481.

Refractions for the children of school age and examinations of children under school age were carried out throughout the year. Children under school age are now being referred fairly early from the Maternal and Child Health Department, whose sessions are held in the same Health Centres. Orthoptic clinics in Hanley and Longton are being used in very close association with this work, and the fruits of these clinics will be seen in years to come. The majority of parents find the school ophthalmic service a great help.

I would like to thank the medical, nursing and secretarial staff for their continued help.

V.L. GOKHALE.”

(Photograph on facing page)

BEDFORD HOUSE CLINIC — MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT

EAR, NOSE AND THROAT DEFECTS

A total of 1,072 cases were under treatment or observation at the clinics. Of this total 298 were nose and throat cases and 774 were ear defects.

Those requiring further examination and treatment were referred to the North Staffordshire Hospital Centre, and 200 children had operative treatment for enlarged tonsils and adenoids arranged in this way.

AUDIOLOGY

Dr. Roberts, who is responsible for the Audiological Service in the City reports as follows:—

“There is little new upon which to comment in the figures for the past year. The diagnostic provision is correct for the area it serves and it is possible to balance the work undertaken to adjust to the fluctuations in morbidity natural to any population.

We endeavour constantly to improve the service given to partially hearing and deaf children and a second peripatetic teacher, Mrs. Anelay, was appointed during this period, while at the same time we continue to build up our resources in teaching aids and diagnostic equipment.

The Partially Hearing Units at Hill Top are an outstanding success, and we look forward to expanding this form of provision in the near future.

Statistics:

In all 686* (554) children have been seen, of whom 299 (245) were new cases and the remaining 387 (309) “follow-up” of cases seen before.

(*1971 figures shown in brackets for comparison).

Source of New Cases:

Number of cases referred by:	1969	1970	1971	1972
Consultant Otologist	43	68	28	27
Consultant Paediatricians	24	29	43	39
School Medical Officers	116	112	89	96
General Practitioners	14	13	11	16
Child Guidance Clinic	3	2	3	4
Speech Therapists	15	6	1	6
Head Teachers	10	2	—	3
Parents	10	3	—	—

Screening:

Pre-school children	29	17	15	15
School children	52	59	33	43

Other sources:

Health Visitors	3	1	2	2
M.O.H. Staffordshire	6	10	11	29
M.O.H. Newcastle	5	30	6	10
Peripatetic Teachers of the Deaf	7	4	3	9
Welfare Officers	1	—	3	—

Perceptive Deafness

SCHOOL CHILDREN:

Number of new cases seen	22
Number of hearing aids issued	4

Probable Causes:

Pre-Natal	Peri-natal and Neo-natal	Post Natal
Waardenburghs Syndrome 1	Prematurity 3	Mumps 3
Hereditary 2	Cerebral anoxia 1	Measles 5
Kernicterus 1		Meningitis 1
		Not known 5

Three-frequency average loss:

	No significant handicap	15-30 db.	30-60 db.	60 db. +
Better Ear	16	2	2	2
Worse Ear	1	5	3	13

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN:

Number of new cases seen	..	..	9
Number of hearing aids issued	..	..	2

Probable Causes:

Mumps	..	..	..	..	1
Prematurity	..	..	..	..	1
Maternal Rubella	..	..	..	..	1
Kernicterus	..	..	..	..	2
Fracture of skull	..	..	..	..	1
Not known	..	..	..	..	3

Three-frequency average loss:

	No significant handicap	15-30 db.	30-60 db.	60 db +
Better ear	—	2	2	5
Worse Ear	—	1	2	6

Conductive Deafness

SCHOOL CHILDREN:

Number of new cases seen	102
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Causes:

OTITIS MEDIA:

Acute	2
Chronic suppurative	1
Secretory	43

FIBROSIS, scarring and past damage from otitis media, no longer active	10
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MIXED (e.g. secretory otitis media and fibrosis and scarring from past attacks of acute otitis media)	4
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EUSTACHIAN DYSFUNCTION (unaccompanied by fluid)	35
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OSSICULAR DISCONTINUITY	1
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OBSTRUCTION OF EXTERNAL AUDITORY

MEATUS:

Wax	6
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Total	102
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Number of cases referred to Otologists for treatment	64
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PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN:

Number of new cases seen	23
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Causes:

Secretory otitis media	16
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Acute otitis media	1
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Eustachian dysfunction	5
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Meatal atresia	1
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Total	23
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Number of cases referred to Otologists for treatment	14
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MIXED DEAFNESS

Number of children seen in whom the deafness was partly conductive and partly perceptive	8
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NO SIGNIFICANT HANDICAP

School Children:

Number of children seen	58
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Pre-school children:

Number of children seen	57
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SCREENING PROGRAMME

School children:

Number of children screened	3,913
Referred to Audiology Clinic	43

Pre-school children:

The Maternal and Child Health Service has continued with the testing of these children.

Number of children screened during the calendar year 1972:

Premature Infants	..	..	..	152
0-1 years of age	..	..	..	2,039
1-2 years of age	..	..	..	63
2-5 years of age	..	..	..	20
Total				2,274
Repeat tests by Health Visitors				115
Number referred to Audiology Clinic				15

K.J. ROBERTS."

ORTHOPAEDIC DEFECTS

82 children requiring inpatient treatment have been treated at the Biddulph Grange Orthopaedic Hospital. 1,576 children received attention at the school orthopaedic clinics during the year. Attendances for treatment numbered 15,971.

Clinic sessions for remedial exercises are conducted each week by the physiotherapists, on premises throughout the City. The children are referred for treatment from a variety of sources, but the majority tend to come from hospital consultants or from the school medical officers themselves. Their progress is assessed at regular intervals.

CHIROPODY

Mr. Wood reports as follows:—

"In writing this report for 1972, I make no apology for its brevity, the case load and type of case presented varying very little from year to year. Treatment, however, has to be modified from time to time with respect to verruca pedis. With reference to this condition, more research has been instituted in the last five years than in the previous fifty years, so that our knowledge has been greatly increased. For all practical purposes, verruca pedis may be divided into six main groupings, according to morphological characteristics and response to treatment. The most resistant is the traumatic mosaic verruca, which occurs almost without exception in the teenager, in the proportion of 1 male to 20 females. The treatment takes from 2 - 6 weeks for complete clearance. Of the total number of all types treated, some 2.5% relapse, taking reoccurrence in 4 weeks as a relapse. These details were obtained over a small number of cases (400), mosaic types representing some 5.5% of the total.

May I again take this opportunity to thank clinic staffs and heads of schools for their help and co-operation.

C.G. WOOD."

CHIROPODY SUMMARY - 1972

Condition	Number of Cases									Number of Treatments									TOTAL	
	Goldenhill	Tunstall	Fegg Hayes	Burslem	Smallthorne	Abbey Hulton	Shelton	Longton	Meir	TOTAL	Goldenhill	Tunstall	Fegg Hayes	Burslem	Smallthorne	Abbey Hulton	Shelton	Longton		Meir	TOTAL
Verruca ..	23	109	82	122	168	202	364	483	259	1,812	151	536	435	723	890	716	1,414	1,597	1,012	7,474
Inflam. Conditions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	—	30
Toe Deformities ..	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	14	11	—	—	25
Nail Diseases ..	—	—	—	—	—	10	3	24	11	48	—	—	—	—	—	61	30	117	46	254
Skin Diseases ..	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	4
Corns ..	—	—	—	—	—	22	16	74	33	145	—	—	—	—	—	54	48	200	92	394
Deformities of Feet	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	—	16
Others ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	22	29	61	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	28	34	79
										2,087										8,276

ARTIFICIAL SUNLIGHT

Ultra Violet Ray therapy is currently undertaken by the physiotherapists at nine of the school clinics. Cases are recommended by the school medical officers, and the children attend twice weekly for treatment.

The number of children treated during the year was as follows:—

Burslem Clinic	..	..	..	..	29
Longton Clinic	..	..	..	..	40
Meir Clinic	..	..	..	..	22
Stoke Clinic	..	..	..	..	22
Shelton Clinic	..	..	..	..	2
Abbey Hulton Clinic	..	..	..	..	16
Fegg Hayes Clinic	..	..	..	..	2
Bentilee Clinic	..	..	..	..	17
Hanley Clinic	..	..	..	..	58
Total					208

Attendances totalled 3,897 throughout the year.

SHORT WAVE THERAPY

Dr. Donnellan, School Medical Officer at Burslem Clinic, who is in charge of short-wave therapy, reports as follows:—

“Short wave clinics were continued during 1972, and the usual satisfactory results were obtained. An improvement in general health usually resulted from relief of symptoms.

Asthma was treated most successfully, and when combined with exercises gave gratifying results. Sinusitis and Rhinitis responded well, distressing symptoms gradually disappearing after a few treatments.

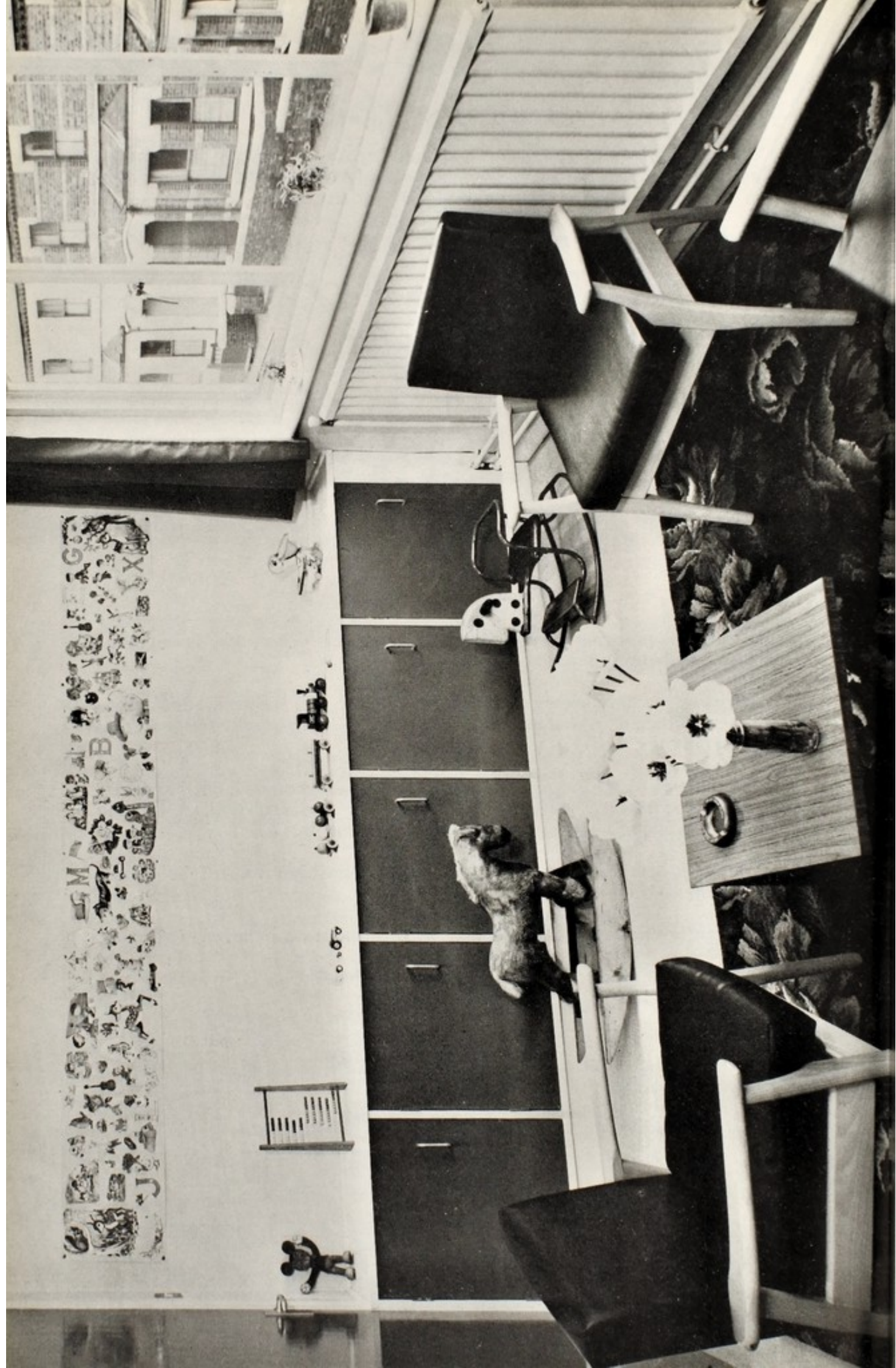
Traumatic and Rheumatic cases were given almost immediate relief—most cases eventually being cured.

Bronchitis required more prolonged treatment, but was relieved in all cases.

Details of the cases dealt with are given below:—

				<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>Number of treatments</i>
Asthma	..	..	..	3	25
Bronchitis	..	..	..	11	22
Nasal catarrh and Rhinitis	..			7	59
Rheumatic and Traumatic lesions				7	25
Total				28	131

A.I. DONNELLAN.”



SPEECH THERAPY

The Senior Speech Therapist has submitted the following report:—

"This year, as ever, the largest group of children who have received speech therapy has been those who have come to the school clinics on account of their difficulty with articulation. These are the younger school children who come quite soon after they start school. We are appreciative of the enthusiasm and keenness which the schools and school clinic staffs show in introducing these children to us at an age when they most readily respond to treatment, thus helping to minimise setbacks in their schooling in general and in their normal social development. We also welcome the increasing number of pre-school children whose mothers bring them, through the Maternal and Child Health Service, not necessarily for direct treatment, but for reassurance and advice in helping their child to develop fluent speech.

Speech therapy has become very popular with the media at the present time and we are enjoying a greater degree of publicity than hitherto. This is true particularly in the field of therapy for the severely subnormal, the physically handicapped and the group for which the umbrella term autistic is used. These children have of course been receiving treatment for a number of years, but a widening of social awareness and technological development has put our treatment of these children further into the limelight. If we have any reservation about this it might be that, while we always hope to alleviate the ills these children suffer, we cannot always provide the unqualified solution that may be hoped for. Nevertheless in conjunction with diagnosis, remediation and advice from other disciplines, such as educational psychology, audiology, physiotherapy, teaching, paediatrics, psychiatry and so on, we aim to make a worthwhile contribution to the caring team.

So far as staff news is concerned—we were delighted to welcome two new full time speech therapists to our staff this year, Mrs. Joseph joined us in May, Miss Ainsworth in September.

Mrs. Parker resigned in December. She hopes to return in the fairly near future.

In September we embarked upon the use of the Surrey Speech Screening test for school children on school entry. Our grateful thanks go to Dr. Summerly and Dr. Baker, the School Medical Officers involved. We hope to extend the test at the Easter intake.

In September Mrs. Thompson attended a course authorising her to administer the Reynell Developmental Language Scale. Also in the Autumn, Mrs. Forrester and Mrs. Thompson attended the Careers Conventions in the City Schools at the invitation of Mr. Bradbury the Chief Careers Officer.

We do thank all our colleagues once again for the understanding and support given to us, both as individuals and as members of a developing profession.

A.C. THOMPSON."

(Photograph on facing page)

BEDFORD HOUSE CLINIC — SPEECH THERAPY ROOM

DENTAL DEFECTS

The Principal School Dental Officer has submitted the following report:—

“Staff:

In December the Authority had a whole-time equivalent of 9·8 dental officers, giving a ratio of one officer to 4,433 children and, although this is a less favourable ratio than 1971, it is still better than National average.

Inspections:

A total of 17,924 children were inspected for the first time, which is 41·3% of the school roll; 12,347 were found to require treatment, and 11,514 (93·2%) of these chose to have their treatment done by the School Dental Service. This very high acceptance rate is mostly accounted for by the large number of pupils (9,346) asking for treatment at the clinics; some 4,001 of these were in pain at the time of inspection, and were treated as emergencies. In turn this reflects the continuing shortage of private dentists, who have about 50% more patients than National average, and this does not include a proportion who come from outside the administrative borough.

Treatment:

11,514 courses of treatment were commenced and 9,524 completed. Although this is a better proportion than National average, it is a reduction on 1971. Fewer return visits were made, and there was a tendency towards emergency work, since at least 4,001 children were in pain at the time of examination. The ratio of permanent teeth extracted to filled was 1 : 4·2, which is a worse ratio than 1971, and the first time for some years that this has declined. 26·5% of the school population were treated, and these children made a total of 26,645 visits, received 21,025 fillings and 10,551 extractions.

Orthodontics:

Our Orthodontist, Mr. H. Levison, resigned in March and took up a new post as County Orthodontist in Essex. I have reported many times that this part of the Service has been the most successful, because it was available in conveniently situated Health Centres. Parents having to have time off work in order to travel to the City General Hospital regularly over a period of several years means that the hospital service is inaccessible to many children. It is disappointing, therefore, to report that at the time of writing the Regional Hospital Board have not made a replacement for Mr. Levison.

Maternal and Child Health:

There was a slight reduction in the amount of work done for under-fives, but the improvement in the type of work, i.e. conservation, continued. The dental needs of under-fives in nursery schools is to be the subject of an extensive study during 1973.

Preventive Dentistry and Dental Health Education:

The application of fluoride solution continued, and although quite successful in the cases where applied, the dental health of the whole population will not be significantly improved other than by water fluoridation. The reduction in staff meant that fewer sessions of Dental Health Education were done by dental officers, but we are indebted to the school nurses and nurse lecturers who have carried on this service.

Accommodation:

The Clinic in Glebe Street was replaced by a transportable prefabricated unit located behind the School Medical Clinic in Epworth Street. This unit has been most successful, and all the Authority's surgeries are now in modern purpose-built premises.

G.T. EMERY."

Table A—Primary and Secondary Schools:

Children examined in school	..	..	..	..	..	8,578
Children examined at clinics	..	..	..	..	..	9,346
				Total	.. ..	17,924
Children found to require treatment	..	..	..	..	..	12,347
Attendances made by pupils for treatment	..	..	..	..	..	26,645
Number of fillings: Permanent teeth	..	..	..	..	..	17,805
Temporary teeth	..	..	..	..	..	3,220
Teeth extracted: Permanent teeth	..	..	..	..	..	3,596
Temporary teeth	..	..	..	..	..	6,955
Scalings, crowns, inlays, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	3,311
General anaesthetics (N ₂ O and O ₂) administered	..	..	..	..	..	2,164
Dentures fitted	..	..	..	..	..	100
Orthodontic appliances fitted	..	..	..	..	..	209
Radiographs taken	..	..	..	..	..	674

Table B—Patients referred from Public Health Department:

1. Children under school age:

Number of children examined	..	..	..	..	..	269
Number of children needing treatment	..	..	..	..	..	244
Number of children treated	..	..	..	..	..	244
Number of temporary teeth extracted	..	..	..	..	..	194
Number of temporary teeth filled	..	..	..	..	..	201
Number of temporary teeth treated with AgNO ₃	..	..	..	..	..	66
Number of scalings and cleanings	..	..	..	..	..	54
Number of local anaesthetics	..	..	..	..	..	25
Number of general anaesthetics (N ₂ O and O ₂)	..	..	..	..	..	61

2. Nursing and expectant mothers:

Number of patients examined	..	..	..	..	..	44
Number of patients needing treatment	..	..	..	..	..	44
Number of patients treated	..	..	..	..	..	44
Number of permanent teeth extracted	..	..	..	..	..	119
Number of permanent teeth filled	..	..	..	..	..	60
Number of scalings	..	..	..	..	..	18
Number of local anaesthetics	..	..	..	..	..	50
Number of general anaesthetics (N ₂ O and O ₂)	..	..	..	..	..	15
Number of full upper or lower dentures	..	..	..	..	..	5
Number of partial upper or lower dentures	..	..	..	..	..	7

IMMUNISATION

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough:

3,134 children were immunised at the school clinics during the year. This includes 16 children under school age and 2,840 "booster" doses for children who had been immunised previously.

Immunisation:

Diphtheria only	..	..	..	..	..	25
Diphtheria and Tetanus	..	..	..	..	..	239
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough	..				..	30
Total						294

Re-immunisation:

Diphtheria only	..	..	..	..	..	100
Diphtheria and Tetanus	..	..	..	..	..	2,737
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough	..				..	3
Total						2,840

Poliomyelitis:

6,901 children have received protection against poliomyelitis during the year, and particulars of this treatment are shown below. The figures given are those for City children from six months old to 15 years, treated at all centres, including private practitioners' surgeries. Of this number 3,511 children received treatment at the school clinics.

Children who received Quadruple DTPP (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Polio)	3
Children who received Salk injections	—
Children who received 3 doses of Oral Vaccine	3,088
Children who received reinforcing doses of Oral Vaccine	3,810

Measles:

Number of children vaccinated against measles (including 14 under school age)	235
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Rubella:

Number of girls vaccinated against Rubella	..	333
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B.C.G. Vaccination:

Dr. Corrigan has submitted the following report:—

"The B.C.G. vaccination programme has continued among pupils in the secondary schools, and the results of the 1971/72 session are as follows:—

Number of schools	..	..	..	..	30
Number of children in age group	..	..			4,149
Number whose parents consented to treatment	..				3,128
Acceptance rate	..	..	..	..	75.4%

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number of children given skin tests ..	1,723	1,589	3,312
Number of children positive to Tuberculin test	87	73	160
Number of children given B.C.G. vaccination	1,515	1,436	2,951
Percentage of positive reactors ..	..	..	4.8%
Percentage given B.C.G. vaccination ..	..	..	89.1%

Again I would like to thank the head teachers and staff of the schools visited for their willing co-operation.

B.M. CORRIGAN."

MASS RADIOGRAPHY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Medical Director reports as follows:—

"In 1972, 106 Mantoux positive children were X-rayed (59 boys and 47 girls). This is only half the number of children X-rayed compared with 1971. 166 family contacts of these children were X-rayed. Amongst the Mantoux positive children no definite cases of active tuberculosis were detected, but there were two cases of clinically significant tuberculosis amongst the contacts. In addition a large number of children were referred to the Chest X-ray Unit at the Central Out-Patients' Department by their general practitioners. Amongst these children three cases of active tuberculosis were found and, in addition, there were:—

Inactive tuberculosis	2
Atrial Septal Defect	1
Non-tuberculous infection of the lungs, mostly broncho-pneumonias ..	47
Post-rheumatic cardiac disease ..	1
Bronchial asthma	10

No changes in the X-raying of children are envisaged in 1973 and I wish to thank again the staff of the School Medical Department for their co-operation.

E. POSNER."

NURSING

The Superintendent School Health Visitor has submitted the following report:—

"The routine health inspections and cleanliness surveys of children in schools have continued, and the lower percentage of children found unclean last year has been maintained. The hard core of persistent offenders remains, but these are much less heavily infested.

Vision and hearing tests have continued in schools and clinics. Programmes designed for the needs of the teenager have been arranged in clinics during the school holidays.

Health education in schools continues. Apart from the regulation lectures on Home Nursing, Child Care and Hygiene for senior pupils, courses are arranged for individual schools at the request of the head teachers. These talks are designed for the needs and abilities of the groups of children concerned, the discussion which follows proving most helpful. The film library continues to expand and, together with the models available, is in constant use.

Mrs. Keefe returned to duty in October, 1972, after successfully completing the Health Visitors' Course at Keele University. Mrs. Francis commenced the Health Visitors' Course in October, 1972.

As in previous years, nurses have undertaken duties at sports meetings and swimming galas, and participated in most school functions.

R.E. MASON."

MENTAL HEALTH

The part-time Consultant Psychiatrist reports as follows:—

"1972 continued the pattern of previous years, with the benefit of the new building, but the handicap of too few staff. In the social worker field particularly this problem is now acute. Treatment, reflected in the diminishing figures, is necessarily limited by these shortages.

Summary of cases seen

	1972	1971
Number of children remaining under treatment ..	143	171
Number of treatments	752	817
Number of diagnostic interviews	40	36
Number of new cases	125	121
Number of cases referred back	22	21
Number discharged satisfactory	164	128
Number admitted to:—Westwood Manor	6	8
Pittsburgh House	5	1
Community Homes	—	—
Special Schools	—	6

Number of children treated:—

Already under treatment at 1st January, 1972 ..	171
New Cases	125
Referred back	22
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	318
Diagnostic interviews	40
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	358
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D. HUTCHINSON."

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

The Educational Psychologists have submitted the following reports:—

"In addition to normal Child Guidance duties, the Educational Psychologists have the responsibility of supervising the remedial reading classes in the City schools, children who have tuition at home, visiting special schools on a regular basis and assisting in general scholastic evaluation procedures. The increase in demand for psychological assessment reported last year still persists, and again this year much less time than we would like has been spent in remedial reading classes. Head Teachers have played their part in keeping us informed with regard to children failing to make adequate progress, and these children's difficulties have been further investigated. A very promising hope for the future of the School Psychological Service was born with the granted increase in establishment towards a team of five Educational Psychologists. It is known that the extra staff desired will be difficult to find.

Reading Classes:

Throughout the whole of the City, the total number of children in attendance in remedial reading classes at 31st December, 1972 was 2,669, which represents another increase of 292 on last year's figure, mainly due to increased provisions for retarded youngsters at High School and at Infant School levels. The total consists of 1,682 boys and 987 girls. These classes are conducted in 84 schools in the City.

There were 1,343 new entrants to the classes during the year and 885 children were discharged, having made sufficient progress. During the past twelve months 478 children gained more than two years of reading age, 1,286 gained more than one year, 1,198 gained less than one year and 83 children were reported as having made little or no progress.

The classes cater for the essential needs of slow learning children in the schools, and the teachers involved are doing very valuable work in helping children to grasp the basic skills in the reading process. The co-operation of the teachers and their interest in less fortunate children is very much appreciated.

Mental Testing:

The assessments/interviews listed below were undertaken mainly in City schools, and only rarely at Bedford House:—

- 109 children (were assessed and/or interviewed) at the request of the Psychiatrist.
- 52 children at the request of the Senior School Medical Officer.
- 239 children at the request of head teachers.
- 30 children at the request of other agencies.
- 154 children under observation for some disability of mind were retested after the appropriate interval.
- 181 interviews were conducted either from the diagnostic or guidance viewpoints.
- 6 children were visited at home, either for assessment or in connection with behaviour difficulties.
- 43 children referred as making no progress in remedial reading classes were given lengthy diagnostic testings.



Special School Visits:

Regular visits have been made to the Abbey Hill, Aynsley, Kemball, Heathfield, Cicely Haughton, Hanchurch and Horton Lodge Special Schools. In the course of these visits, 146 children were assessed/interviewed at the request of the Head Teachers. Due to increased demands from head teachers of normal schools for services, these visits have not been as frequent as in previous years. A new unit for ESN Infants at Glebe C. Middle School was successfully established during the year.

Miscellaneous:

Several lectures on child psychology and related topics were given in various neighbouring colleges. A small number of children whose circumstances merited special consideration and investigation, were assessed individually at the request of the Assistant Education Officer. Reports, observations and investigations were carried out at the request of the Chief Education Officer and of the Senior School Medical Officer. Some help was given to the Assistant Education Officer with regard to suitable evaluation procedures in the middle schools. The co-operation of the head teachers and their staff, when schools are visited, has been readily forthcoming, and is very much appreciated. But for this attitude, much of our work would be in vain. In the High Schools, a close liaison has been maintained with the school counsellors who continue to be so very helpful and co-operative in dealing with the many problems of adolescents. Gratitude is also expressed for the reliable and very willing efforts of the clerical staff in the administration of the Clinic.

J. YOUNG."

"The work undertaken during the year proceeded along the following lines:

1. The identification of causes of learning difficulties and behaviour problems of handicapped children referred for investigation.
2. The application of psychometric and achievement tests to evaluate the mental abilities and educational attainments of the cases referred, the object being to determine their educational needs and the management and treatment of their problems.
3. Discussion with the parents, head teachers and teachers of the child's problems and his needs.
4. Consultation with other agencies that may contribute to the solution of the child's problem and its management.

As in the preceding year, children with educational difficulties made up the bulk of cases dealt with. These were the children who failed in the 7+ or the 9+ Mental Survey and who were referred directly by the schools for further individual testing. Others presenting with learning and behavioural problems were received from the school medical officers and other agencies, while some who showed personality disturbances were referred by the Psychiatrist. The rest were cases that required periodic reviewing.

The majority of these cases were seen in their schools and the rest were interviewed at Bedford House Clinic. Details of all these cases are given in the table following.

(Photograph on facing page)

BEDFORD HOUSE CLINIC — EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST'S ROOM

Visits to the schools provided a useful opportunity for close consultation with the head teachers and teachers on matters relating to particular children. Where necessary, advice was given to teachers dealing with reading disability cases.

Special clinic sessions were arranged for parents whose children were found to have learning and behavioural difficulties. In this way, parents were able to learn of the diagnosis of their child's disability and to receive the recommendation for its management.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues in the Clinic as well as the head teachers and staffs of the schools that were visited for their help and co-operation.

DETAILS OF CASES DEALT WITH

Sources of Referral	Number of Cases referred—1972	Reasons for referral
Psychiatrist	43	Personality disturbance
School Medical Officers	1	Educational and personal difficulties
Head Teachers	75	Learning and behavioural problems
7+ Mental Survey	140	Learning problems
9+ Mental Survey	128	Learning problems
Periodic Reviewing	197	Learning problems
Other agencies	24	Learning and personal problems
	608	

M.A.Y. EL DEIRY."

Social Workers:

The following report has been submitted:—

"During 1972 there have been one full-time and two part-time social workers at the Clinic.

Every family referred to the Clinic has been interviewed initially by a social worker. This has been to discuss home and family background and, following from this, to establish some understanding of the problem and the underlying factors that have precipitated it. This diagnostic interview may have indicated a more superficial problem with only a need for reassurance and support, but more often this is not sufficient and the parents need to be helped with personal, emotional and marital problems in order to help alleviate the child's difficulties. Whilst the social workers have continued to work with the parents, the child has had treatment from the psychiatrist and help from the play therapist.

As far as staff limitations have permitted, home visits have continued and special efforts have again been made in the home visiting of families with a bed-wetting child.

We have much appreciated in the past year the help and co-operation of the School Welfare Department, school counsellors and our colleagues in the special schools and clinics.

J.L. WOOD."

PROVISION OF MEALS

The Manager of the School Meals Service has submitted the following report:—

"During the year, the following Minor Capital Works Schemes were completed:—

- (i) Cauldon C. Middle & Infants' School—provision of kitchen and dining accommodation.
- (ii) Penkhull C. Infants' School—provision of kitchen.
- (iii) St. Paul's C.E. School—provision of scullery/dining accommodation.
- (iv) Harpfield C. Middle & Infants' School—provision of a frozen foods re-generation kitchen.

The projects at Cauldon C. Middle & Infants' School, Penkhull C. Infants' School and Harpfield C. Middle & Infants' School, have enabled meals to be provided on these premises for the first time. The Harpfield project is of special interest in view of the fact that regenerated frozen foods are being used for the first time by the School Meals Service in Stoke-on-Trent. Initial reaction from both pupils and staff has been favourable. A cost exercise over a period of 12 months will be undertaken. Comparisons are to be made with the running costs of traditional kitchens and an appropriate report will be submitted to the Education Committee.

Minor Works projects at present in hand include:—

- (i) Sneyd Green C. Middle & Infants' Schools—provision of kitchen/dining accommodation.
- (ii) Fenton C. Middle & Infants' School—provision of kitchen.

During 1971, the price of the school meals was raised to 12p. Although it was at first feared that this might lead to a reduction in the number of pupils taking school meals, 1972 did, in fact, see a further increase in the percentage of pupils partaking. The number of pupils receiving free meals also increased.

Statistics:

Demand for school meals in Stoke-on-Trent	1964-65	– 55.7%	of number on roll
	1965-66	– 59.8%	of number on roll
	1966-67	– 61.7%	of number on roll
	1967-68	– 64.2%	of number on roll
	1968-69	– 65.8%	of number on roll
	1969-70	– 67.3%	of number on roll
	1970-71	– 67.4%	of number on roll
	1971-72	– 67.7%	of number on roll
(estimated)	1972-73	– 68.5%	of number on roll

Number of school kitchens	..	..	..	..	115
School departments receiving dinners	..	..	..	..	186
Average daily number of dinners	..	..	..	..	30,200
Total dinners during year	1964-65	..	..	..	4,493,678
	1965-66	..	..	..	4,843,587
	1966-67	..	..	..	5,041,863
	1967-68	..	..	..	5,321,850
	1968-69	..	..	..	5,645,008
	1969-70	..	..	..	5,765,000
	1970-71	..	..	..	5,770,000
	1971-72	..	..	..	5,810,362
(estimated)	1972-73	..	..	..	5,919,400

Charge for dinners	..	..	..	..	12p
Number of children receiving free meals	..	..	..	..	7,320

Number of children taking school milk under Milk-in-Schools Scheme:

	1964-65	–	36,288	(87.1%)
	1965-66	–	36,800	(87.4%)
	1966-67	–	37,438	(87.4%)
	1967-68	–	38,800	(87.3%)
	1968-69	–	25,000	(54.0%)
	1969-70	–	27,350	(56.8%)
	1970-71	–	26,948	(56.6%)
(Infants only)	1971-72	–	13,749	(31.5%)
	1972-73	–	13,961	(31.7%)

N.B. Milk for Middle School pupils ended on 31st July, 1971.

Number of staff employed (including supervisory assistants)	..	1,673
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Running expenditure (gross—i.e. not including income)
including school milk under Milk-in-Schools Scheme

1964-65	..	£451,790
1965-66	..	£522,402
1966-67	..	£571,471
1967-68	..	£654,685
1968-69	..	£820,250
1969-70	..	£945,600
1970-71	..	£1,051,334
1971-72	..	£1,210,458
1972-73	..	£1,403,711

E.S. LANGDON."

HANDICAPPED PUPILS

The following are the numbers, for the year, of pupils provided with special educational treatment in the several categories:—

						<i>Number of Pupils</i>
(a)	(i) Blind:					
	Boarding Special School	..	..	..	..	6
	(ii) Partially Sighted:					
	Boarding Special School	..	..	..	..	8
(b)	(i) Deaf:					
	Boarding Special School	..	..	..	..	4
	Day Special School	..	..	..	..	20
	(ii) Partially Hearing:					
	Boarding Special School	..	..	..	..	—
	Day Special School	..	..	..	..	7
	Special Unit	..	..	..	..	12

The North Staffordshire Deaf School:

The following report has been submitted:—

“The number of Stoke-on-Trent children at The Mount has remained fairly constant. Two children left at statutory age and one pupil, whose parents moved into the area, was admitted.

When Radio Stoke started broadcasting on 200 metres and we were told, “You can now receive Radio Stoke on all sets” we were horrified to find that this included all our Group Hearing Aids which had been immune from V.H.F. After consultation with the G.P.O. and the makers, all 80 sets were modified and finally, in desperation, the mains plugs were earthed at a cost of £250.00, which we hope to recover from the B.B.C. We are now back to normal but this trouble has meant that our entire Group Hearing System was out of action for a whole term.

D.B. WILSON.”

						<i>Number of Pupils</i>
(c)	<i>Delicate</i>					
	Hanchurch Open Air School	..	..	..	..	61
	Boarding Special Schools	..	..	..	..	5

Hanchurch Open Air School:

The Matron reports:—

“During the year 36 children were admitted to this residential school. They all made satisfactory progress and showed a marked improvement in health as a result of their stay.

The conditions from which the children suffered on admission were:—

General and Nervous debility	29
Asthma	3
Tuberculosis contacts	3
Emotional disturbance	1
	—
	36
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The outings and entertainments arranged for the children by various local organisations during the year were much appreciated. We were indebted to the members of the Longton Round Table for providing the firework display in November.

Thanks are extended to all our many friends who continue to show an interest in the welfare of the children.

W.L. PEARSON."

The acting Head Teacher has submitted the following report:—

"During the year the maximum number on roll has been 36, with an age range of 5 to 12 years. Classes have continued to be small and the children have been able to receive the extra help which they have needed in basic subjects. The progress of the children has been satisfactory, both socially and in terms of academic achievement.

Continued use has been made of our local environment. During the summer outdoor lessons were made easier with the new portable furniture and an enlarged tarmaced area adjacent to the school. A small group of older boys enjoyed helping with the construction of a small patio by the infant classroom.

In May the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Stoke-on-Trent visited the school and later the children were entertained at the Lord Mayor's Parlour. Several other educational visits were made during the year, one of the most popular being an afternoon spent at Hanley Fire Station. Another trip was to the Police Headquarters and a visit to Hanchurch by two Police Dog Handlers proved to be very exciting.

Swimming has been the most popular sport once again and the children have benefited greatly from their weekly visits to Stoke swimming baths. We have had several football and netball matches with local schools and towards the end of the summer term the children from Kemball School joined us for a sports afternoon. Mr. O'Donnell helped the boys with their football and in July the older children spent two afternoons at Northwood Stadium.

Contact with parents was maintained. Termly Open Afternoons have been well attended and parents have visited the school individually.

Children were taken to various Harvest services during the Autumn Term, and in December Mr. and Mrs. Spencer came from London to give a seasonal guitar concert.

M. WILLIS."

(d) (i) Educationally Sub-normal:	<i>Number of Pupils</i>	
Aynsley School	177	
Abbey Hill School	170	
Boarding Special Schools	8	
Day Special Schools	9	
Glebe C. Middle School—Special Unit	12	

Aynsley School

The Headmaster has submitted the following report:—

“28 children were admitted to the school during the year. 8 children were transferred to other special schools. 1 child, unable to attend school, was given home tuition. 24 children left at statutory leaving age, of whom 20 children were placed in employment, 1 attended the Industrial Rehabilitation Unit and 3 were recommended for further supervision and training.

At the beginning of the year, the school was invited to stage an Exhibition of Children's Art and Craft at the Teachers' Art Centre, Burslem. The opportunity was taken to display the work of children of all ages and abilities throughout the school. This exhibition proved remarkably successful and certainly added to the children's self-esteem.

During the Easter Break, a group of 20 young children spent a very happy holiday at the Holyrood Convalescent Home in Llandudno.

In the Summer Term, 20 senior boys took part in a challenging Youth Hostelling Tour of the Lake District.

Many children enjoyed the facilities of Stanley Head Outdoor Pursuits Centre. 16 boys had their first experience of independent camping and 13 girls and boys successfully completed their Expedition Assessment as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

At the start of the Autumn Term, the school acquired the use of a large brick-built garage, within the school grounds. Extensive work has been carried out by teachers and senior boys in converting the building into a workshop, which is now used by children in their last year in school for a Home Management Course. This provides opportunities for both girls and boys to learn how to cope with the simple problems which occur in the running of a home. They are now being taught basic skills in maintenance, repairs and furnishing, and an awareness of materials and techniques which will be useful in adult life.

The generous help given by the nursing staff of Abbey Hulton Health Centre and the Swimming Section of the Stoke-on-Trent Athletic Club in organising a sponsored swim, made it possible for the school to buy a new 17 seater mini-bus. The vehicle is now constantly employed in giving all the children vital educational and social experience outside the classroom.

An improved staffing ratio has made it possible to give pupils far more individual help. This has led to highly satisfactory progress in the personal, social and educational development of a great number of the children in school.

Throughout the year help, advice and support was given regularly to the school by Mr. O.R. Johnstone, Careers Officer, Mr. J. Young, Senior Educational Psychologist, Mrs. D.M. Holmes, Health Visitor, Mrs. M. Jackson, Nurse/Lecturer, Mrs. B. Joseph, Speech Therapist, and Mrs. C. Carnall, Physiotherapist.

H. COOKE."

Abbey Hill School:

The Headmaster has submitted the following report:—

"During the year the number on roll varied between 166 and 170. Admissions totalled 22 and two children were de-ascertained as being no longer in need of special educational treatment. All the children who left at statutory age were satisfactorily placed in employment, with the co-operation of the Careers Advisory Service.

Progress at all levels in the basic academic subjects has been maintained, as also in craft, handwork and allied subjects. Visits to various pottery factories were once again arranged and proved to be of great educational value. Swimming remains at a high standard throughout the school and the children from the Autistic Unit also take part in this activity.

Many visits were made during the year to places of educational interest using the school mini-bus, which is proving invaluable, and during the summer months some seventy children enjoyed a combined educational outing and holiday at Holyrood Convalescent Home, Llandudno.

The Child Care course has continued under the able direction of Nurse Thomas, and close contact has been maintained with the staff at Abbey Hulton Health Centre. Mrs. Glass, Health Visitor, has visited the school each week.

In addition the school has been visited regularly by Dr. Hutchinson, Psychiatrist, Mr. Young, Senior Educational Psychologist, Mrs. Thompson, Senior Speech Therapist, Miss Ainsworth, Speech Therapist and Mrs. Williams, Physiotherapist.

1972 ended with a Carol Service and Nativity Play in which all the children and staff participated. This was followed by the junior children's party in the afternoon and the senior children's party and dance in the evening.

In conclusion, I would once again like to thank the staff of Abbey Hill for their untiring efforts on behalf of the children and members of the Education Department for their continued support.

W.H.G. LOVATT."

Special Unit for Educationally Sub-normal Pupils:

Glebe County Middle School:

Reference was made in last year's Report to the acute shortage of special school places for educationally sub-normal pupils in the infant age range, and it was pointed out that consideration was being given to ways of extending this provision within the City. As a result, a Unit catering for up to thirty such pupils was set up in surplus accommodation at Glebe County Middle School and opened in September.

The Unit comprises two classrooms, with adjacent cloakroom and toilet accommodation, and is so arranged as to be self-contained and thus able to function independently of the main school, while at the same time retaining all the advantages conferred by close association with a larger organisation. It is staffed by a teacher and two nursery nurses, who spend all their time with the children and who are responsible for all aspects of their daily care. The children themselves are brought to school by taxi and have their mid-day meal in the Unit.

There are currently twelve children in attendance and this number has been built up gradually from an initial nucleus of four, in order to ensure that each child receives adequate individual attention during his first few days at school. It is intended to continue this process until the Unit is working to capacity.

It is anticipated that most pupils will transfer to special school on reaching the age of eight years, but it is not intended that there should be anything rigid about this, and it is hoped that arrangements can be kept sufficiently flexible to meet the needs of each individual child.

So far, the Unit appears to be working well, and the facilities it offers have been much appreciated by parents. It is fulfilling a valuable function in supplementing the limited resources available to children in this age range at the existing special schools, and should continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

							<i>Number of Pupils</i>
(ii) Severely Sub-normal:							
Heathfield School	..	..	..	..	..	..	77
Kemball School	..	..	..	..	..	..	73
Other Special Schools	..	..	..	..	..	..	20

Heathfield School:

The Headmistress has submitted the following report:—

"The school caters for children between the ages of 2 and 16 years and, at the present time, there are 69 pupils on the roll. The Special Care Unit provides for the needs of the most severely disabled or multiply handicapped children, who are brought to the school by Ambulance. The remainder come by 'bus, and all are provided with a free mid-day meal and free milk.

The daily programme is based on a system of social and educational training, which includes speech training, physical education, percussion band, music and movement, simple art, clay modelling, simple woodwork, number and word matching. Next year we are hoping to commence simple domestic science with a few of the older pupils.

The school is visited twice weekly by the speech therapists and physio-therapist.

In April, a Spring Fayre was held at the school when over £700 was realised towards the purchase of a mini-bus. This fund was inaugurated with a donation of £300 from the Schools Swimming Section of Stoke-on-Trent. The mini-bus was delivered in September and, since then, the children have enjoyed various outings, including a visit to Alsager College and Farm. The 'bus has also been used to take parties of children to weekly pony riding sessions organised by the Social Services Department.

A party of children and staff spent a week's holiday at Scarborough in May. The Harvest Festival was held in October and the Christmas Concert in December. These were well supported by parents and friends and, at the latter, we were also honoured by a visit from the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Stoke-on-Trent.

The school has had many visitors during the year. These have included parties of students from the Elms Technical College and Alsager College of Education, Health Visitors and Student Midwives. Two Student Nurses from Stallington Hospital also spent a week at the school as part of their fieldwork training.

S. CLAY."

Kemball School:

The Headmistress has submitted the following report:—

"During the year the average number of pupils on the roll was 65, ranging in age from 2 to 19 years.

We have been able to follow a varied and stimulating curriculum throughout the year giving the pupils first-hand experience in many situations through excursions in the school mini-bus. The latter was purchased in May, 1972 with the help of many people, to whom we extend our thanks. The pupils have also been able to utilise fully the Domestic Science unit where small groups have been able to prepare, cook and serve meals to the remainder of the class. During the summer holidays an 18 ft. greenhouse was built and a rotovator was presented to the school. These have enabled us to extend our programme to cover gardening topics.

In May, 16 children and four staff spent a week's holiday in Scarborough and all of the pupils have spent at least one day in the surrounding countryside taking a picnic lunch.

Parents have increasingly showed interest in their children's progress and many visited the school on Open Day in December. The work of the staff is strengthened by the help received from Mr. Glidden, Physiotherapist, Mrs. Joseph, Speech Therapist, Dr. Wenger, Nurse MacLeod and the staff of Blurton Clinic.

I would like to thank the staff for their support in the many changes introduced; the Education Department for their continuous help; other Corporation Departments; the parents and numerous friends of the school.

A. SHACKLETON."

						<i>Number of Pupils</i>
(e)	Epileptic					
	Boarding Special Schools	..	..	..	..	4
(f)	Maladjusted					
	Cicely Haughton Boarding School	..	..	..	..	35
	Pittsburgh House Boarding Home	..	..	..	..	12
	Other Boarding Special Schools	..	..	..	..	12

Cicely Haughton Boarding School for Boys

The Headmaster has submitted the following report for the year under review:—

“The number of applications for admission during the year has greatly exceeded the vacancies.

12 boys were discharged as follows:—

To normal school	..	..	..	..	..	7
To industry	..	..	..	..	..	2
To secondary school for maladjusted pupils	..	..	..	..	..	2
To E.S.N. school	..	..	..	..	..	1

13 boys have been admitted, the main reasons for referral being, beyond control, backwardness not accounted for by dullness, aggressive behaviour and excretion disorder.

From the applications received, it seems that there is an increase in those being referred who have behaviour problems, particularly aggression amounting to violence, which make them unsuitable for placement with maladjusted children who are responding to treatment. From time to time there have appeared in the school cases of such severity that they have disrupted the work with other boys and, in a small number of cases, have been a danger to the safety of others. Selection is needed if we are to succeed with children who can be made fit to return to normal society.

The staffing ratio and the co-operation of the School Health Service have enabled us to continue a wide range of remedial education and therapy for the boys, and additional home visits have been possible resulting in more understanding and better relations with parents.

A wider range of contact with both professional and lay bodies has been made by many visits to the school, and by lectures to students and various organisations. Although the out-of-school activities are still looked upon as part of education and training, many more enjoyable activities are available than would be possible for the normal boy living at home.

The encouragement and support which has come from the Authority is greatly appreciated.

A.H. WOLVERSON.”

Pittsburgh House Boarding Home

The Matron reports:—

“The Hostel has continued to provide a stable and secure environment for a small group of girls suffering from emotional disturbance. There are 14 girls in residence at the present time, and 4 have been discharged during the year. Of the latter, 2 left on attaining statutory age and 2 were transferred to special schools.

The general health of the children has remained satisfactory and, apart from one case of measles and one of scarlet fever, there has been little sickness throughout the year. The girls have attended local day schools for their education and, with one or two exceptions, satisfactory reports have been received on their progress.

Miss Matthews has continued to give Craft and Sewing lessons one evening each week which remain very popular, and Miss Poynton has again given dancing instruction. We are very grateful to her and to the other staff at Sandon High School for their general interest in the welfare of Pittsburgh House, and particularly, for their splendid support at the Christmas Party. Three of the senior girls take part in the Sandon School Activities Scheme, from which they derive much pleasure and satisfaction.

The girls continue to enjoy their visits to Lightwood Church and Sunday School, where they are made very welcome. They sang in the Choir at the Anniversary Services, which some of their parents attended, and also took part in the Sunday School outing to Rhyl.

We were very sorry to part with our Senior Housemother, Miss Hibbs, who left in October to get married. She will be long remembered at Pittsburgh for her kindness to the girls and for the tremendous amount of hard work she put in during her stay with us. We wish her and her husband many happy years together.

M. McNEILL.”

(g) Physically handicapped						<i>Number of Pupils</i>
Horton Lodge School	..	..	..	..	..	43
Other Boarding Special Schools	..	..	..	..	..	12
Other Day Special Schools	..	..	..	..	..	7

Horton Lodge School

The Head Teacher reports:—

“During the year 9 children were admitted and 53 physically handicapped and 2 delicate children were in school for varying periods of time. 7 children were discharged; 6 to primary school and 1 for treatment at home. 43 of the children were from Stoke-on-Trent and 12 from other neighbouring authorities.

The children suffered from the following conditions:—

Cerebral Palsy	30
Spina Bifida	13
Muscular Dystrophy	4
Osteogenesis Imperfecta	3
Asthma	2
Congenital Heart Disease	1
Cystic Fibrosis	1
Dwarfism, with Speech Handicap	1

While the percentage of cerebral palsied children remains fairly constant, it is noticeable that there is an increase in the number of spina bifida children each year and they now represent approximately 25% of the school population. This calls for extra emphasis on medical care.

The health of all the children was generally good. There were regular visits to clinics, including paediatric, dental, audiology, orthoptic, ophthalmic and chiropody. There were also regular inspections in school. Our thanks go to all the specialists who visited and others of the medical profession who gave help and advice.

Mr. Young paid regular visits throughout the year to test the children.

Several children were admitted to Biddulph Grange Orthopaedic Hospital during the year and our thanks are extended to the staff there for their continued co-operation.

During the course of the year the following staff left:—Misses Parsons, G. Turner, Moore, Kent and Mrs. Slack. Our Senior Nurse, Miss E. Harvey, retired after 21 years' service at the school and our Deputy Head, Mr. W.G. Bakehouse left to take up a headship at Long Eaton. We were pleased to welcome to the staff:—Misses Knight, Hibbert, Eaton, Myatt, Trivett and Mrs. Mayer.

Visits were organised to the Victoria Theatre, Manchester Airport, Endon Well Dressing, St. Edward's Church Festival of Flowers, The Motorway, local farms and Leek Park and shops. The children were guests at the film 'Bednobs and Broomsticks' and the Leek Pantomime 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'. Our thanks go to the people who organised these outings and the day's outing to Ffrith Beach.

The school received many visitors throughout the year, especially students. Our most distinguished visitors were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Stoke-on-Trent and the older children were in return honoured by a visit to the Lord Mayor's Parlour. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer visited and gave a delightful programme of songs and guitar music, and Mrs. Keeling brought some more exhibits from Ashover Zoo. Cubs and Riding lessons continue to be enjoyed each week by the children who participate. Swimming has been as successful as ever and 30 children were able to swim at least 25 yards unaided. The swimming Gala was attended by nearly 100 people and 30 children took part.

Parents Evenings were held throughout the year and parents visited the school individually. The Llandudno holiday was repeated and 20 children took part in this venture which proved very enjoyable. A Fayre was held at school in November, and the children's Bonfire and Party was again a great success. The Harvest Service met with an excellent response from children and parents.

Mr. Tew has shown films to the children during the winter months, for which we thank him. Towards the end of the year the children gave three performances of a variety show 'Saturday Afternoon at the Horton Palladium', to invited guests, Horton Primary School and parents and friends - 300 people altogether. In turn our children were entertained by Horton School at their Christmas Pageant. A visit from the Salvation Army Band, the Party and Dinner were once more highlights of the Christmas festivities.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the staff of the school and the members of the Education Department and Committee for their interest, co-operation and hard work.

R.M. ORME."

Convalescent Treatment

Holyrood Convalescent Home

The Matron reports:—

"During 1972, 107 children (48 boys and 59 girls) age range 5 to 15 years, were admitted to Holyrood Convalescent Home for periods of between 5 and 8 weeks.

Apart from an occasional homesick child who did not stay for the full term, the children settled down well, enjoyed their stay and returned looking fitter in health.

Dr. Jeffrey continues to give generously of his attention to the children.

Visits to places of local interest were arranged and enjoyed by children and staff.

The local Fire Brigade Officer continued his talks on Fire Prevention and fire drill was carried out with each new party of children.

The local Chamber of Trade once again arranged for Father Christmas to call in at our Christmas Party and each child received a gift from "The Town".

D.M. LOWRY."

Rhyl Children's Convalescent and Holiday Home

During the year, 531 children have been admitted to this Convalescent and Holiday Home, which is administered by a Voluntary Committee. The Home again remained open until mid-December, and continues to be popular with children and their parents.

NURSERY SCHOOLS AND CLASSES

The Education Adviser (Infant and Nursery Schools) reports as follows:—

"In September, 1972, the Authority opened a thirty unit nursery class at Eaton Park County Infants' School bringing the number of nursery classes in the City to a total of forty-nine.

Work on the adaptations to the new thirty-four unit nursery school at Shelton is well advanced and it is now expected to open at the beginning of the Summer Term, 1973.

Two one-week refresher courses arranged by the Local Education Authority for the benefit of nursery assistants working in nursery classes, were held in the Autumn term. Interest shown in them was such that two more are proposed for the Spring of 1973.

Thirty-two students were awarded the National Nursery Examination Board Certificate on completion of their training at the Elms Technical College in 1972.

The nursery staff and parents are grateful to the School Health Service for their continuing efforts to promote the physical well-being of all children in nursery schools and classes.

G. STUBBS."

HOME ECONOMICS

The Education Adviser (Home Economics) reports as follows:—

"Two evening courses were held during 1972 for middle-school teachers, one at St. Peter's High School in the Summer Term for teachers of Needlecraft, and the other, arranged with the Science Department of the Elms Technical College, in the Autumn Term. The latter six-week course in the series "Science in the Home" gave teachers a thorough grounding in the subject "Food and Nutrition", and considerable help and advice for practical teaching suitable for girls and boys where no specialist accommodation is available.

Home Economics teachers have played an active part in the high schools where a number of innovations have been introduced. Many optional courses have been introduced, particularly with the groups remaining at school, as a result of the raising of the school-leaving age. Most high schools have included boys in these courses and in some instances boys have sat for C.S.E. and G.C.E. 'O' level Home Economics, which is a good preparation for catering as a career. Meetings have been held for Heads of Departments to discuss curriculum changes and opportunities, and a group of teachers reported on courses which they attended during the Summer vacation.

At this time of inflation and the link with Europe, Home Economics teachers are having to adapt their teaching to meet the needs and problems of today, as well as to give practical help to the aged and less-able. Pupils from many schools have given assistance at homes for the aged, luncheon clubs for pensioners, and to handicapped children, and it is hoped that this valuable contribution will continue.

Once again the teachers and the Education Adviser have greatly appreciated the continued support and encouragement given to them by the School Health Service.

M.F. SIEBOLD."

MISCELLANEOUS

Boarded-Out Children

Medical examinations of children boarded out by the Social Services Department have been continued throughout the year and suggestions regarding treatment have been carried out. On the whole the health of the children was satisfactory and they appeared well cared for and happy.

Court Reports

Medical reports have been presented on 507 children who have appeared before the Juvenile Courts during the year.

Employment of Children and Young Persons

Details of Certificates granted were as follows:—

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
Newspaper delivery ..	255	61
Errands.. ..	37	36
Milk delivery	5	—
Stage Licences ..	2	12
	—	—
Totals ..	299	109
	—	—

Boys were medically examined before taking part in boxing matches and all children before attending residential courses and camps.

Staff Activities

Lectures on a variety of health topics, including First Aid, Home Nursing, Child Care and Hygiene were given in primary and secondary schools throughout the City.

During the year the members of staff attended a variety of courses and conferences.

Education Offices,
Town Hall,
Hanley,
Stoke-on-Trent.

TREATMENT SESSIONS AT SCHOOL CLINICS

	SCHOOL CLINIC	General Conditions	Minor Ailments	Skin Conditions	Ophthalmic	Aural	Dental	Im'isation	Orthopaedic	Ultra Violet Light	Short Wave	Speech	Chiropody	Child Guidance	Audiology	Orthoptic
1	Fegg Hayes Health Centre ..	×	×	×		×	×	×	×	×		×				
2	Goldenhill School Clinic ..	×	×	×		×		×	×							
3	Tunstall School Clinic ..	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×			×				
4	Lucie Wedgwood Joint Clinic, Burslem ..	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×				
5	Smallthorne Health Centre ..	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×		×				
6	Hanley School Clinic ..	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×			×			×
7	Abbey Hulton Health Centre ..	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×		×	×			
8	Bentilee Health Centre ..	×	×	×		×	×	×	×	×		×	×			
9	Bedford House, Shelton ..	×	×	×	×	×		×	×	×		×	×		×	
10	Stoke School Clinic, Epworth Street ..	×	×	×	×	×		×	×	×		×				
11	Blurton Health Centre ..	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×		×				×
12	Longton Health Centre ..	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×		×	×			
13	Meir Health Centre ..	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×		×	×			
14	Brindley Ford C. Middle and Infants' School ..		×													
15	Burnwood C. Infants' School ..											×				

TREATMENT SESSIONS AT SCHOOL CLINICS (continued)

	SCHOOL CLINIC	General Conditions	Minor Ailments	Skin Conditions	Ophthalmic	Aural	Dental	Im'isation	Orthopaedic	Ultra Violet Light	Short Wave	Speech	Chiroprody	Child Guidance	Audiology	Orthoptic
16	Tunstall Health Centre ..	..					×								
17	Ball Green High School ..	..							×						
18	Townsend C. Infants' School ..	..										×			
19	Stoke Dental Clinic, Epworth St.						×									
20	Fenton M. & C.W. Clinic ..	..							×						
21	Blurton C. Infants' School ..	..										×			
22	Pinewood C. Middle and Infants' School .. ..	..							×						
23	Cicely Haughton Boarding School								×							
24	Hanchurch Open Air School ..	..							×			×			
25	Horton Lodge School ..	..							×			×			
26	Heathfield School ..	..							×			×			
27	Kemball School ..	..							×			×			
28	Abbey Hill School ..	..							×			×			
29	Aynsley School ..	..							×			×			

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE
MEDICAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT RETURNS
Year ended 31st December, 1972

PART I

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
(INCLUDING NURSERY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS)

TABLE A - PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Age Groups inspected (by year of birth)	No. of Pupils who have received a full medical examination	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED		No. of Pupils found not to warrant a medical inspection	Pupils found to require treatment (excluding dental diseases and infestation with vermin)		
		Satisfactory	Unsatis- factory		for defective vision (excluding squint)	for any other condition recorded at Part II	Total individual pupils
		No.	No.		(6)	(7)	(8)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1968 and later ..	4,787	4,783	4	—	4	144	148
1967 ..	2,863	2,856	7	—	10	201	208
1966 ..	1,234	1,230	4	—	9	87	95
1965 ..	131	131	—	—	—	7	7
1964 ..	95	95	—	—	—	2	2
1963 ..	112	112	—	—	2	2	3
1962 ..	2,471	2,466	5	—	27	159	182
1961 ..	1,420	1,415	5	—	15	85	97
1960 ..	58	58	—	—	2	2	4
1959 ..	16	16	—	—	—	2	2
1958 ..	1,144	1,143	1	—	14	65	78
1957 and earlier ..	1,882	1,880	2	—	14	85	97
TOTAL ..	16,213	16,185	28	—	97	841	923

Col. (3) total as a
percentage of Col. (2)
total ..

99.83%

Col. (4) total as a
percentage of Col. (2)
total

0.17%

Number of pupils on registers of maintained primary, secondary, special and
nursery schools in January, 1973 47,758

TABLE B - OTHER INSPECTIONS

Number of Special Inspections	..	..	..	..	333
Number of Re-inspections	..	..	..	..	1,476
			Total	..	<u>1,809</u>

TABLE C - INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

(a) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by school nurses or other authorised persons	..	..	..	..	122,395
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	..	..	..	..	1,058
(c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	..	..	..	..	4
(d) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944)	..	..	..	..	—

PART II
DEFECTS FOUND BY PERIODIC AND SPECIAL MEDICAL INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR

CODE No. (1)	DEFECT OR DISEASE (2)		PERIODIC INSPECTIONS				SPECIAL INSPECTION
			Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total	
4	Skin	T	33	25	48	104	33
		O	31	7	35	73	5
5	Eyes - (a) Vision .. .	T	23	14	60	97	1
		O	19	11	55	85	—
	(b) Squint .. .	T	53	2	19	74	—
		O	65	—	15	80	—
	(c) Other .. .	T	9	3	7	15	6
		O	4	3	3	10	1
6	Ears - (a) Hearing .. .	T	30	6	26	62	7
		O	37	1	24	62	2
	(b) Otitis Media .. .	T	9	3	7	19	1
		O	59	3	14	76	2
	(c) Other .. .	T	2	1	4	7	4
		O	3	—	2	5	—
7	Nose and Throat .. .	T	18	2	12	32	3
		O	83	3	46	138	—
8	Speech .. .	T	41	2	11	54	7
		O	82	—	5	87	2
9	Lymphatic Glands .. .	T	3	—	—	3	1
		O	40	1	12	53	—
10	Heart .. .	T	3	1	3	7	1
		O	42	3	20	65	—
11	Lungs .. .	T	22	2	11	35	5
		O	42	1	38	81	—
12	Development - (a) Hernia .. .	T	2	—	1	3	—
		O	20	—	9	29	—
	(b) Other .. .	T	1	2	5	8	—
		O	51	6	80	137	—
13	Orthopaedic - (a) Posture .. .	T	4	4	13	21	—
		O	15	5	21	41	—
	(b) Feet .. .	T	28	4	37	69	2
		O	51	6	34	91	—
	(c) Other .. .	T	28	2	19	49	3
		O	71	11	34	116	1
14	Nervous System - (a) Epilepsy .. .	T	2	—	4	6	—
		O	1	—	7	8	—
	(b) Other .. .	T	4	—	1	5	—
		O	16	3	7	26	1
15	Psychological - (a) Development .. .	T	1	1	—	2	1
		O	17	—	7	24	—
	(b) Stability .. .	T	27	—	23	50	3
		O	45	1	25	71	4
16	Abdomen .. .	T	5	—	2	7	1
		O	4	—	4	8	—
17	Other .. .	T	7	6	19	32	43
		O	59	27	118	204	19

PART III - TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED
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	418
Errors of refraction (including squint)	2,715
Total ..	3,133
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	1,135

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	51
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	200
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	15
Received other forms of treatment	270
Total ..	536
Total number of pupils in school who are known to have been provided with hearing aids:	
(a) in 1972	3
(b) in previous years	93

TABLE C - ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS

	<i>Number known to have been treated</i>
(a) Pupils treated at clinics or out-patient departments	1,338
(b) Pupils treated at school for postural defects ..	238
Total ..	1,576

TABLE D - DISEASES OF THE SKIN
(excluding uncleanliness, for which see TABLE C of Part I)

	<i>Number of pupils known to have been treated</i>
Ringworm - (a) Scalp	2
(b) Body	28
Scabies	188
Impetigo	220
Other skin diseases	1,271
Total ..	1,709

TABLE E - CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT

	<i>Number known to have been treated</i>
Pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics	358

TABLE F - SPEECH THERAPY

	<i>Number known to have been treated</i>
Pupils treated by Speech Therapists	752

TABLE G - OTHER TREATMENT GIVEN

	<i>Number known to have been treated</i>
(a) Pupils with minor ailments	3,997
(b) Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements	638
(c) Pupils who received B.C.G. Vaccination	2,951
(d) Others:	
1. Ultra Violet Light	208
2. Short Wave Therapy	28
3. Diphtheria Immunisation	3,134
4. Poliomyelitis Vaccination	3,511
5. Chiropody	2,087
6. Other	1,782
Total	18,336

PROSTHETICS

	Ages 5 to 9	Ages 10 to 14	Ages 15 and over	TOTAL
Pupils supplied with F.U. or F.L. (first time)	—	1	5	6
Pupils supplied with other dentures (first time) ..	7	55	25	87
Number of dentures supplied ..	7	56	30	93

ANAESTHETICS

General Anaesthetics administered by Dental Officers	0
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INSPECTIONS

(a) First inspection at school. Number of Pupils	8,578
(b) First inspection at clinic. Number of Pupils	9,346
Number of (a) + (b) found to require treatment	12,347
Number of (a) + (b) offered treatment	12,060
(c) Pupils re-inspected at school clinic	1,430
Number of (c) found to require treatment	1,026

SESSIONS

Sessions devoted to treatment	3,518
Sessions devoted to inspection	63
Sessions devoted to Dental Health Education	14

