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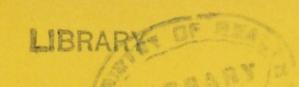
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR 1946

AND THE

Isolation Hospital Annual Report

From the 1st April, 1946, to the 31st March, 1947
By THOMAS ROSS, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector

Annual Report
of the School Medical Officer



BOROUGH OF SWINDON

COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES AND STAFF

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR (Alderman G. H. SELMAN, J.P.)

Alderman	C. S. Macpherson	Councillor	Miss E. C. MILLIN
,,	W. J. Davis	,,	L. J. NEWMAN
,,	J. Bond	"	H. W. PINNEGAR
Councillor	F. E. AKERS	,,	W. R. ROBINS
"	R. G. CRIPPS	,,	Mrs. J. Robinson
,,	J. S. T. FEWINGS	,,	Mrs. F. Thomas
,,	Mrs. L. A. GRIFFIN	,,	H. THORPE
,,	P. King	,,	C. E. Tomes, Vice-Chairman
,,	A. Leonard	,,	N. V. Toze, Chairman
,,	Mrs. L. R. Lock	,,	M. Webb

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

(Consisting of all the members of the Health and Welfare Committee, and the following co-opted members):

Mrs. W. Draper Mrs. F. Morris

Mrs. H. A. SCHMITZ

Mrs. A. Tonge (Wilts C.C.)

Mr. A. W. Leighfield (G.W.R. Medical Fund Society)

TOWN CLERK

D. MURRAY JOHN, Esq., O.B.E., B.A.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

(31st December, 1946)

Position: Name: Medical Officer of Health THOMAS ROSS, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. Deputy Medical Officer of Health J. P. KELLY, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., B.A.O. Assist. Med. Officer of Health H. D. B. NORTH, M.B., Ch. B., D.P.H., L.R.C.P. and S., M.Sc., B.Sc., A.R.C.S., A.R.I.C. Consulting Obstetrician and C. G. ROWORTH, M.D., M.R.C.O.G., Gynaecologist M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B.S. Resident Obstetrician A. G. GROSSETT, M.B., Ch.B. Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon O. B. Pratt, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., D.O. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Consulting Orthopaedic Surgeon Miss M. F. Forrester-Brown, M.D., M.S. Consulting Paediatrician Miss Beryl Corner, M.D., M.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B.S. Consulting Ear, Nose and Throat A. Leigh, F.R.C.S. Surgeon Consulting Speech Therapist Miss G. A. Jansson, Associate of the British Society of Speech Therapists

Senior Sanitary Inspector H. A. BANWELL
Senior Addit. Sanitary Inspector R. A. Law
Additional Sanitary Inspectors F. R. G. Selwood
E. H. Holroyd
A. E. Warminger (Temporary)

Senior Dental Surgeon W. KENYON BERRIE, L.D.S., R.F.P.S.G.

Assistant Dental Surgeons KENNETH W. MASSEY, L.D.S.

G. BUIST WESTWATER, L.D.S., R.C.S.

Senior Health Visitor & School Mrs. W. M. LUMLEY Nurse

Health Visitors & School Nurses Miss I. D. Sampson

Miss A. HAWKINS Miss W. Parkins Miss J. D. Wright
Miss E. Jones
Miss R. I. M. Schollick

Mrs. L. Day (Temporary)

Social Welfare Worker Miss A. J. ORR

Matron, Swindon Municipal Maternity Home and Training
Centre Miss D. Hancock

Domiciliary Midwives, Resident Miss D. M. Fooks Miss N. NEAL

Domiciliary Midwives, Non- Miss W. I. Sheppard Resident

.... Mrs. H. M. MORTIMORE Miss E. E. Watson Mrs. V. K. D. ARNOLD

Matron, Swindon Isolation Hospital Miss F. A. Smith

Matron, Broad Street Nursery Mrs. S. BARNES

Matron, Pinehurst Nursery Mrs. A. Davies, S.R.N.

CLERICAL STAFF

.... S. Mansfield Dee Head Clerk

Senior Clerk J. W. DAY

Assistant Clerks

.... W. H. Paul A. M. R. Jones* D. A. Owen *

G. BOWMAN

Miss L. M. RAWLINGS

Miss B. M. Day

Miss P. J. Russell

CLERICAL STAFF—cont.

Assistant Clerks-cont. Miss K. L. DREW

Mrs. F. C. FORD (Temporary) Mrs. M. E. Sharpe (Temporary)

School Health Service Clerks Miss G. Norris-Senior Clerk.

> Miss E. BARNES Miss J. Draper Miss J. Morse

Dental Attendants Mrs. E. FURLEY

Miss E. HAYWARD

Miss M. MILLS

Needlework Demonstrator Miss M. Jobson

Disinfector A. C. MOLE

Rat Catcher S. F. WAKEFIELD

*Absent on Sanitary Inspector's Course.

The following have left the Department during the year :-

Position:

.... LLYWELYN ROBERTS, M.D., M.R.C.P., Medical Officer of Health D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health

(Temporary) A. V. Crawford, M.B., D.P.H.

Assistant Medical Officer of Health B. FINCH (Temporary) K. N. MAXWELL

Assistant Dental Surgeon (Temp.) B. Fergusson

Senior Sanitary Inspector

... F. H. BEAVIS

Health Visitor and School Nurse Miss D. E. WAITE

Domiciliary Midwife (Resident)

Miss F. M. TONGE

Domiciliary Midwife (Non-Resident)

Mrs. A. INGRAM

Assistant Clerks (Temporary)

W. M. WATTS Mrs, C. M. GAIN Miss E. L. Beaven

School Health Service Clerk

.... Mrs. E. M. Stephens

(Temporary) Dental Attendant (Temporary).... Mrs. H. M. James

BOROUGH OF SWINDON.

ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH For the Year 1946.

Public Health Department Civic Offices SWINDON.

To the Mayor, Alderman and Councillors of the Borough of Swindon.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1946 which has been prepared on the lines suggested by the Ministry of Health Circular 13/47.

The Report is again less full than in pre-war days due to staffing difficulties which were worse if anything during the period of preparation of the Report. However, the general health statistics of the town are fully recorded and will be carefully preserved for future reference.

Certain alterations occurred in the Public Health Department during the year. Dr. Llywelyn Roberts resigned in November, 1946, and the Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Angel Crawford resigned in August, 1946. Dr. J. P. Kelly, Deputy Medical Officer of Health took up his duties in October, 1946, as also did the Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Dr. H. D. B. North.

Mr. K. W. Massey, Dental Surgeon, resigned his appointment in December, 1946, while Mr. G. B. Westwater returned from War Service in April, 1946, where upon Mr. B. Fergusson relinquished his temporary appointment.

Notes on Vital Statistics.

While the birth rate and general death rate parallel very closely the National Statistics, Swindon enjoyed a marked decline in the Infant Mortality Rate to 22.03 per thousand live births, compared with 43 for England and Wales. This is by far the lowest Infant Mortality Rate ever recorded in Swindon.

Two maternal deaths occurred due to eclampsia, resulting in a Maternal Mortality Rate of 1.53 per thousand total births, as compared with 1.43 for England and Wales.

The number of still-births continued at about the level of previous years, and produced a rate close to that obtaining nationally.

I am pleased to be able to report that the illegitimate rate shows a definite sign of returning to the pre-war level, being 8.02 per cent. of total births as compared with 12.68 in 1945. 102 illegitimate births occurred in 1946 as against 197 in 1945. The Social Worker continued to do good work in looking after the mother before and after the confinement and assisting in the disposition of the child. It is worthy of note that the illegitimate infant death rate was again below the general infant death rate.

Death Rate.

The overall death rate shows an improvement over last year, although not quite reaching the low level of 1944. The improvement is again due to a fall in the deaths attributable to cardio-vascular lesions and respiratory diseases.

A slight increase in the number of deaths from cancer must be

again recorded.

Nine deaths from road traffic accidents occurred in 1946, compared with three such deaths in 1945.

Infectious Diseases.

DIPHTHERIA.—Fifteen cases of diphtheria were notified during the year, and of these only two were confirmed cases. No death from diphtheria occurred.

There was one case of TYPHOID which terminated fatally. This was a case of a woman who nursed a relative suffering from an enteric condition in another area, and appeared to contract the typhoid infection from this previously unsuspected source.

Scarlet Fever.—There was an increased incidence of Scarlet Fever during the year, notifications increasing to 63 in contrast to 43 during 1945. No deaths occurred from this disease.

The number of cases of Puerperal Pyrexia increased by one to thirty, as compared with 1945, but due consideration should be given to the increase in the number of births in 1946.

The number of notified cases of Dysentry showed a sharp decline during the year, two cases being notified.

Measles.—The incidence of measles was halved as compared with 1945 but the incidence of Whooping Cough was trebled. No deaths were attributed to either measles or whooping cough.

The incidence of PNEUMONIA also showed an increase during the year, the number of notified cases being 110, with 27 deaths, against 81 during 1945 with 31 deaths.

The total number of cases of notified Infectious Diseases is 672 of which 62 were admitted into Hospital. The total number of deaths was 28, due with one exception to pneumonia.

Tuberculosis.

There was a decline in the number of tuberculosis cases notified during this year, accompanied by a fall in the general death rate from all forms of tuberculosis.

There was a slight improvement in the staffing position at Winsley Sanatorium and one of the two Swindon beds was occupied as from March, 1946, the other remaining unoccupied at 31st December, 1946.

Water Supply.

The water supply for the area has been satisfactory in quality and quantity. The great majority of the population is supplied from the public water mains, approximately 100 by means of stand-pipes and the remainder by direct connection to the house.

There are now altogether, 20 wells in the area, and 33 houses are supplied from wells. One well, found to be polluted, was closed. This served a farm house and a cottage, and the town supply was laid on to these premises.

to these premises.

During the year there was no change in the sources of the public supply so that as previously reported the water remained hard and

without plumbo solvency.

The trouble previously noted in regard to slight unpalatability due to the iron content persisted. It has not been found necessary to take any action in respect of contamination during the year.

37 examinations of the water supply have been carried out during the year and bacteriological examinations of the water have

been satisfactory.

The staffing situation for the year under review showed some sign of improvement, consequent upon the return from war service of several members of the staff. For a brief period towards the end of the year, the medical personnel reached full establishment only to suffer a severe set-back by the departure of Dr. Llywelyn Roberts

which took place before his successor could take up office.

While recognising again the willing co-operation of the staff, clerical and technical, in the work of the Department, I should like particularly to take this opportunity of thanking Dr. James P. Kelly, the Deputy Medical Officer of Health, on whose shoulders devolved the greater part of the responsibility for the running of the Department before I took up duty in April, 1947. I am also indebted to Mr. John W. Day for his assistance in compiling this Report, which, of course, relates to the year before I took up office.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,
THOMAS ROSS,
Medical Officer of Health.

CIVIC OFFICES, SWINDON.

VITAL STATISTICS

Area of Borough	****			SINGIUS			6062 a	cres
No. of Inhabited Hou	ses		.L.					053
Rateable Value	****			****	****		£432	
Sum represented by 1		****	1111		****			,781
Registrar General's es	timate of	Popul	ation	for 1946		****	66	,150
Census, 1931	****			1110		****	62	,401

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Year	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Live Births Rate per 1,000 pop.	848 14.04	958 14.77	1107 15.75	1174 1703	1187 17.56	1409 21.02	1159 17.68	1271 19.21
Illegitimate live births Rate per 1,000 pop. Rate per 100 total	39 0.66	39 0.60	62 0.87	55 0.80	85 1.26	106 1.58	147 2.24	102 1.54
live births	. 4.59	4.07	5.6	4.68	7.16	7.52	12.68	8.02
Births in Maternity Home	581	675	636	563	489	566	488	704
Deaths— Rate per 1,000 pop.	$773 \\ 12.54$	995 15.35	803 11.43	765 11.09	739 10.93	729 10.87	741 11.31	728 11.01
Maternal Deaths: (1) From puerperal sepsis	Mentan	3	o diente	dores!	1	2	odl p	aregil.
(2) From other puer- peral causes	1	2	1	3	2	3		2
Death from— Cancer Measles	125	116	120	114	110	121	125	128
Whooping Cough Diarrhoea (Children	_	1		1	1	1	800	
under 2 years)	1	5	4	1	5	3	1-1	1
Infant Deaths— Under 1 year Withing 10 days	35	61	64	44	60	49	38	28
of birth	25 31	23 43	26 27	23 36	28 23	26 48	19 33	19 36
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 legiti- mate live births	38.42	61.43	55.75	37.48	50.55	34.78	32.79	22.03
Illegitimate Death rate per 1,000 il	E 108.	bade a						
legitimate live	25.00	102.56	112.90	90.90	94.12	75.47	27.21	19.60

STATISTICAL COMPARISONS for the Year 1946.

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Returns.	Swindon.	England and Wales	126 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London	Smaller Towns (resident pop. 25,000-50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Administrative County
	F	Rates per	1,000 Civi	lian Populat	ion
Births: Live	19.21 0.54	19.1* 0.53*	21.0 0.59	19.8 0.57	21.2 0.51
Deaths: All causes Whooping Cough	11.01	12.0 0.02	12.2 0.02	11.6 0.02	12.6 0.02
Diphtheria Influenza Measles	0.17	0.01 0.13 0.00	0.01 0.12 0.01	0.01 0.12 0.00	0.01 0.12 0.01
	F	Rates per	1,000 live	births	
Deaths under 1 year of age Deaths from Diarrhoea	22.03	43	46	41	40
and Enteritis, under 2 years of age	0.8	4.2	5.4	3.2	4.1
	F	Rates per	1,000 Civ	ilian Populat	ion
Notifications : Typhoid Fever Paratyphoid Fever	.015	.01	.01	.01	.01
Cerebro Spinal Fever Scarlet Fever	.015 .952	.05 1.38	.05 1.51	1.33	$\frac{.06}{1.42}$
Whooping Cough Diphtheria Erysipelas	3.310 .227 .181	2.28 .28 .22	2.48 .32 .25	2.05 .31 .22	2.22 .24 .27
Smallpox Measles Pneumonia		0.00 3.92	0.00 4.73 1.02	0.00 3.70 0.74	0.00 7.35 0.75
Pheumoma				irths (Live a	nBiologica.
Notifications:					adio IIA
Puerperal Fever and Fever	22.95	8.50	10.35	7.63	9.68
Puerperal Infection Abortion with Sepsis	Ξ	0.18 0.13 0.06	P		
Abortion without Sepsis Others Total	1.53 1.53	1.06 1.43			

^{*} Rate per 1,000 total population

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1946.

STATISTICAL COMPARISONS for the Year 1948

(Registrar-General's Official Returns).

Causes	Males	Females	Tota
Typhoid and Paratyphoid fever	-	1	1
Cerebro-spinal fever		_	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	_	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	750
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	16	8	24
Other forms of tuberculosis	1	1	2
Syphilitic diseases	1	1	2
Influenza	5	6	11
Measles			-
Acute polio-myelitis and polioencephalitis	-	-	-
Acute infantile encephalitis	-	-	-
Cancer of Buccal cavity, Oesophagus and Uterus	4	9	13
,, of stomach and duodenum	15	5	20
,, of breast	-	13	13
,, of all other sites	45	37	82
Diabetes	-	4	4
Intracranial vascular lesions	32	36	68
Heart disease	114	105	219
Other diseases of circulatory system	16	8	24
Bronchitis	13	10	23
Pneumonia	16	11	27
Other respiratory diseases	6	3	9
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	7	-	7
Diarrhoea under two years	_	1	1
	1	3	4
Appendicitis Other digestive diseases	6	8	14
Nephritis	16	9	25
Puerperal and post-abortion sepsis	_	TOO NOT THE	110.35
Other maternal causes	_	2	2
Premature birth	5	-	5
Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile		1	
disease	14	5	19
Suicide	6	3	9
Road traffic accidents	6	3	9
Other wielent causes	3	4	7
All other causes	51	33	84
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Totals	399	329	728

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Table showing the number of cases notified in the Borough during the year 1946.

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No.	Deaths.	100	1	1		27				-							28
No. of	mitted to Hospital.		11	ç	9						61		*600	Day To			63
Total	notified		15*	1 00	30	110	12	1	-	91	5	21	2111	219	(* 2 con-	(pemrij	672
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Cases n	1-3		-	::0	0	15	-				*****	-	49	89			139
	Under					9			*****	*****	20		00	14			33
14	Disease		Diphtheria	Typhoid Fever	Puerneral Purexia	Pneumonia		Cerebro-spinal Fever	Poliomyelitis	Dysentery	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Malaria	Measles	Whooping Cough	200000000000000000000000000000000000000		TOTALS
Cases notified at various ages.	Under 1-3 3-6		1	T	0 10 31	6 15 5 4							8 49 78 69	14 68 86 43			000 000 000

TABLE SHOWING MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND THE NUMBER OF DEATHS

DISEASE. Jan. Feb. Mar. April May June July Au Lyphoid Fever 4	Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Total No. of Deaths. 5 1 3 3 9 63 2 1 2 1 1 1 2 4 4 2 6 1
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1945	100 80 22 3 30 0.46 0.34
1944	84 72 24 32 0.48 0.34
1943	94 75 23 26 0.38 0.34
1942	84 62 29 4 0.49 0.42
1941	Number of cases notified Respiratory Tuberculosis Deaths from Respiratory Tuberculosis Deaths from Tuberculous Meningitis Total Deaths General death rate from all forms of Tuberculosis 0.57 Death rate for Respiratory Tuberculosis 0.57

ANALYSIS OF DIPHTHERIA—CONFIRMED CASES, 1946.

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Diphtheria Immunisation.

The fall in the number of children over 5 years of age who were immunised during the year, is to be expected. Immunisation of children under 5 years of age will tend always to a diminution of those over 5 years of age requiring immunisation.

The diagram used for the first time in 1944 to show the state of immunisation in the town has been set out to show the number of immunisations carried out in 1946 and the state of immunity among the children.

The attendances at the immunisation clinic for the year were as follows:—

Total number	of atten	dances			7		2426
Total number of	of childre	en com	pletely	immui	nised		621
(a) Under 5	years of	age				561	
(b) Over 5 ye	ears					60	
Total number	of Schio	k tests	perfor	med			569
Negative				·		421	
Positive			****			5	
Results not	known			*		143	

Treatment of Scabies.

Although the figures are not as high as last year's, there is still a demand for the treatment of skin conditions.

						No. of
					cases.	attendances
Men				 	184	218
Women			****	 	286	382
Children	:					
Scho	ol chi	ldren		 ****	214	290
		lfare ca	ases	 	101	109
					785	999
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Ambulance and Transport Service.

The transport work carried on by or in conjunction with the Health Service is as follows:—

Borough Ambulance Service.

Four ambulances—Talbot 1933, Wolsley (converted private car) 1941, Sunbeam (1931 private car converted in 1943 into a temporary ambulance), Austin 1943 utility type—are stationed at the Isolation Hospital. As in previous years a twenty-four hour service was continued.

BOROUGH OF SWINDON. DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IMMUNISED EACH YEAR, COMMENCING 1932.

1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945	1946
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7 9 158 53 100 183 138 224 163 -257 239 239 1	0 209 Total children
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NOTE:—A—January to June; B—July to December.

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Work carried out by the Borough Ambulances-

(i) transport of infectious disease cases;

(ii) transport of accident cases;

(iii) transport of persons to and from hospitals and Maternity Home;

(iv) transport of bedding and clothing for fumugation.

Work carried out by the M.O.H.'s Transport-

- (i) transport of food to, and children to and from Day Nurseries;
- (ii) transport of vitamins to the selling depots in the Borough and the surrounding districts;
- (iii) transport of personnel to and from cooking depot;
- (iv) transport of mothers to Bradford-on-Avon and to the Swindon Maternity Home;
- (v) transport of patients to and from hospitals and outpatient departments;

(vi) transport of midwives;

(vii) transport of patients to and from Chelworth House.

The following table gives comparative figures of journeys made by the Borough ambulances:—

Townsel of Infections	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Transport of Infectious cases	195	254	229	148	127
Transport of Non-Infect- ious cases	1097	1202	701	1270	1288
Transport of bedding for disinfection and laun-					
dry	1380	1127	748	1788	1814

The following is a record of the mileage undertaken by the subsidiary vehicles now included in the Medical Officer of Health's transport service:—

British Restaurants						1842
Day Nurseries		****		****		6144
Food Office					****	2665
Removal of Patients	to he	ospitals		****		588
Conveyance of Midwin	ves		ind			9902
Convalescent Home		****				3583
Conveyance of Doctor	s	1 .8.	2524			17
Conveyance of Patien				Avon		2506
Special journeys for o	ther	Departm	nents			5
Service maintenance						301
Other journeys				1111	****	252

Bacteriological Examination.

Number of specimens ex-	amine	during	g the	year, 19	946 :-	Vorle-
Swindon and North V	Vilts V	ictoria	Hos	oital		2194
St. Margaret's Hospita			1.10	TOTAL T	188	148
G.W.R. Medical Fund				THERE	L Inter	631
Isolation Hospital				TOR.	****	315
Swindon Maternity H	ome	3444		- Certai		156
Public Health Departs	ment			****	****	572
Military Units		W-10	2		and.	397
Private Practitioners		****		****		86
Eastcott Hill Clinic	Unit.					297
	0) 201					4796

Analysis of Water and Sewage Effluent.

 (a) Bacteriological analysis has been carried out at the Pathological Laboratory.

(b) Chemical analysis has been performed by the Public Analyst for the Borough.

Insulin.

The facilities for providing insulin free or at a reduced rate continued during 1946 and four cases were assisted under the scheme.

Examination of Staff.

The following medical examinations were undertaken by the medical officers during 1946:—

Appointees to Staffs	****	****		****	 28
Sundry Teachers					 93
Sundry persons for Su	iperani	nuation	purpos	es	 205

Chelworth House Convalescent Home.

The first patient went to Chelworth House in March, 1946, and since then there has been a steady flow of people of all ages taking advantage of the accommodation provided at the Home. The folowing table gives the statistics relating to the period 1st April, 1946, to 31st March, 1947.

Review of Cases admitted to Chelworth House during period 1-4-46 to 31-3-47.

	Ad	ults	Schoo	lchil'n	Unaccom- panied child- ren under	Mothers	Totals	
P410	M.	F.	M.	F.	5 yrs. of age	infants	Totals	
Swindon cases	4	24	35	9	20	15	107	
Other Authorities' cases	1	1	5	1	2	4	14	
Patient-days, Swindon	94	563	747	137	623	321	2485	
Patient-days, other Authorities	43	14	134	28	40	88	347	

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

I would again like to mention my thanks to the North Wilts District Nursing Association who have given us assistance over occasional maternity cases which had to be treated at home and where it was not desirable for a midwife to attend because of the danger of infection.

Swindon Municipal Maternity Home.			
No. of cases in the Home on 1st Jan-	Borough	County	Totals
uary, 1946			25 patients
West also			23 babies
No. of Maternity cases admitted dur-		100	
ing the year	596	180	776
No. of expectant mothers admitted			
for hospital treatment during the year (included above)		14	61
No. of cases remaining in the Home		14	01
on 31st December, 1946		6	23 patients
Inches of the meaning desired and all-leading	oliodw sh	sulm lo	22 babies
No. of cases delivered by :-			
(a) Midwives '			390
(b) Doctors			314
No. of cases admitted after delivery			11
No. of cases in which medical assist-			000
ance was sought by midwives			362
No. of cases notified as Puerperal Pyrexia			20
No. of infants who have at any time			20
received a supplementary or com-			
plementary feed while in the			
Maternity Home			85
No. of infants wholly breast-fed on			
leaving the Home		band mine	531
No. of infants wholly artificial fed		RELIGION	67
There were two maternal deaths			
There were 21 stillbirths and 11 i Causes of death :—	niant dea	tns.	
Stillbirths—Prematurity			
Accidental Haemorrh	age	****	3
Congenital Malforma			3
			6
Maternal eclampsia			1
Post maturity			1
Other Causes			3
Infants death—Prematurity		100	5
Congenital Malfor	mation		2
Injury at birth	*		2
Asphyxia	••••		2

STATISTICS RELATING TO THE BOROUGH OF SWINDON MATERNITY HOME FOR THE YEAR, 1946.

1. Number of Married and Single Women admitted during the year. Married—752. Single—24. Total-766. Number of Booked and Emergency cases admitted during the

Booked—619.

Emergency—157.

Total—776.

Number of Borough and County cases, etc., admitted during the

Borough—596.

County-180.

Total—776.

4. Sets of twins born during the year.

(a) Male-4. (b) Female-5. (c) Male and Female-9. Total-18.

I twin of a female set was stillborn.

In 1 case of a male and female set, the female was stillborn and the male lived only 15 minutes.

1 set of male and female twins was stillborn.

In 1 set of male twins the first twin was stillborn.

Number of infants wholly breast-fed on leaving Institution. Total—531.

- 6. Number of infants wholly artificially fed on leaving Institution. Total—67.
- Number of infants who at any time received supplementary or complementary feeds while in Institution.

Total-85.

- Causes of Infant deaths which occurred in the Maternity Home during the year.
 - 1 Broncho-pneumonia
 - 2 Premature
 - 3 Intra-cranial injury
 - 4 Dystocia
 - 5 Hydrocephalus
 - 6 Twin pregnancy—prematurity
 - 7 Atelectasis
 - 8 Dystocia
 - 9 Twin pregnancy—prematurity
 - 10 Therapeutic abortion
 - 11 Asphyxia pallida—dystocia

Summary

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	45 Totals	359	202	98	32	13	00	61	67	63		1	1	1		-	713
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THE MATERNITY HOME.	44			1				1		1	1	1	1				1
H	43	1	1	1	-				1	-		1	-				1
E	42		1	1	-		1	1		1		1					22
ERN	41	1	-	1	61	-	-	1		1		-	1			-	00
ATE	39 40		00	2	1		-	1		-	11	1	-			1	9
E M	39	8	4	1	1	-	-	1		1	1	1	1				10
TH	38	23	4	4	80		-				1	1	-			1	14
AT	37	63	8	5	1	61	-	-	1	1	1	1	1		1		14
ED	36	67	9	1	20	1	-	1			11		1		1	1	15
OF MOTHERS WHO WERE DELIVERED	35	=	10	3	60	-	-	-	-	-	1	1				1	26
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DE	33	3	-	9	63	1	1	1	1	67	1		1	1		1	21
ERE	35	14	15	9	60	63	1	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	40
×	31	17	12	9	4	-	1	1	-		1		1	1			41
/H0	30	16	00	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	33
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ER	87	16	14	9	-	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	37
OTH	27	=	10	-		1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1		28
M	26	53	16	-		-		1		1	1		1		1		53
0	25	41	17	5		1		I	1	1	1		1		1		63
IITY	24	38	15	60	C3		1			1	1		1				58
PAF	23	47	14	9	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	68
QN	22	21	1-		1	11	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	28
A	121	20	9	1	1			1	1	1		1				1	26
AGI	20	19	20	-		1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	25
NG		10	63		1	1	1	1	1	L			1			1	12
WI	18	11				1	1	L					1	L		1	=
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One mother, in addition to those shown in the table, was delivered of her 6th child at the age of 49 years.

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Weight lbs. ozs. 0 2 3 7 4 4 3 3 10 Para. 10 00 00 CB BECECO BB B B B TABLE SHOWING RANGES OF WEIGHTS OF PREMATURES. Age of mother 33308555 30 31 41 33 Weight Ibs. ozs. 0 8 2 1 2 8 4 0 2 2 3 या का की का का का Para. CB BCBCBB 2 CMMCMM 00 Age of mother 33308277 202 50 Weight lbs. ozs. 41255000000004 Para. восписивнивновновний CB Age of mother 10

N.B.-A premature child is one whose birth weight is 51b, or under * Indicates a twin pregnancy.

C-County case.

B-Borough case.

11. Number of deliveries in which interference was necessary.

(a)	Inductions (surgical)		46
(b)	Inductions (medical)		36
(c)	Forceps, low		52
(d)	Forceps, high or difficult		3
(e)	Forceps, mid.		28
(f)	Manual removal of placenta		13
(g)	Blood and serum transfusions	+244	8
(h)	Caesarian Section—(1) lower seg.	1	0
	(2) classical		6
(i)	Difficult manual delivery or interference		2
(j)	Prolapsed cord		2
(k)	Episiotomy		4
(l)	Hysterectomy		1
	Post-partum haemorrhage (over 20 ozs.)		91

In a few cases interference may fa'l under more than one heading, e.g., one case might require induction and delivery by forceps.

12. Number of cases of Pyrexia and notifiable pyrexia—including infection.

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EMERGENCIES AND CAUSES.

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8	No.	of C	ases	atri.	Paraty Paraty							
CAUSE	В	С	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Ante-partum												
Haemorrhage	8	6	14	3	6	2	2		1			
Dystocia	5	3	8	7					1			****
Malpresentation	7	1	8	3	1	3						1
Operations:				1	120		TO THE	13030	9187		M	
Caesarean	100.1	10.1	100	10.6		rrini	· mi	hha	120	h.		
Section	1	1	2	1	1		****	****			****	****
Low Forceps	1	1	2	1		1	****	****	****		****	****
Manual Remov-				2				No.	191	Pin	1 49	
al of placenta	2	1	3	2	1	1700			37.00	*****	3895	22.00
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nancy	3	1	4	3	1							
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Social Conditions	7	8	15	12	1	2				-2725		
Toxaemia	15	3	18	7	4	2	1			2	1	5555
Uterine Inversion		1	1		1	****		*****		S		

⁶⁴ patients, booked for Berryfield House, Bradford-on-Avon, had to be taken in to the Maternity Home due to the temporary closure of Berryfield House during the year.

Maternity Hospital.

It was again not possible to accommodate in the Municipal Maternity Home all those expectant mothers who wished to be confined there. This resulted in selection of cases with regard to the likelihood of obstetrical difficulty and the domestic circumstances. Where the confinement appeared likely to be normal and the social conditions were satisfactory, home confinement was advised and where necessary, the services of a Home Help were proffered. It was necessary to transfer 35 Swindon mothers to the Emergency Maternity Home at Bradford-on-Avon.

Training in Gas and Air Analgesia.

Training of pupils and midwives by the Consultant Anaesthetist proceeded during 1946, with the result that 14 passed their qualifying examination to secure approval of the Central Midwives' Board of their fitness to administer gas and air analgesia.

Maternity Home Annexe.

Unfortunately, it did not prove possible during the year to bring 81 Bath Road into operation as an extension of the Annexe at 83 Bath Road, so that there is a continued need for additional maternity beds, even if we confine our attention to the Borough of Swindon. If the needs of the surrounding county districts are taken into account, about double the existing hospital bed provision is required, that is to say, 65 to 75 beds. There is little prospect of the additional beds becoming available by extension of existing buildings. Ideally, of course, a new maternity unit is required to serve the needs of the area, but since there is little prospect of any building being permitted for this purpose in anything under five years from now, consideration should be given to the possibility of transferring the maternity unit to existing premises at present used for other purposes.

Domiciliary Midwife.

I am pleased to be able to report some improvement in this service during the year.

The Midwife who was reported ill in the Report for 1945 ultimately resigned and the vacancy so created, filled. In addition a further Midwife was appointed, the establishment then being two Extern Midwives operating from the Maternity Home and four Domiciliary Midwives working from their own homes. Moreover, a car was provided for the use of the Extern Midwives, thus relieving the pressure on ambulance cars which were then enabled to give improved service to the other Domiciliary Midwives.

Maternal Deaths.

Two maternal deaths occurred, attributable to eclampsia. One of these women refused to attend Ante-natal Clinics and to this extent contributed to the fatal outcome of the pregnancy.

The other case was having Ante-natal care but the eclampsia ensued without premonitory signs.

Home Help Service.

The Home Help Service continued to function as in recent years, 44 mothers availing themselves of this service in 1946.

Nursing Home.

There are two Nursing Homes registered within the Borough of Swindon and one of these Homes provides 10 beds, which can be used for either maternity or surgical and medical purposes.

Ante-natal and Post-Natal Clinics.

Five Ante-natal and two Post-natal Clinics are provided. 723 women attended the Ante-natal Clinic and 131 women attended the Post-natal Clinic.

Health Visiting.

There is no change to record in the Establishment of the Health Visiting staff which consists of one Senior Health Visitor and six Health Visitors, who are also engaged as School Nurses.

e following visits were undertaken by	the	Health	Visite	ors :-
First visits to mothers and children			HO	1613
Re-visits				4075
Visits to children aged 1-5		A LAME		6651
Visits to expectant mothers		Ideally		148
Infant death and stillbirth enquirie	s	In abbon		55
Infectious disease visits	MOT	eq gais		654
Visits to cases of tuberculosis		d won	III	234
Child Life Protection visits		m and a		138
Total Vigite				13605

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

There are five Infant Welfare Centres provided in the Borough as follows:—

61, Eastcott Hill, Swindon	Monday 2—5 p.m.
vacancy so conted, fulled. In addition	Wednesday 2-5 p.m.*
	Friday 2—5 p.m.*
Pinehurst Clinic, Beech Avenue	Tuesday 2—5 p.m.*
Trinity Methodist Schoolroom,	Isomiciliary Midwives works
Cricklade Road	Wednesday 2-4.30 p.m.*
Methodist Schoolroom Romsey Street,	the pressure on ambalance
Rodbourne	Thursday 2-4.30 p.m.**
Moredon Community Centre	Thursday 2—4.30 p.m.**

*Doctor in attendance.

**Doctor in attendance alternate weeks.

These sessions are available for consultation and advice for mothers, and children up to the age of five years.

Services of Children's Specialist.

Dr. Beryl Corner continued to hold sessions at fortnightly intervals during the year and children were referred to her clinic from the assistant medical officers and from general practitioners.

No. of clinics held	·		20
No. of children seen			59
School children		40	
Maternity and Child Welfare cases		19	
No. of consultations and attendances		o	118
School children		83	
Maternity and Child Welfare cases		35	

Dental Scheme, Maternity and Child Welfare.

Mothers on the resisters at the smallest	Nursing and		
	Expectant	Childre	n
	Mothers	1-5	Totals
No. of—		indicary.	
Cases treated	. 86	120	206
Attendances for treatment	. 250	240	490
Fillings—permanent teeth	. 51		55
temporary teeth	_	45	99
Extractions—permanent teeth	. 120		165
temporary teeth		45	100
Extractions under local anaesthetic-	to right orbi	BOUT IS NOT	
permanent teeth	. 47)	tront sal
temporary teeth	. —	6	
under general anaesthetic	c	}	165
permanent teeth	. 73	-	
temporary teeth		39	
Other operations—permanent teeth	19	-1	246
temporary teeth	. —	227 5	240
Scalings	. 13	Hd o l o r	13
Dentures completed—partial	14	-1	24
full	10	-5	// 1000

Orthopaedic Treatment.

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Children under school age attend the Orthopaedic Clinic held at the Isolation Hospital and the following are the particulars relating to this service:—

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No. of cases seen by Orthopaedic Surgeon	34
No. of consultations and attendances	61
No. of attendances at Sister's Clinic	165
No. of cases seen at the Orthopaedic Observation	
Clinic	108
No. of consultations and attendances	148
No. of cases treated in Hospital (Bath and Wessex	
Children's Orthopaedic Hospital)	2

Ophthalmic Treatment.	
The following children under five were referred to Mr. C). B.
Pratt, the ophthalmic specialist :-	
No. of cases seen	71
Errors of refraction 32	
Other defects 39	
No. of consultations	208
No. of attendances at clinic	229
No. of cases for whom spectacles were prescribed	29
No. of cases for whom spectacles were obtained	
through the scheme	28
Child Life Protection-Public Health Act, 1936.	
Number of Foster Mothers on the registers at the	
end of the year	8
Number of Foster Children under the supervision of	
the local authority	8
Number of Foster Mothers who are guaranteed pay-	
ment by the Welfare Authority	1

These boarded out children are subject to constant supervision by the Child Life Protection Officers. Altogether, 138 supervisory visits were paid.

The Foster Mother Scheme adopted by the Health Committee guarantees a weekly sum of 17s. 6d. for the care of the children and the mother is asked to contribute according to her means.

Domestic Help Service.

The Domestic Helps provided by the Local Authority continued during the year to give service which was much appreciated. Four Domestic Helps were retained during the year.

Adoption of Children.

Ten children were under supervision at the end of the year. The Social Worker was making adoption arrangements in 20 cases.

Day Nurseries.

Upham Road Nursery was closed in April and the remaining children on the register re-distributed between Broad Street and Pinehurst Nurseries. Staffing difficulties at various levels continued

to be troublesome during the year.

Contrary to expectation, there has been no falling off in the demand for Day Nursery accommodation, but in view of the staffing difficulties mentioned, there seems to be little prospect of expanding this service in the near future. There is, of course, no clear policy as to the maintenance of these Nurseries and even if it should be determined that they should be retained, due regard must be had to the high cost of this service.

Day N	urseries—	Si	a	tis	tics	
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		No. of chil- dren on reg- ister at the	of atten	Number idances. onths.
		end of the year.	JanJune	July-Dec.
Upham Rd.	Day			
Nursery	Under 2	*	733*	-
	2-5	*	1429*	_
Broad St. Da	ay			
Nursery	Under 2	8	1510	1134
	2-5	34	1503	1845
Pinehurst Da	av			
Nursery	Under 2	12	1252	766
	2-5	28	1738	1654

^{*} Nursery closed as from 30-4-46.

Infant Mortality Rate.

The infant mortality rate for Swindon for 1946 reached the remarkably low figure of 22.03. The total number of infant deaths was 28, 19 of which occurred within the first seven days of birth.

This compares with an infant mortality rate of 32.8 in 1945. The total number of infant deaths then, was 38, 15 of which occurred within the first seven days of birth.

The infant mortality rate for England and Wales for 1946 is 43 so that it is readily seen that the Swindon rate compares very favourably indeed with that for the country as a whole.

Comparison of the causes of death operating in 1945 and 1946 reveals that the improvement in the overall infant mortality rate is attributable to reduced incidence of Respiratory Infection and Accidents during 1946 in the age group 1-12 months which enjoyed a mortality rate of 6.88.

DAY NURSERIES. STATISTICS-1946.

Health of Children in Day Nurseries.

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	1	9	60	9 9 12
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Dys- entery	1	1	1	
Pneu- Laryn- monia gitis	1		-	ia :-
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Bron- chitis	4	1	17	sed against oad Day Nurset Day Nursery
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Diph- theria	1	1	own.	Upham Road Broad Street I Pinehurst Day
Measles Whoop- Diph- ing theria Cough	1	-	8 losing d	No. of children imr Uphan Broad Pineh
Measles	1	1	* To date of closing down	No. 0
	Upham Road Day Nursery	Broad Street Day Nursery	Pinehurst Day * To	

Table Showing the Approximate Number of Children in the Borough under Five Years of Age in the years 1938—1946.

(This table has been corrected for infant deaths in the first year, but not for subsequent years.)

Infants born in	Chi	ldren u	nder 5	in the	Boroug	gh in y	ears :—		
years	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
1934	727							18	
1935	709	709		1325	RESE	e trip	eras.	Mal 2	
1936	753	753	753						
1937	712	712	712	712					
1938	791	748	748	748	748				
1939	3692	848	813	813	813	813			
1940	and a	3770	958	897	897	897	897		
1941			3984	1107	1043	1043	1043	1043	
1942		-	10000	4277	1174	1130	1130	1130	1130
1943					4675	1187	1127	1127	1127
1944	Saxon	3888		anep	cena	5070	1409	1360	1360
1945							5606	1159	1121
1946	10000	1111	222	FEER	BERR	1989	1222	5819	1271
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TABLE OF INFANT MORTALITIES. BOROUGH OF SWINDON.

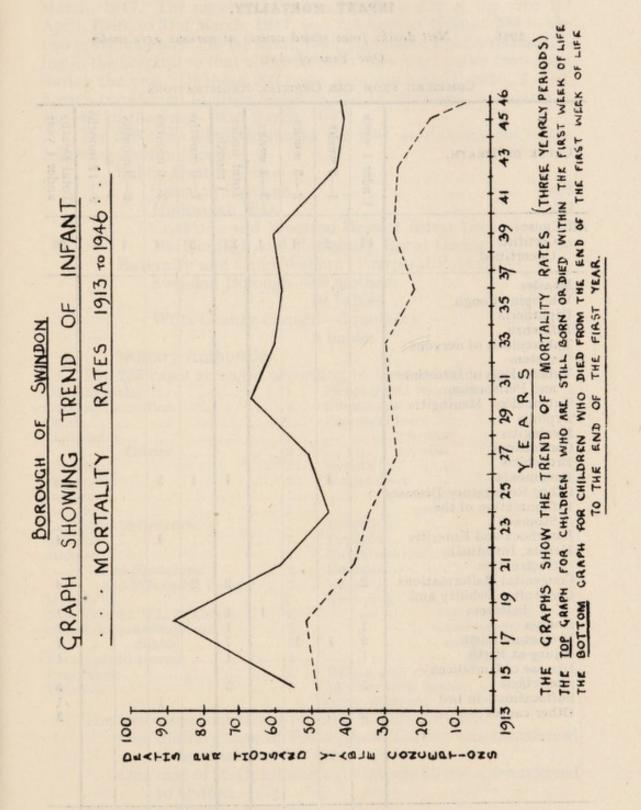
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Mortality rate for infants in period from end of one week to end of lst year (7)	6.88	17.84	19.83	38.96	28.59	22.08	22.68	32.50	26.65	25.72	25.46	34.09	31.25	42.96	45.45)	50.61	00.00	46.06	55.30
Mortality rate of viable children before or within 1 week of birth	42.08		38.99	59.38 60.5	57.39	53.99 58.6	66.49	-	75.02 67.1	42.51)	59.03 51.3	46.49	-	55.84 58.2	98.21)	80.97 88.6	60.00	50.49	-
Deaths in infants between 1st week and end of 1st year (3) — (5) = 5b.	0.00	36	24	39	20 8	188	177	30	27	25.4	30 08	400	0 00 0	200	44	50	17.	53	70
Infants who died before birth or within first week of life $(2) + (5) = 5a$.	65	71	56	65	39	33	53	63 0	76	40	51	45	200	65	95	80		55	74
Infant deaths under 7 days (5)	119	23	18	04 00 04 00	19	19	26	17	34	14	17	100	2 63 6	999	320	26	:	54 56	300
Infant Mortality rate for infants born alive	32.79	34.78	37.48	38.42	48.13	46.84	52.22	52.99	62.83	36.26	46.98	60.50	0.00	67.5	83.9	81.3	72.4	73.7	86.4
Deaths under l year of infants born alive (3)	88.88	609	12	35	98	37	\$9	140	613	83	39	800	000	76	76	76	75	45.00	106
Total conceptions extending to viable foetus $(1)+(2)=2a$	1307	1467	1210	1001	771	815	797	923	1013	941	1014	896	1024	1164	1290	988	1079	1129	1265
Still- births (2)	333	2 8 8 8	226	4 63 60 00	00 00 00 00	3 2	200	98	3	\$ 55	75 25	26	0.00	900	63	3 5	4	35	33
Live Births (1)	1271	1409	1107	848	791	744	770	887	126	910	830	942	1057	1125	902	8934	1035	1193	1226
Year	1946	1944	1942	1939	1938	1936	1934	1932	1930	1928	1926	1925	1923	1921	1919	1918	1916	1915	1913

Mortality of viable children before, at birth or within one week of birth, obtained by 5a X 1000

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Infant death rate for infants in period from end of one week to end of first year obtained by 5b X 1000

For the figures utilised in preparing the graph the figures in column 6 and 7 have been grouped in three yearly periods and the average taken for the three years.



BOROUGH OF SWINDON. INFANT MORTALITY.

1946. Nett deaths from stated causes at various ages under One Year of Age.

COMPILED FROM THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATIONS.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under I month.	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
All Causes— Certified Uncertified	17	2	1	1	21	3	4	1	in part	29
Measles Whooping Cough Diphtheria Influenza Tuberculosis of nervous system Tuberculosis of Intestines and Peritoneum Tuberculous Meningitis Syphilis Meningitis Convulsions Bronchitis									14 1 144 7 1 19 2	
Pneumonia Other Respiratory Diseases Inflammation of the Stomach Diarrhoea and Enteritis Hernia, Intestinal Obstruction	****	1				1	3			5 1
Congenital Malformations Congenital Debility and Sclerema Icterus Premature Birth Injury at Birth Disease of Umbilicus	2 1 5 1	i	1	1	2 1 1 7 1	2				1 1 7 1
Atelectasis Suffocation—in bed Other causes :—	3		35		5 :: 3	1000	1	2001 2		3
TOTALS	17	2	1	1	21	3	4	1		29

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The Isolation Hospital year runs from 1st April, 1946, to 31st March, 1947. The number of new admissions during the year 1st April, 1946, to 31st March, 1947, was 216 against 186 and 386 in the two previous years. On 1st April, 1946, there were 9 patients remaining in the hospital so that altogether 225 cases were under treatment during the year. Of these, 203 cases were discharged cured, 2 died, 2 were transferred to other hospitals and 18 remained in hospital at the end of the year—31st March, 1947.

The 216 cases admitted during the year were chargeable to the

following local authorities :-

Public Health Acts—	
Swindon Borough	118
Highworth R.D	
	on Bassett Rural District 7
	msbury Rural District 15
Maternity and Child Welf	fare (Puerperal Pyrexia)—
Swindon Borough—1	0 mothers an
	0 babies 20
Wilts County Counci	The state of the s
the second secon	5 babies
Military Authorities	24
The 225 cases arranged accord	ling to the final diagnosis are:
Conjunctivitis 1	Pleurisy and bronchitis 3
Corneal Ulceration 1	Pneumonia 2
Croup 1	Puerperal fever 2
Diphtheria 5	,, infection 3
,, Carrier 2	pyrexia 11
Enteritis 2	Pyelitis 1
Erysipelas 2	Scarlet fever 85
Influenza 1	" " in puerperum I
Jaundice 1	Tancillitie carrier 1
Laryngeal obstruction 1 Mastitis 1	Tonsillitis 31
Manalan 17	Typhoid 1 Ulceration Encarditis 1
measies 17	Uraemia 1
,, and Whooping Cough 2	Vaginitis 2
Mumps 1	Whooping Cough 3
Non Vincent K.L.B. Carrier 2	,, ,, and Bronchitis 1
Ophthalmia neonatorum 7	,, and pneumonia 1
,, , double 2	" " measles and
Paratyphoid carrier 1	pneumonia 1
Pemphegis 1	Babies with mothers 18
Pleurisy 1	Mothers with babies 1
	Other diseases 1
The two cases transferred to o	ther hospitals were -

The two cases transferred to other hospitals were :-

One Military case of Paratyphoid Carrier was transferred to hospital near his home.

One case of R. Ophthalmia (baby, age 13 days) transferred to Oxford.

Analysis of the two deaths :-

One case of typhoid, age 54 years: 5 days in hospital.
One case of diphtheria, age 45 years: 2 days in hospital.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health and Welfare Committee.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of submitting the Annual Report of the work carried out under the supervision of the Senior Sanitary Inspector

during the year 1946.

The retirement of Mr. F. H. Beavis, after twenty-eight years' service with the Swindon Corporation, led to some re-organisation in the Department, but as the vacancy caused by this retirement and subsequent promotions had not been filled by the end of the year, the effect of any re-organisation was nullified by the absence of sufficient staff to carry out the work.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1938.

More than three hundred inspections were made at the various farms, dairies and milkshops within the Borough and in connection with the taking of samples of milk for analysis by the Public Analyst. Of one hundred and thirty-five samples of milk examined, twenty were found not to comply with the requirements of the Sale of Milk Regulations 1939. One producer was fined £5 for selling to the Milk Marketing Board eighteen churns of milk containing approximately 5% of extraneous water. One producer-retailer was fined £5 for selling milk containing 7.9% of extraneous water, and one retailer fined £10 for selling milk containing 9.8% of extraneous water. In each of these cases the usual "appeal to the cow" samples were taken at the farms, and these samples were satisfactory. One retailer was fined f1 for filling milk bottles in the street and in this case continued observations had to be kept before sufficient evidence could be obtained to ensure conviction for this offence. This retailer had been fined previously for a similar offence and had twice been prosecuted for selling milk containing extraneous water. Since his last conviction he has sold his milk round and the registration of his dairy has been cancelled.

Fifty-one samples of milk were submitted for bacteriological examination and the particulars of these examinations are shown on

page 42 of this Report.

Samples of ice-cream submitted to the Public Analyst showed a fat content in three samples of less than one per cent. and three others varied from 1.47% to 3.04%. The fat content of a reasonably good ice-cream should be in the region of 8 or 9%. In spite of the shortage of many of the ingredients used in the manufacture, I am of the opinion that a legal standard for ice-cream should be defined, especially when one realises the high prices charged in some instances for a very poor article.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Centralised slaughtering for the Borough of Swindon and the surrounding Rural Districts is carried out at the Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse, Shrivenham Road. These premises formerly comprised four small private slaughterhouses, and although some reconstruction was carried out, they are totally inadequate for the amount of slaughtering done there. Some 11,953 animals were slaughtered during the year, and all these carcases were inspected by your Sanitary Inspectors. Approximately 107 tons of unsound meat and other foods were dealt with by the Department. The table on page 43 shows the percentage of animals slaughtered found to be affected with Tuberculosis, and diseases other than Tuberculosis.

DRAINAGE WORK.

The drains of 231 premises were overhauled or relayed, under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspectors, during the period under review.

HOUSING REPAIRS.

Despite the continued shortage of materials and labour, the table of Sanitary Statistics shows that a very considerable amount of repair work has been carried out as the result of representations made by the Sanitary Inspector. Although every effort is made to get repairs carried out without having to take legal proceedings, it was necessary to serve seven Statutory Notices under the Public Health Act 1936, and four Statutory Notices under the Housing Act 1936. Three Nuisance Abatement Orders were made by the Magistrate's Court, and in one case the Owner of the property was fined £2 for failing to comply with the Order, and the necessary work was afterwards carried out by the Local Authority at a cost of £74 14s., which is recoverable from the Owner. In all the other cases the work specified in the Statutory Notices was carried out by the various Owners.

OVERCROWDING.

At the end of 1946, the records of the Department showed forty-two cases of overcrowding, as defined by the provisions of the Housing Act 1936. These figures do not convey the true picture of the local housing problem, as the overcrowding standard of the Housing Act 1936 permits more persons to occupy accommodation than would normally be considered desirable by the average householder. Although the actual cases of overcrowding are few, there are numerous families in the Borough whose housing accommodation is inadequate for their needs.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION.

A scheme for the systematic baiting of the sewers, as recommended by the Ministry of Food, was approved by the Health Committee. It is proposed systematically to bait the whole of the sewer manholes, some 1,487 in number. The scheme was also approved by the Ministry of Food, from whom a proportion of the cost is recoverable.

In conclusion, I would like to express my thanks to all the Officers of the Corporation for their assistance and ready co-operation during the year.

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H. A. BANWELL,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY STATISTICS, 1946.
TABLE OF NUISANCES RECORDED AND ABATED.

	Not			Abated	Not abated
Nature of Complaint.	at end of 1945	during 1946	Iotal	during 1946	at end of 1946
Choked drains	9	1	221	216	5
Defective drains	21	176	197	172	25
" traps	6	72	81	71	10
•	15	84	66	92	23
	119	218	337	295	42
" flushing-cisterns	37	102	139	92	47
" roofs		404	486	310	176
" eaves-gutters & rainwater pipes	78	238	316	191	125
" ceilings		260	340	215	125
	166	456	622	410	212
Damp walls		285	352	173	179
****	139	521	099	494	166
ors	06	438	528	407	121
" firegrates	23	108	131	92	55
" coppers "	18	30	48	33 *	15
" yard paving	25	41	69	47	19
", forecourt paving	9	8	14	6	5
	41	98	06	81	6
" animals …	1	21	21	19	2
Miscellaneous	260	1229	1489	920	569
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TOTALS	1245	4992	6237	4307	1930
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VISITS AND INSPECTIONS, 1946.

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Investigation of Cor	nplaints		y sur m			844
Work in course of	construc	ction				1533
Infectious disease						580
Slaughterhouses						810
Butchers' shops		8 4.E R	-	213 L		111
Markets	*					381
Bakehouses						61
Cow-sheds, milkshop	os and	dairies	15 A.R. 15	20 20 3		333
Fishshops	4 2	AR.BRE	=	25 18		189
Food shops						754
Factories				J 5 5		531
Outworkers' premise	es	10.05	2020			234
Common Lodging-ho	ouse					17
Revisits					20	2565
Miscellaneous			·		.22.	4126
Overcrowding Surve	y				***	155
Housing Inspection	S					119
TOTAL					10.	13443
			1 4			
State of the state	BAI	KEHOUS	SES.			
Number on Re	gister		ELES.	§		29
Nuisances Four	nd and	Abated			:	31

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Dairie	s and Milksho	ops	i haige	doing to	a.H		35
Farms							18
Milk 1	Purveyors from	n outs	ide the	Boroug	gh	****	13
	.wioltaletta				1000		- B
	Total						66

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1936-1946.

Licences in force within the Borough.

Licences issued by the Wilts County Council.

Licences in respect of an establishment at which the milk is produced and not bottled:—

Tuberculin Tested None Accredited Six

Licences in respect of an establishment at which the milk is produced and bottled:—

Tuberculin Tested Two Accredited None

In addition to the above, there is one producer of Tuberculin Tested Milk and one producer of Accredited milk from outside the Borough retailing within the Borough.

Licences issued by the Town Council of the Borough of Swindon:

Licences in respect of an establishment at which the milk is bottled:—

Tuberculin Tested Eight Accredited None

Licences in respect of a shop or other establishment at or from which the milk is sold :—

Tuberculin Tested Four Accredited None

Supplementary licences with respect to milk sold from a shop or other establishment which is outside the area of the Local Authority:—

Tuberculin Tested Two
Accredited None

Licence in respect of an establishment in which the process of Pasteurising is carried on, including any shop or other establishment at or from which the milk is sold by the same dealer:—One.

Licence in respect of each shop or other establishment at or

from which Pasteurised milk is sold :- Six.

Supplementary Licence in relation to Pasteurised milk sold from a shop or other establishment which is outside the area of the licensing authority:—None.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1936 to 1946.

Bacteriological Examinations.

Designation.	No. of Samples taken.	Satisfactory.	Un- satisfactory.
Tuberculin Tested	17	13	4
Accredited Pasteurised Non-designated	29 4	24 4	5
Totals	51	42	9

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT. 1938.

	TOOD AND I	THU	JO ACI	, 1990).		
TI	nere are on the registers	s of th	ne Depa	rtmen	t:		
	Premises registered for					fact-	
	ure of sausages or p						
	served food	ottod		a, pici	rica or	Pic	86
	Premises registered for	the	alo mo	nufact		oton	00
			saie, ma	muract	ure or	Stor-	
	age of ice-cream				****	****	102
	Butchers' Shops						78
	Wholesale Meat Stores	1	****				2
	Fried Fish Shops						32
	Other Food Shops						281

Samples taken and submitted to the Public Analyst.

Dampies					3-11
Water in Night	Formal	Informal	Genuine	Not Genuine	Remarks
Milk	122	13	115	20	One retailer and two Milk Pro- ducers prosecuted
Sponge Cake	2	drawn n	1	1 mon	Contained
fasol set to		don true at		applied that	Excessive
					Sodium Bi
Baking Powder	1	-	1	THE MOO	10
Tea		1	- 1	ho-moon	06
Hogs Pudding		1	1	and the same of	Income
Ice Cream	addition on	6	6	-	la constantina
Ice-cream Powder	10000	2.013	2	- de_180 min	incel an
Coffee	de la Canda	i	1 1	ourse or	Januari I
Compounded full-		cie. Islos	ei dline bi	Pasteuris	doidw mo
cream Dried Milk	uni <u>es</u> il o	2	2	The state of the s	plaque?
Totals	126	25	130	21	on nemocrat

PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS, 1924.

The following table shows the number of carcases inspected during the year.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED, 1946.

NOIS	Cat	tle	Calves	Pigs	Sheep
Al Sanitary Idependent	Cows	Other cattle	Carves	1 163	and
Killed and inspected	2408	2010	133	415	11953
DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS Whole carcases condemned	30	7	6	malled monique	19
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	575	754	3	85	2142
Approximate percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	25%	39%	7%	21%	18%
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY. Whole carcases condemned	121	25	4	aiyasi adan 1	10
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	885	422	Wh: II	53	mI_
Approximate percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	42%	22%	3%	13%	

UNSOUND FOOD 106 Tons. 19 Cwts. 3 Qrs. 4½ Lbs.

DISINFECTANTS.

Quantity given : Fluid Powder	32 gals. 2	qts. 3 pts. qrt. 7 lbs	
Powder	NSPIECTES	qrt. 7 lbs	777
DISINFECT	IION.		
Cases of Cancer			14
,, Tuberculosis			10
" Scarlet Fever			85
" Diphtheria			32
" Pneumonia			-
Miscellaneous Cases		Ereo.tuuas	28
Verminous Rooms	Tien meil	neighs outil	333 92
Library Books disinfected Lots of Bedding disinfected		*****	53
Miscellaneous Articles disinfected	ed	"doldw"lo	11
Lots of Bedding destroyed	li demoniti	11 25 11	20
Miscellaneous Articles destroye	d		23
Animals destroyed		o tod	2
COMMON LODGIN	AC HOUSE	re sizoli	
COMMON LODGII	NG HOUSI	20.	
On Register		TRO AROL	1
Number of persons for whom	n accommo	dation is	
provided : Adults, 109; Chi	ldren 8.		
Inspections			17
DISINFECTION OF VEHI	CIES ET	ATT	HE
	Delinette D	inapporta	1112
CATTLE M	ARKEI.		
Number Disinfected.	Fees Rec	eived.	
Land Control of Control	£ s.		
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FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions of health made by Sanitary Inspectors.

	Premises	No. on Register		Number of				
	Fremses	Register	Inspect- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted			
(i)	Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	153	348	52	incapany incapany incapany			
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies:— (a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of En-		Jacob State	brossus d	adizalbat			
	forcement) Order	81	183	37	Senimose 7 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 2 3 3 3 4 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4			
	(b) Others	_	Vtools	U yu <u>w</u> Gan	out ()			
(iii)	Other Premises under the Act (excluding out- workers' premises)		- 600	-	10% (S)			
	Total	234	531	89	rolem_H			

2. Cases in which defects were found.

TERI	No. of o	ases in w	hich defe	cts were	No. of cases in which
Particulars		.210	Refe	rred	prose-
10 mdonu?	Found	Remedi- ed	To H.M. Insp'tor	By H.M. Insp'tor	cutions were institu- ted
Want of cleanliness (Sect 1)	26	24	_	3	_
Overcrowding (Sect 2)	_	-	2 miles	ni -mini	-
Unreasonable temperature Sect. 3)	. 1	1		Daysolto-	
Inadequate Ventilation (Sect.		_	obuicts actions	of ane	Skill kill
Ineffective Drainage of floors (Section 5)	. 2	1	ett of	roudur	
Sanitary Conveniences (Sect. 7):— (a) Insufficient	4	4	Sid Sid	1	
(b) Unsuitable or Defect- ive	19	15	renderdi —	6	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	2	2	1	Day of John	and — into
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	25	20	_	- 7	107
TOTAL	79	67	1	10	-

OUTWORK. (Sections 110 and 111).

Section 111.	No. of instances of work in served. Prosecutions premises.		-	-	1	1 2000	barnol sabares
20	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	1 TO	i i	1		班	1
Section 110.	No. of cases of default in sending in lists to the Council.	1	-		-		1
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect. 110.	7	1	11	92	29	140
E	Nature of Work	(1) Textile Workers	Boot and Shoe Workers	(7) File makers	(20) Bag Making	(3) Crochet and Trellis making	Total

HOUSING STATISTICS.

Hou	ses inspected			1272
	face data by defeating			1100
				923
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,,	rendered fit by formal action			5
	HOUSING ACT 1936, SECTIO	N 50		
	HOUSING ACT 1950, SECTIO	N 98.		
	3000			
	OVERCROWDING.			
	OVERCROWDING.			
	Houses overcrowded at end of 1945	1 4		35
	No. of persons affected		****	
	No. of persons affected			316
No	of new cases of Overcrowding in 1946 :-			
	No of Louisia announded			25
	No. of persons affected		****	146
Ma	of sanso of Onemorphing about during 1046			
	of cases of Overcrowding abated during 1946 No. of houses			10
				18
	No. of persons		****	147
Ma	of passe of Oneverseding not abated at and	£ 1018 .		
	of cases of Overcrowding not abated at end of	1940 :-		10
	No of houses		****	42
	No. of persons			315

BOROUGH OF SWINDON.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Medical Officer

(THOMAS ROSS, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.)

For the Year 1946.

BOROUGH OF SWINDON.

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*Mr. W. J. Davis

To the Chairman and Members of the Education Committee of the Borough of Swindon.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting a report of the School Medical work for the Borough of Swindon for the year 1946.

A number of staff changes affecting the Department took place during the year. Dr. Llewellyn Roberts left Swindon in November, Dr. A. V. Crawford in September and Drs. B. Finch and K. Maxwell in February and October respectively. On the clerical side Mrs. E. M. Stephens resigned her post on 13th December, 1946.

Dr. J. P. Kelly and Dr. H. B. D. North commenced duties in October and in consequence of these medical staff changes, the number of children examined during the year was smaller than in 1945, and again restricted to the first and third age groups.

It will be noted from the Tables on pages 53 and 54 that the nutrition of children improved during 1946 and the percentage found to be slightly sub-normal fell to 3.9 in the first age group, and to 1.3 in the third age group.

With reference to the Table on page 16 dealing with Immunisation, it will be seen that a further 62 children between the ages of five and fifteen have been immunised during the year.

> THOMAS ROSS, Borough School Medical Officer.

UNCLEANLINESS AND VERMINOUS CONDITIONS.

1926-30 1931-35 1936 1937 1938 1940 1941 8 9 7 7 6.4 7 4 4 28353 28538 22320 26254 25361 24569 21755 20900 26 1707 1018 471 567 338 591 543 632 799 519 282 4 12 37 130 4	***** C+01 7**	8.5 8.5 7.3	73 30488 22667 15834 15503	678 499 410	. 2	W. Long G.	
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Average school by the Total rations chools school Number under the Loc Number (a) Un (b) Un (b) Un (b) Un	all	Average number of visits per school made during the year by the School Nurses	Total number of examina- tions of children in the schools by the School Nurses	Number of individual children found unclean	Number of children cleansed under arrangements made by the Local Education Authority	Number of cases in which legal proceedings were taken:— (a) Under the Education Act, 1921	(b) Under the School Attendance Byelaws

CLASSIFICATION OF THE NUTRITION OF CHILDREN.

AGE GROUPS	No. of child- ren		A ellent)		B ormal)	A	+ в		C ghtly iormal)	(В	D sad)
20 1 2010	exam- ined	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
ENTRANTS 1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 1940 Evacs: 1941 Evacs: 1942 Evacs: 1943 Evacs: 1943 Evacs:	813 1074 711 787 556 471 125 1265 271 958 26 676 993 1260	108 182 153 161 136 98 24 341 71 294 8 50 318 395	13 17 21·5 21 24·5 20·8 19·2 27 26·2 30·7 30·8 7·4 ———————————————————————————————————	627 801 497 557 381 339 89 845 183 609 18 585 630 800	63 · 4 63 · 5	635 948 1195	90·4 93·7 93·7 94·2 100 93·9 —	78 89 58 66 39 34 12 75 17 54 — 41 — 45 65	10 8 8 · 2 8 7 7 · 2 9 · 6 5 · 9 6 · 3 5 · 6 — 4 · 6 5 · 2		
1946 SECOND AGE GROUP 1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 1940 Evacs: 1941 Evacs: 1942 Evacs: 1943 Evacs: 1943 Evacs: 1944 1945 1946	893 933 687 747 705 578 177 918 145 882 47 283 2	132 158 171 169 193 118 34 236 32 226 12 62 —	27·2 15 17 24·9 23 27·4 20·4 19·2 25·8 22 25·6 21·9 —	647 672 459 518 469 410 124 618 107 600 33 201 2	72 72 66 · 8 69 66 · 5 70 · 9 70 · 1 67 · 3 73 · 8	779 830 630 687 662 528 158 854 139 826 45 263 2	88 · 9 91 · 7 92 93 · 9 91 · 3 89 · 2 93 95 · 8 93 · 6 95 · 7 92 · 9	113 94 55 60 43 50 19 60 5 47 1 20	3·9 13 10 8 8 6·1 8·7 10·7 6·5 3·5 5·3 2·1 7·1 —	1 9 2 4 1 9 1	- -1 -3 - - -4 -7 1·1 2·1 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MODERN EDUCATION.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Return of Medical Inspections 1946.

A.—ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

Number of Code Group Inspections :-

Entrants		****	 *1035
Third Age Group			 471
			1506
Number of Other Routine Inspection	ns		 Nil.
Note.—*including 406 "under 5's."			

B.—OTHER INSPECTIONS.

Number of Special Inspections and Re-inspections 5944

Classification of the Nutrition of Children Inspected during the year in the Routine Age Groups.

Age Groups		Number of Children	(E celle	x-	(Nor		(Slig Su Nor	b-	(B	ad)
		Examin- ed.	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
"Under 5's."		406	126	31	266	65 - 5	14	3 .5	-	-
"Entrants"	Bue Lin	629	155	24 -6	447	71	27	4 • 4	-	-
"Leavers"		471	134	28 -4	331	70 -3	6	1 ·3	=	-
TOTAL		1506	415	27 -6	1044	69 -3	47	3 -1	-	NITE OF

Return of all Exceptional Children in the Area.

Category		At Certified Schools	At Special Schools	At Ordin- ary Schools	At Inde- pendent Schools	At no School or Institute
Blind		3	and seek	10 300	Subab	1 210
Partially Blind			1	1		
Deaf Partially Deaf			1	1		1
Partially Deaf Delicate			ï	1		1
Diabetic	****		i			
Multiple Disabilities					1	1
Physically Handicap	ped		1	3		4

Educationally Sub-Normal Children.

At Certified Schools	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
19	1	3	1	24

RETURN OF DEFECTS TREATED.

Group I .- Minor Ailments (excluding Uncleanliness, for which see Group IV).

2458 children suffered from Minor Ailments or Defects and received treatment. The Defects are classified as follows:—

Diseases of the skin	To all the		 1407
Minor Eye Defects			 389
Minor Ear Defects		****	 228
Miscellaneous		100000	 434

Group II.—Defective Vision and Squint (excluding Minor Eye Defects treated as Minor Ailments—Group I.)

in-residential Teral	No. of	Defects dealt with			
DEFECT OR DISEASE	Under the Authority's Scheme.	Otherwise	Total		
Errors of Refraction (including Squint)	481	_	481		
Other Defect or Disease of the Eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I).	67		67		
TOTAL	548	olnii To suo	548		

Total number of children for whom spectacles were prescribed :-	
(a) Under the Authority's Scheme	296
(b) Otherwise	-
Total number of children who obtained or received spectacles:	
(a) Under the Authority's Scheme	287
(b) Otherwise	1

Group III.—Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat.

NUMBER OF DEFECTS. Received Operative Treatment By Private Prac-Received other Under the Total titioner or Hosforms of Treat-Number Authority's Scheme. pital apart from ment. Treated. the Authority's Scheme. 66 346 412

(i) Average n	umber of visits per sc	nd Verminous Cond hool made during th		2.4
		200 0 0 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000	" Dalle - I o	3.4
	nber of examinations tool Nurses	s of children in the	Schools	15503
(iii) Number of	f individual children	found unclean		482
	of children cleansed Local Education Aut		ts made	_
	f cases in which legal		ken :	
(a) Und	er the Education Act er School Attendance	, 1921	****	-
(o) Old	er School Attendance	Byelaws	install of	Groun
	Group V.—Orthopaed	lic and Postural Defe	ets.	
	Under The Au	THORITY'S SCHEME.		
Residential treatment with education.	Residential treatment without education.	Non-residential treatment at an orthopaedic clinic.	Total number treated.	id.
LINET IN	Landto Sylinds	clinic.		
11	Scheme.	96	96	
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SCHOOL ACCIDENTS.

There were 225 cases, mostly of a minor character, causing 455 attendances at the Clinic.

TREATMENT OF SCABIES AT THE CLEANSING STATION.

Number of Cases treated 214

Number of attendances 290

SECONDARY GRAMMAR EDUCATION.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING THE SWINDON SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS INSPECTED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

Number of Re-ins	Special In	nspectio	ons and	761
Total	W. 1920.10		****	771
Girls				218
Doys				000

RETURN OF DEFECTS TREATED.

Group I .- Minor Ailments.

90 children suffered from Minor Ailments or Defects and received treatment. The Defects are classified as follows:—

detilione. The percent the	OVERDOTATOR	Cran we
Diseases of the Skin	****	12
Minor Eye Defects		19
Minor Ear Defects	MED YES	18
Miscellaneous		41

Group II.—Defective Vision and Squint (excluding Minor Eye Defects treated as Minor Ailments—Group I).

	No. of Defects dealt with.					
DEFECT OR DISEASE	Under the Authority's Scheme.	Otherwise	Total			
Errors of Refraction (including Squint)	170		170			
Other Defect or Disease of the Eyes cexcluding those recorded in Group I).	20		20			
TOTAL	190		190			

Total number of children for whom spectacle	es were	prescri	bed:	
(a) Under the Authority's Scheme	****		****	96
(b) Otherwise	****		****	-
Total number of children who obtained or r	eceived	specta	cles:	
(a) Under the Authority's Scheme		****	****	91
(b) Otherwise				4

Group III.—Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat.

Received Oper	ative Treatment.		
Under the Authority's Scheme.	By Private Prac- titioner or Hos- pital apart from the Authority's Scheme.	Received other forms of Treatment	Total Number Treated.
4	-	18	22

Group IV .- Orthopaedic and Postural Defects.

Under the Authority's Scheme.

Residential Treatment with education.	Residential treatment without education.	Non-residential treatment at an orthopaedic clinic.	Total number treated
- 4 - 4	_	27	27

TREATMENT OF DEFECTS OF NOSE, THROAT AND EAR AT SPECIAL CLINIG

Number of cases referred for treatment		****		33
Number of consultations			4.044	65
Number of attendances at Clinic			- O	68
Number for whom operation for tonsils and	adenoids	was adv	ised	2
Number who received operation for tonsils a			M. Garage	3
Number of other operations performed				1
Number of cases cured	2 17			18
Number of cases remaining under observation			D.D. Bell	12
Number of cases for whom no report is avai		Mann h	no limbo	3

SCHOOL ACCIDENTS.

There were 59 cases, mostly of a minor character, causing 98 attendances at the Clinic.

SPEECH THERAPY.

Miss Gladys A. Jansson, the Speech Therapist, saw 3 children during the year, and they made a total of 17 attendances at her Clinics.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DENTAL SURGEON.

(W. KENYON BERRIE, L.D.S., R.F.P.S.(G.))

To the Chairman and Members of the Swindon Education Committee.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on Dental Inspection and Treatment for the Year, 1946.

9,579 children were inspected in the Primary and Secondary Modern Schools.

5,004 were found to require treatment.

3,710 were actually treated, making

7,655 attendances.

1,388 pupils were examined in the Secondary Grammar Schools.

688 were found to require treatment.

444 were actually treated, making

1,131 attendances.

From the Maternity Child Welfare Centres:

206 were treated.

240 children attendances and

250 Mothers' attendances.

The Commercial, Building and Engineering Classes were also inspected and treated, and a visit was made to a Day Nursery.

Mr. Bruce Ferguson, L.D.S., temporarily assisted us until Mr. G. B. Westwater, L.D.S., returned from the Royal Army Dental Corps on 1st May, 1946. Mrs. H. James resigned as a dental attendant in February, 1946. Miss C. Hayward and Miss M. Mills were appointed as dental attendants in April, 1946. Mr. K. W. Massey, L.D.S., left to take an appointment with the Devon County Council at the end of the year, after 16 years' service in Swindon, a service which was greatly appreciated, and we wish him every success in his new post.

Appended are the Statistical Tables of the various groups.

I wish to thank all the Staff of the Health Department and Teachers for the willing help and co-operation they have given us during the year.

> W. KENYON BERRIE, Senior Dental Officer.

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.

Primary and Secondary Modern Education.

(1)	Number	of	inspection	made	by	the	Dentists:—
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(1)	Numl			77			y the	Den	tists	:		ini,	
	(a) I	Cout	ine a	ge-gr	oups	:							
Age	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
No	. 46	402	837	997	940	1064	1070	1108	918	920	798	440	3
	(1) 6		,	A					To	TAL	ricon	9543	
	(b) S	pecı	als									36	
	Т	otal	(Ro	utine	and	Spec	cials)			Low	1 700	9579	
(2)	Numl	ber f	found	l to i	requi	re tre	eatme	ent				5004	
(3)	Numl	ber a	actua	lly to	reate	d			STAN,			3710	
(4)	Atten	dan	ces n	nade	by c	hildre	en fo	r trea	atme	nt		7655	
(5)	Half-	days	dev	oted			ction ment			***		100 1143	
					Т	otal	100					1243	
(6)	Fillin			nanen			dig Mari		(::::)			1957 40	
					Г	otal		***************************************	din.			1997	
(7)	Extra	actio		Perm: Temp				P. CORT		***		367 2526	
					T	otal						2893	
(8)	Admi	nisti	ration	of g	enera	l ana	esthe	tics f	or ex	tract	ion	821	
(9)	Other	Ор	erati				t Te			***		445 3662	
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DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.

Secondary Grammar and Further Education.

(1) Number of inspections made by the Dentists:—
(a) Routine age-groups:

Age 10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	57	194	277	267	273	193	81	40	3
(b) Spec	ials		In the	DI Es	Тот	AL	THE !	138	6 2
Tota	l (Ro	itine :	and S	pecials	s)			138	8
(2) Number	found	to re	equire	treatr	nent	diation.		66	8
(3) Number	actua	lly tre	eated		animpi ****	100 1		44	4
(4) Attendar	nces m	ade by	child	en for	treatn	nent	****	113	1
(5) Half-day	s deve	oted t		spectic eatmer		de aliana non none de designa	****	1 15	3
			Tot	al				16	3
(6) Fillings-		anent			folia 	Toterror		71	4
			Tot	al	****	****		71	4
(7) Extraction		Permai Tempo				(I		16	
			Tot	al	***		****	24	3
(8) Administ	tration	of ger	neral a	naestl	netics f	for ext	raction	11	2
(9) Other O	peration			nent Trary T		 [,		1
			Tot	al		4444		8	5
				lings ntures	— pa	artial	****		2

212

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511

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36

51

The Headlands

718

899

1386

909

1283

62

103

TOTALS

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF DENTAL INSPECTION AT THE SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS, YEAR 1946. from caries Number 506 treatment Total Number referred for 369 Number of Inspections Total 875 Number referred for treatment 343 RE-INSPECTIONS Number of Inspections 823 Number of Number Inspections referred for treatment 56 ENTRANTS 52 Secondary School. The Commonweal

%09	47.3%	48.2%
:	-	:
centage of Entrants requiring treatment	Children re-inspected requiring treatment	total number of children requiring treatment
jo	:	2
Percentage		

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.

Day Commercial School.

(1) Number of inspections made by the Dentists-

(a)	Routine	age-group	ps:
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(a) Routine age-g	roups:			
Age 14	15	16	17	18
61	75	27	5	1
			18 8	
		TOTAL		169
(b) Specials		ALLES.	1-8	_
TOTAL (Routin	e and Spec	ials)	3 1.3.	169
(2) Attendances made	by children	for treatm	ent	62
(3) Half-days devoted	to-Inspect	tion		2
(4) Fillings—Permaner			- 1	29
Temporar	y Teeth		4	
	TOTAL		La E	29
(5) Extractions—Perm	anent Teetl	1	1	17
Temp	orary Teetl	n	1.1	-
	TOTAL			17
(6) Administrations of	general ana	esthetics for		
extractions	3 4 5 9	2	****	8
(7) Other Operations-			4	4 -
	Temporary	Teeth	-	4
	TOTAL	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		8
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SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF DENTAL INSPECTION AT THE DAY COMMERCIAL SCHOOL, YEAR 1946.

	ENTRANTS	ANTS	RE-INSP	RE-INSPECTIONS	Total	Total	Number	
	Number of Inspections	Number of Number Inspections referred for treatment	Number of Number Inspections referred fo	Number referred for treatment	Number of Inspections	referred for treatment	free from caries	
May Inspections Dec. "	24	19	55	24	79,	43	36	
Totals	48	29	121	48	169	77	92	
Total	Percent	Percentage of Entrants requiring treatment ", children re-inspected requirin ", total number of children requ	of Entrants requiring treatment children re-inspected requiring treatment total number of children requiring treatment	eatment requiring treat ren requiring t	ment	60.4% 40% 46%	L 1Mi Engine	

DENTAL INSPECTIONS AND TREATMENT.

Engineering and Building School.

(1)	Number of inspections made by the Dentists	:		
	(a) Routine			108
	(b) Specials			-
	Total (Routine and Specials)			108
(2)	Number found to require treatment			45
(3)	Number actually treated			13
(4)	Attendances made by children for treatment			41
(5)	Half-days devoted to Inspection			2
(6)	Fillings—Permanent teeth			27
	Temporary teeth			_
	Total			27
				-
(7)	Extractions—Permanent teeth			5
	Temporary teeth		****	1
	Total			6
				_
(8)	Administrations of general anaesthetics for ex-	tractio	ns	4
(9)	Other operations—Permanent teeth			2
(-/	Temporary teeth			7
	Total			9
	Total	****	****	9
	Scalings			3

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF DENTAL INSPECTION AT THE ENGINEERING AND BUILDING SCHOOL, YEAR 1946.

	ENTRANTS	ANTS	RE-INSPECTIONS	ECTIONS	Total	Total	Number
	Number of Inspections	Number referred for Treatment	Number of Inspections	Number referred for Treatment	II III	number referred for Treatment	free from Caries
May—Inspect December—Inspect	4.11	2 6	41 52	18	45	20 25	38
TOTALS	15	8	93	37	108	45	63

53% 40% 41% Percentage of entrants requiring treatment children re-inspected requiring treatment ,, total number of children requiring treatment

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