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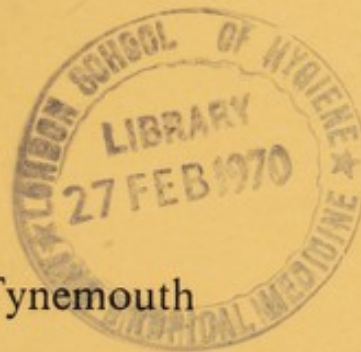
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**ANNUAL REPORT OF  
THE PRINCIPAL SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER  
FOR THE YEAR 1968**

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE,  
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
ALBION ROAD,  
NORTH SHIELDS.  
December 1969.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE  
COUNTY BOROUGH OF TYNEMOUTH.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I present to you the sixtieth Annual Report upon the activities of the School Health Service for the year 1968. This has been compiled in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 13 of the School Health Service and Handicapped Pupils Regulations Act, 1953.

The responsibility for the general administration of the Service and the discharge of the duties in regard to the medical inspection of pupils, both for routine and specific purposes together with the performance of special procedures, for example, vaccination against tuberculosis, treatment of minor ailments, etc., has been, as in previous years, that of Dr. G. McA. Dowson, Deputy Medical Officer of Health. In the discharge of certain of these duties, he has had the assistance of Dr. B. J. Catton, Assistant Medical Officer of Health.

In conclusion, I again wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to the Chairman and Members of the School Health Services Sub-Committee, to the Chief Education Officer and to the staff of this Department, for their assistance and willing co-operation, throughout the year, in the interests of the School Health Service.

R. H. DAWSON,  
*Medical Officer of Health and  
Principal School Medical Officer.*



**Schools in the Borough**

<i>Type of School</i>	<i>Average No. on Register in January 1969</i>
Primary .. .. .	7,894
Secondary Modern .. .. .	3,460
Woodlawn Day School for Delicate Children .. .. .	70
Special School for Educationally Sub-Normal Children .. .. .	114
Tynemouth High (Grammar School) .. .. .	771
Tynemouth Grammar Technical School .. .. .	714
Total School Population .. .. .	<u>13,023</u>

**School Clinics**

These are held in the Public Health Department, and a list of times is given below:—

**DENTAL**

There are two full-time dentists in attendance daily.

**MEDICAL**

Wednesday afternoon, or by special appointment.

**MINOR AILMENTS**

Monday to Friday mornings.

**ORTHOPTIC**

Thursday, morning and afternoon.

**PHYSIOTHERAPY**

Tuesday morning.

**PSYCHIATRIC**

Tuesday afternoon by special appointment.

**REFRACTION**

Thursday mornings.

**SPEECH THERAPY**

Daily, morning and afternoon.

**Co-ordination**

Arrangements in this area provide for continuity of supervision of the health of children from infancy to the end of school life, Maternal and Child Welfare Service records of pre-school children who had defects being transferred to the School Health Service when children reach the age of 5 years.

Co-ordination between the school health service, the Council's other services, the hospital services and general medical practitioners has been maintained.

**School Meals and Milk**

During 1968, one day returns showing the number of children having school dinners were taken on 2nd October, 1968. The

number of children taking meals was 6,484, of whom 1,751 had free meals, the former figure being 54.58% of the school roll. The percentage taking school milk was 91.6 which applied to juniors and infants only, as under the "Public Expenditure and Receipts Act 1968" the provision of milk to pupils in secondary schools ceased at the end of the summer term 1968.

The price of the school meal increased to 1/6d. on 29th April, 1968, but changes in arrangements for free school meals made more children eligible for free school meals.

Two new kitchens were opened during the year, bringing the number in the Borough up to 21.

### Immunisation

Facilities are available for diphtheria immunisation at the various Maternal and Child Welfare Centres of the Public Health Department, or at the surgeries of general medical practitioners. Vaccination against poliomyelitis is also carried out at the Public Health Department.

Details of numbers receiving this protective treatment can be found in the report of the Medical Officer of Health.

### B.C.G. Vaccination

The policy of offering protection against Tuberculosis to all school children in the thirteen year old age group was continued.

During the year under review 565 children were skin tested, and all those with a negative reaction were vaccinated at the school Clinic. Of the positive reactors 6 children were referred to the Chest Clinic for investigation, but no case of active tuberculosis was discovered among those examined.

A further 38 children of school age, who were contacts of known cases of tuberculosis, received B.C.G. vaccination at the Chest Clinic during 1968. These latter arrangements are under the control and supervision of Dr. A. R. Somner, Chest Physician.

The accompanying table shows the comparative figures for the last ten years. These figures compare very favourably with those for other similar industrial areas.

Year	Total Skin Tested	Positive Reaction	Negative Reaction	% requiring B.C.G. Protection
1959	562	64	498	88.61
1960	506	51	455	89.92
1961	464	17	447	96.33
1962	435	33	402	92.41
1963	550	33	517	94.00
1964	498	28	470	94.38
1965	612	33	579	94.60
1966	548	25	523	95.44
1967	483	27	456	94.41
1968	565	34	531	93.98



In addition to the number of children recorded above, a further 23 pupils were skin tested outside the routine vaccination programme. These children were classroom contacts of a case of tuberculosis. Fortunately, the tests all proved to be negative, and no other cases of tuberculosis came to light.

### Medical Inspections

A periodic medical inspection of children in the following age groups was carried out in each school.

- (a) ENTRANTS—children in their first year of attendance at a maintained primary infant school.
- (b) INTERMEDIATES—children in their last year of attendance at a maintained primary junior school.
- (c) LEAVERS—children in their last year of attendance at a maintained secondary school.
- (d) OTHERS—children of all ages who have missed inspection in groups (a), (b), (c).

Prior to the periodic medical inspection of the children in these age groups, the schools were visited by a School Nurse/Health Visitor, who weighed and measured the children and tested the visual acuity of those in groups (b), (c) and (d). At the actual inspection the Medical Officer was accompanied by a Nurse. Parents were invited to be present at these inspections.

The percentage of parents who were present at periodic inspections was 56.22 as compared with 57.98 in 1967, 62.25 in 1966 and 76.4 in 1937.

Special inspections and re-inspections were also conducted in each school department once during the year.

### Findings of Medical Inspections

Periodic Medical Inspection of 3,479 children was carried out in school, and all were recorded as being in a satisfactory general physical condition. The defects found at periodic and special inspections can be seen in the Table on page 23 of this report which shows separately the number of pupils found to require treatment (T) and the number of pupils found to require observation (O).

The following table shows the average heights and weights of boy and girl entrants selected at intervals, over a period of years, since periodic medical inspection commenced.

**AVERAGE HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS OF  
BOY AND GIRL ENTRANTS  
(5 year old age group)**

Year	BOY ENTRANTS		GIRL ENTRANTS	
	Average Heights	Average Weights	Average Heights	Average Weights
	ft. ins.	lbs.	ft. ins.	lbs.
1909	3 3.7	37.9	3 3.5	37.5
1918	3 4.7	39.1	3 4.0	38.5
1927	3 5.2	40.1	3 5.0	38.5
1936	3 6.2	41.1	3 6.1	39.3
1945	3 7.0	40.2	3 7.0	41.3
1950	3 7.0	43.1	3 6.5	42.1
1955	3 7.5	43.3	3 7.2	41.7
1960	3 7.0	43.3	3 6.5	41.5
1965	3 7.2	42.5	3 6.7	41.5
1966	3 7.3	42.6	3 6.4	41.4
1967	3 7.1	43.4	3 6.4	41.5
1968	3 7.0	42.7	3 6.3	40.5

**Uncleanliness—Head**

- (i) **GIRLS**—Of the 1,728 girls examined at periodic inspections, 73 or 4.22 per cent. were recorded as having nits; 57 or 0.72 per cent. of these had a minor infestation only.
- (ii) **BOYS**—Of the 1,751 boys examined at periodic inspection, 33 or 1.88 per cent. were recorded as having nits.

**Surprise Cleanliness Surveys**

In 1968, 20,613 examinations for uncleanliness were made in the schools by the nursing staff, and 550 pupils were found to be infested. No cleansing notices were issued. The supervision and treatment of certain children found to have dirty heads and referred to the School Clinic, was again carried out by the School Nurse at the Minor Ailment Clinic.

**Follow up Investigation**

During the year the Health Visitors followed up 42 cases which were under observation or treatment. In this connection 130 home visits were made and 111 inspections were carried out in school.

**Minor Ailments**

Minor Ailment Clinics were conducted by a School Nurse on five sessions per week for the treatment of children referred by a Head Teacher, or a Medical Officer with minor injuries, skin conditions, etc. 199 cases attended the Clinic, and made 772 attendances. This compares with 286 cases and 810 attendances in 1967 and 1,143 cases and 8,042 attendances in 1948.



### **Diseases of the Skin**

76 children were receiving treatment for diseases of the skin, including 44 children who were suffering from scabies, and received treatment either at home or at the School Clinic. There were also 11 cases of impetigo, and 21 other cases who received treatment for veruccas, eczema, dermatitis and miscellaneous infections.

### **Defective Vision and Squint**

The vision of first year entrants to Primary Junior Schools was tested by a Health Visitor or School Nurse, and any child suspected of having a visual defect was referred to a Medical Officer for further investigation.

During the year 395 Forms O.S.C. 10—as compared with 402 in 1967, and 129 in 1953—authorising the repair or replacement of spectacles were issued by the School Medical Officers. Of these 101 were charged to the Local Education Authority as being related to cases where lack of care on the part of the pupils had been the cause of loss or damage.

### **Eye Testing Clinic**

423 school children had their eyes tested by an Ophthalmic Surgeon at the School Clinic. Spectacles were prescribed for 382 of these children, and 121 were referred for orthoptic treatment.

We also have a record that 343 children had their eyes tested by opticians. Spectacles were prescribed for 327 of these.

### **Orthoptic Clinic**

The Orthoptic Clinic was held on two sessions per week. 24 new cases were registered, of these 11 were pre-school children. There were 20 discharges.

There were 466 attendances of school children, and 66 pre-school children were referred for observation and attended every 2-3 months.

24 children were referred to Newcastle General Hospital for correction of squint, 1 failed to attend when sent for, and 4 were not listed for operation. 12 had operations and will remain under the surgeons' care for observation and the necessary refractions for two years.

### **Speech Therapy**

During 1968, 320 children were treated either at the Speech Clinic or in school. 207 new patients were enrolled during the year and 118 were discharged.

Children were referred by the School Health Service, the Educational Psychologist and Head Teachers.

Hearing tests were carried out on 12 children, 11 school and 1 pre-school, and some hearing loss was confirmed in the majority of these.

### Tonsillectomy

The number of children who were examined at periodic medical examination, and the percentage of these who were recorded as having been subjected to tonsillectomy prior to the time of inspection, is shown below.

Age Group	Number of Pupils Inspected		Number found to have had Tonsillectomy		Percentage found to have had Tonsillectomy	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Entrants ...	706	692	29	16	4.11	2.31
Intermediates ...	505	466	97	113	19.21	24.25
Leavers ...	510	545	132	147	25.88	26.97
Others ...	30	25	8	6	26.67	24.00
Totals ...	1751	1728	266	182	15.19	15.40

### Orthopaedic and Postural Defects

96 School children were recorded as having received treatment for Orthopaedic and postural defects, 26 as in-patients at Sanderson Orthopaedic Hospital, and 3 as out-patients.

The in-patients received treatment as follows:—

For deformities of hips ..	1
feet ..	9
fingers ..	4
legs ..	4
spine ..	2
Spasticity .. ..	2
Miscellaneous defects .. ..	4

The remaining 67 children were treated by Mrs. Robinson, physiotherapist, who held a clinic on 37 half-day sessions during the year. The total attendance at these clinics was 305, and this figure included a number of Open-Air School children who were treated by Mrs. Robinson on the school premises to save them a journey out of school.

### Other Defects Treated

Other defects treated, not falling into classifications mentioned in Tables A to F may be seen by referring to Page 25, Table G. The 93 minor ailments treated included 6 burns, 30 minor injuries, 51 septic sores and 6 miscellaneous ailments.



### Infectious Diseases

An extract from the Head Teachers' weekly returns of Infectious and Other Diseases for the past ten years is as follows:—

DISEASE	YEAR									
	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Scarlet Fever	15	12	7	9	28	21	20	6	17	10
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	685	41	439	470	220	274	374	400	214	419
German Measles ...	19	13	15	466	660	48	82	26	774	103
Whooping Cough ...	97	105	91	13	103	26	9	95	44	20
Chicken Pox	430	680	167	105	769	317	550	308	272	192
Mumps ...	168	218	340	110	492	51	368	129	298	388
Ringworm ...	1	2	6	10	5	2	1	2	1	2
Impetigo ...	34	19	20	26	11	22	23	21	35	24
Scabies ...	15	22	24	11	2	15	2	11	28	34
Verminous Conditions	13	1	20	12	—	1	7	11	4	—
Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1

### School Dental Inspections and Treatment

The following report on the dental inspection and treatment of school children has been submitted by Mr. R. W. Essenhigh, Principal School Dental Officer:—

#### REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL SCHOOL DENTAL OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 1968

I have pleasure in presenting my 31st Annual Report on the School Dental Service for the year ending 31st December, 1968, this being the forty-fourth Annual Report.

The tables shown elsewhere in this publication give the details of all the forms of treatment and inspection undertaken during the year.

In the routine inspections at the Schools a total of 11,313 children were seen, and for emergency treatment children attended the Clinic to the number of 542.

The usual complete Dental Service was made available at the Clinic to all who desired treatment. This included general anaesthetics, conservation, orthodontic treatment and the provision of dentures and other appliances.

The Orthodontic Service for the correction of misplaced teeth and other faults of dentition was increasingly successful and resulted in many completed cases.

A total of 977 general anaesthetics for the extraction of teeth was again administered by Dr. J. R. Steadman.

The Routine Inspections at the Woodlawn and Southlands Schools resulted in the examination of 143 pupils. Attendances at the Clinic for treatment by children from these Schools totalled 91.

At the Training Centre 27 children were dentally examined and referred in some cases to the Clinic for treatment. A total of 16 attendances was made during the year from this Centre.

In conclusion thanks are again due to the Public Health and School Medical Staffs, to the Head Teachers and their Staffs, and to the Dental Nurses for their co-operation and help at all times.

(Signed) RICHARD W. ESSENHIGH,  
*Principal School Dental Officer.*

### Handicapped Pupils

Below is shown the number of children in the various categories of "Handicapped Pupils" normally residing in the area of this Authority, who were receiving their education in special schools at the end of 1968.

Blind Pupils . . . . .	2	in a residential school.
Partially Sighted Pupils . . . . .	1	in a special day school.
Deaf and Partially Hearing Pupils . . . . .	1	in a residential school for the Deaf.
	4	as weekly boarders in a special school for the deaf.
	2	as day pupils in a Partially Hearing Unit.
	1	as a day pupil in a Special School for the Deaf.
Physically Handicapped . . . . .	23	in Woodlawn School (Open-Air Day).
	7	as day pupils in a special school for Spastic children.
	1	in a residential school.
Delicate Pupils . . . . .	26	in Woodlawn School (Open-Air Day).
Maladjusted Pupils . . . . .	3	in Woodlawn School (Open-Air Day).
	3	in residential schools.
Educationally Sub-normal . . . . .	110	in the Southlands Special Day School.
	8	in residential schools.
Epileptic Pupils . . . . .	2	in Woodlawn School (Open-Air Day).
	1	in a residential school.

At the end of the year under review only two children were awaiting admission to Southlands Special School.



### Child Guidance Clinic

Child Guidance facilities have again been provided by Northgate and District Hospital at their Out-Patient Clinic at Preston Hospital and also by the Nuffield Child Psychiatry Unit in Newcastle. The case loads are heavy, however, and there is often a considerable waiting list. As a result, it is mainly urgent cases who are referred and 12 new cases are known to have been referred in 1968.

### School Psychological Service

This service is distinct from the Child Guidance Clinic as it is concerned with the various types of children who experience difficulties within the educational system and who require different methods to meet their needs. The service also assists the remedial teachers in the primary schools.

The children fall primarily into three classes:—

- (1) The Subnormal.
- (2) The Dull and Backward.
- (3) The Bright, Retarded or Emotionally Disturbed child.

During this year 149 children were referred, of these 10 either left the district or failed to keep appointments because of lack of parental co-operation or some other reason. At the end of the year 24 remained to be seen. Of the 115 children tested, 75 were boys and 40 were girls. These were dealt with in the following ways:—

Reports or advice to schools .. .. .	56
Referred to Child Guidance Clinics or for psychological help .. .. .	20
Reported to be Educationally Subnormal .. .. .	19
Reported to be unsuitable for education in school ..	6
Reports to Medical Officer of Health (School Medical Officers) .. .. .	7
Reports to others, e.g. General Practitioners, Probation Officer, Paediatricians, etc. .. .. .	7

Of the children seen, as before the majority, that is 74, were referred by Head Teachers, 16 were referred by the School Medical Officer, and 25 by other agencies, such as Paediatricians, Probation Officer, Health Visitors, and General Practitioners. These proportions are similar to previous years.

### Woodlawn School and Southlands Special School

Regular visits were made to Woodlawn and Southlands Special Schools by the Assistant Medical Officer of Health and a Health Visitor. 72 re-examinations were carried out by the Medical Officer, to check on children's progress and to ascertain if they were fit to return to an ordinary school.

I have pleasure in submitting the Reports of the Head Teachers, giving details of the work of the two Special Schools.

### WOODLAWN SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1968

It is with pleasure that I present my report on the work of Woodlawn School for the year 1968. There has been no change in the teaching staff and this helps to ensure a stable and happy situation in the school. Mrs. Anderson has joined the ancillary staff and is proving to be a very welcome addition to the staff.

I thank all the staff at Woodlawn for their willingness, enthusiasm and helpful attitude in their concern for the children in school.

The year began with 70 children on the roll, 45 boys and 25 girls, and ended with 67 children, 43 boys and 24 girls. Again it will be noticed the high proportion of boys in the school.

During the year 16 pupils, 7 boys and 9 girls, were admitted and 19 pupils, 9 boys and 10 girls, were discharged.

#### Pupils on the Registers—1st January, 1968

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Pupils on Registers—			
1st Jan., 1968 .. ..	45	25	70
Admitted or re-admitted ..	7	9	16
	<hr/> 52	<hr/> 34	<hr/> 86
Discharged .. ..	8	11	19
	<hr/> 44	<hr/> 23	<hr/> 67
Pupils at 31st Dec., 1968 ..	<hr/> 44	<hr/> 23	<hr/> 67

Children discharged during the year were in the following groups.

12	Transferred to other schools
2	To hospital
2	South East Northumberland Technical College
3	Age—started work
	(1 Civil Service)
	(2 Apprenticeships)
<hr/> 19	Total
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Pupils on roll on the 31st December, 1968, may be classified in the following way.

<i>Diagnosis</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Delicate, including Bronchitis and Asthma .. ..	20	11	31
Physically Handicapped ..	18	12	30
Maladjusted .. ..	4	—	4
Epileptic .. ..	2	—	2
	<u>44</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>67</u>

Many of the children have more than one handicap and some have speech defects which hinder progress.

It has been a busy and rewarding year with our pupils attempting challenges in new directions. Two senior girls who attended Mothercraft lessons and also spent half-a-day each week at the Sir James Knott Nursery passed their examinations at a national level. I wish to thank Miss Craggs at the Nursery School for her kind help with my two girls who enjoyed their new occupation.

It has been very pleasing to see the physical and emotional development among our pupils. Some have been transferred back to primary and secondary schools because of their general physical improvement. I wish to thank the School Medical Officer and his staff for their help and medical care of our pupils. Dr. Catton has examined all our pupils during the year and has also seen many children on request. Under these circumstances I wish to thank Dr. Catton for her care of our children and her willingness to help us with some of our day to day problems. During the year the Staff of the Health Department have given us their unstinted assistance and we recognise them as very helpful friends.

We were sorry to lose our morning visitor, Nurse Lynch, who supervised the exercises and postural drainage of our asthma and bronchitis cases, but we welcome our new nurse for these sessions.

Nurse Walker is our visitor on Wednesday mornings and she keeps a close check on the minor ailments and the general health of our children. She has been involved in the Mothercraft lessons with our senior girls and we look forward to 1969 when she will come to Woodlawn to take the special group of girls in this subject each week.

Mrs. Taylor, our Speech Therapist, comes to Woodlawn on Tuesday afternoons and our speech handicapped children have greatly benefitted from her special care. We are all delighted with the progress of these children and realise that there is a great deal of patient teaching done by Mrs. Taylor.

Our Physiotherapist, Mrs. Robinson, also calls at Woodlawn on Tuesdays to give physiotherapy to our handicapped children. Her work is mainly concerned with those pupils who return to hospital



for specialist treatment and further operations, such as the spina bifida children and spastics.

Miss Wheway, our Psychologist, carries out assessments of our children when required. In 1967 she had a busy year at Woodlawn, but 1968 has been much quieter and the demands on her time have been less. Miss Wheway is always willing to discuss the special needs of certain children and give us her valuable assistance.

Mr. R. Essenhigh, the School Dental Officer, paid his annual visit to Woodlawn and, as a result, many of our children have had dental treatment. Our older boys and girls are keeping their teeth in good order, a good sign for the future.

Throughout the years swimming has always been popular at Woodlawn and now more and more of our children are keen swimmers. Most of the boys and girls who are able to go to the swimming sessions are now swimming quite well, and our youngest is still in the infant group. This year we tested the children for the A.S.A. Handicapped Children's Certificate and 23 were successful in either Stage 1 or Stage 2. Badges and Certificates were awarded and we look forward to the more able children receiving their final awards this coming year. May I thank Mrs. Logie, the Swimming Instructress, and Mr. Slaney, the Organiser for Physical Education, for the generous help given to our pupils?

Woodlawn is visited each year by groups of students from Colleges of Education and also by groups of nurses from the local hospitals. We are pleased to record that many of the students showed a great interest in the work here and we welcomed their questions.

We hope that many of our pupils will get to know the Northern Counties better and to encourage this we organise day visits to places far afield—such as the Lake District and, nearer home, Alnwick Castle, the Mills at Otterburn and Warkworth Castle. The unseasonable weather of 1968 made visits by the younger pupils impossible so we are hoping for a sunny 1969 to carry out our proposed visits. The visits by the senior pupils have been very rewarding and one of the high spots has been the meal at an hotel, always enjoyed by very hungry boys and girls.

In December we held another successful Coffee Morning and Christmas Fair. Miss Wheway was our guest and opened the Fair which resulted in nearly £100 being raised for School Funds. We extend our thanks to the friends and parents of Woodlawn for their support. A busy and happy time was had by all.

Christmas parties rounded off the term and this year we had three. The young infants are now so small, we arranged a special party, complete with Father Christmas, for them alone. The parties were very enjoyable and a happy atmosphere was created by some good work by all the staff at school. Mrs. Binks and her staff have worked very hard in providing us with excellent meals and they have helped us a great deal on special occasions.

During the year our good friends from the Golden Sands Club, the Royal Air Force Association, Mr. and Mrs. Grundy, supplied us with funds to provide outings and Christmas Parties for the



children. We appreciate their kind help which has brought a great deal of pleasure to many boys and girls.

I wish to pay tribute to the valuable assistance received from the members of the Education Committee and especially to Alderman J. Lisle for his frequent visits and discussions; also to the Chief Education Officer and his staff at the Education Office for their help on many occasions.

To the staff at Woodlawn School, teaching, ancillary and domestic, I wish to extend my grateful thanks for their hard work, enthusiasm and willingness to overcome repeated difficulties which have resulted in a year of progress and good results, which have meant worthwhile jobs and further education for our school leavers.

C. A. WALTON,  
*Headmaster.*

### SOUTHLANDS SPECIAL SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1968

I have pleasure in presenting this report on the work of Southlands School for 1968.

The number on roll at the beginning of the year was 89. 40 of these were girls and 49 were boys. During the year 29 children 12 girls and 17 boys were admitted. 17 pupils, 14 boys and 3 girls left during the year, 11 having reached school leaving age, 4 transferring to other schools, 1 left the district and 1 died.

The average number on roll was 91 and the average attendance was 83.

The following table shows the intelligence quotients of the children who were on the roll on the last day of the year.

Intelligence Quotients	70—75		60—69		50—59		40—49		Not Assessed	
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.
Number of children in each grade	20	14	25	20	10	8	—	2	—	2
	34		45		18		2		2	

The medical supervision of the children was again carried out by Doctor B. J. Catton, Assistant Medical Officer of Health.

Miss J. P. Wheway, Educational Psychologist, again carried out the psychometric testing of children put forward for ascertainment as well as advising in cases of individual difficulty.

Nurse Buxton again visited school each week to deal with ailments.

Mrs. G. Taylor, Speech Therapist, carried out weekly therapy with certain children.



Mr. Hogan and Mrs. Dixon, Youth Employment Officers, visited the school to interview and counsel the school leavers.

Mr. R. Essenhigh, Principal School Dental Officer, carried out the annual dental inspection of the children, and carried out treatment on those requiring treatment.

The whole year was dominated by the presence of the builders who were with us from February until well after Christmas, building two new rooms. At the beginning of the year we were pleased to welcome Mr. I. D. W. Smith on to the teaching staff of the school to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Gilmour's departure to Condercum House School, Newcastle as Deputy Head. Later in the year we welcomed back Mr. A. T. Mennear from his one year leave of absence at Newcastle University. Unfortunately the new classrooms were not ready for his return and Mr. Mennear had to spend most of the Autumn Term teaching his newly formed class in the library and the other communal spaces. We were all saddened by the sudden need to retire, because of ill health, of Mrs. M. Ferguson. Mrs. Ferguson had been a teacher at Lovaine House since 1957 and had transferred to Southlands in 1963. We were sorry to lose the service of such a good experienced teacher in this way. During the year we received many visitors from this country and abroad. We were pleased to welcome over 70 Tynemouth teachers who attended two sessions on Programmed Learning and Teaching Machines during the year. Distinguished visitors to various functions throughout the year included Councillor Dr. J. Knox, Chairman of Tynemouth Education Committee, Alderman J. Lisle, J.P., Alderman J. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilson, and Mr. R. S. Taylor.

Throughout the year visits were made to various places of interest. For example, the Senior girls were interested to visit the Woollen Mills at Otterburn, the Senior boys climbed the Simonside Hills in February, and everyone was thrilled by the Army, Police and Fire Service display at the Drill Hall, Tynemouth.

The school took part in a series of football matches, athletics meetings, cricket matches and cross-country running, in which the children performed well, and from which they gained valuable social experience.

Swimming instruction was again taken at the Learner Pools and at Hawkeys Lane Pool, and certificates were awarded to those children who achieved the necessary standard.

The Youth Club under the leadership of Mr. F. Wakeham met regularly during the year. Under Mr. Wakeham's leadership the club carried on many activities and had a very successful year.

One of the highlights of the year was the first Musical Festival in which we participated at the infant level. Our children's contribution was very well received and the adjudicator was pleased with the standard of our children's musical training.

We were again very grateful to the Border Terrier Tankard Club for their interest and kindness. Over the year they donated £100



to help towards the cost of educational excursions during the year. They also gave the children selection boxes at Christmas and Easter Eggs at Easter when Mr. and Mrs. T. Spours came to judge the school Easter Bonnet competition and to present the eggs.

The transport of children to school was again provided by two buses shared with Woodlawn School. With the increase of numbers on the school roll, it was decided to arrange for most of the senior children to travel to school using public transport with bus passes provided by the Education Committee. This scheme has proved very successful and the children have gained valuable experience of using public transport as part of "work preparation".

School meals were again provided by Mrs. J. Dewdney and her assistants from our own kitchens and the distribution of school milk continued.

In conclusion I would like to thank all those members of the School Medical Department and the Education Office who have helped the school in so many ways during the year. I would also like to thank all the staff at Southlands, both teaching and domestic, for all their hard work and loyal service throughout the year.

J. B. COLLINGWOOD,

*Headmaster*

### **Nursery Schools**

Arrangements were made for the medical inspection of children attending the Sir James Knott and Howdon Road, Nursery Schools. The schools were visited regularly by Dr. B. J. Catton accompanied by a Health Visitor.

### **Miscellaneous Medical Examinations**

174 children were medically examined in accordance with the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933; all were granted employment certificates.

### **Deaths of School Children**

During the year, only one child of school age died; his death was the result of being run over by a car.

## STATISTICAL TABLES

## MEDICAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT RETURNS

Number of pupils on registers of maintained schools in January 1968  
and in Direct Grant, Non-maintained and Independent schools  
(under arrangements made by the Authority) as in Forms 7,  
7M, 8b and 11 Schools ... .. 13,256

**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 examina- tion	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected		Pupils found to require treat- ment (excluding dental diseases and infestation with vermin)		
		Satis- factory	Unsat- isfactory	for defective vision (excluding squint)	for any other condition recorded at Part II	Total individual pupils
		No.	No.			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1964 and later	13	13	—	—	1	1
1963	1,169	1,169	—	45	207	233
1962	216	216	—	4	25	27
1961	20	20	—	3	—	3
1960	16	16	—	—	2	2
1959	5	5	—	—	—	—
1958	3	3	—	—	—	—
1957	680	680	—	46	38	83
1956	291	291	—	17	10	26
1955	9	9	—	—	—	—
1954	2	2	—	—	—	—
1953 and earlier	1,055	1,055	—	43	17	60
TOTAL	3,479	3,479	—	158	300	435



TABLE B.—OTHER INSPECTIONS

Number of Special Inspections	...	296
Number of Re-inspections	...	1,590
Total	...	<u>1,886</u>

TABLE C.—INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

(a)	Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by school nurses or other authorised persons	...	...	20,613
(b)	Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	...	...	550
(c)	Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act 1944)	...	...	—
(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

Defect Code No. (1)	Defect or Disease (2)	Periodic Inspections				Special Inspec'ns	
		Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total		
4	Skin ... ..	T O	12 9	6 —	6 —	24 9	2 —
5	Eyes—a. Vision ...	T	20	40	66	126	54
		O	1	—	—	1	1
	b. Squint ...	T	16	—	1	17	—
		O	3	—	—	3	—
6	Ears—a. Hearing ...	T	4	1	2	7	1
		O	—	—	—	—	—
	b. Otitis Media	T	—	—	—	—	—
		O	—	—	—	—	—
7	c. Other ...	T	—	—	—	—	—
		O	—	—	—	—	—
		T	—	—	—	—	—
		O	—	—	—	—	—
8	Nose and Throat ...	T	10	3	9	22	—
		O	54	—	2	56	—
9	Speech ... ..	T	14	—	—	14	2
		O	—	—	—	—	—
10	Lymphatic Glands ...	T	—	—	1	1	—
		O	—	—	—	—	—
11	Heart ... ..	T	1	—	—	1	—
		O	17	1	4	22	—
12	Lungs ... ..	T	4	—	2	6	—
		O	25	—	—	25	—
13	Developmental						
	a. Hernia ...	T	—	—	—	—	—
		O	1	—	—	1	—
	b. Other ...	T	2	—	2	4	—
		O	1	—	—	1	—
14	Orthopaedic						
	a. Posture ...	T	—	—	—	—	—
		O	—	—	—	—	—
	b. Feet ...	T	5	2	—	7	3
		O	12	1	3	16	1
	c. Other ...	T	2	—	—	2	—
15		O	15	—	—	15	—
	Nervous System						
	a. Epilepsy ...	T	1	—	2	3	1
		O	3	—	—	3	—
	b. Other ...	T	7	—	2	9	4
		O	—	—	1	1	—
16	Psychological						
	a. Developm't	T	—	1	—	1	—
		O	—	—	—	—	—
	b. Stability ...	T	—	—	—	—	—
		O	1	—	—	1	—
17	Abdomen ... ..	T	2	—	—	2	—
		O	1	—	—	1	—
18	Other ... ..	T	2	—	2	4	4
		O	2	—	2	4	—



**Part III.—Treatment of Pupils attending Maintained Primary and Secondary Schools (including Nursery and Special Schools)**

**TABLE A.—EYE DISEASES, DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT**

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint ... ..	3
Errors of refraction (including squint) ... ..	790
Total ... ..	<u>793</u>
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed ...	729

**TABLE B.—DISEASES AND DEFECTS OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT**

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
Received operative treatment—	
(a) for diseases of the ear ...	—
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis ... ..	156
(c) for other nose and throat conditions ... ..	—
Received other forms of treatment ... ..	20
Total ... ..	<u>176</u>
Total number of pupils still on the register of schools at 31st Dec., 1968 known to have been provided with hearing aids :	
*(a) in 1968 ... ..	—
(b) in previous years ... ..	13

\*A pupil recorded under (a) above should not be recorded at (b) in respect of the supply of a hearing aid in a previous year

**TABLE C.—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS**

	Number known to have been treated
(a) Pupils treated at clinics or out-patients departments ...	96
(b) Pupils treated at school for postural defects ... ..	—
Total ... ..	<u>96</u>

TABLE D.—DISEASES OF THE SKIN  
(excluding uncleanness, for which see Table C of Part I)

	Number of pupils known to have been treated
Ringworm : (a) Scalp ... ..	—
(b) Body ... ..	—
Scabies ... ..	44
Impetigo ... ..	11
Other skin diseases ... ..	21
Total ... ..	76

TABLE E.—CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT

	Number known to have been treated
Pupils treated at Child Guidance clinics ... ..	42

TABLE F.—SPEECH THERAPY

	Number known to have been treated
Pupils treated by speech therapists	284

TABLE G.—OTHER TREATMENT GIVEN

	Number known to have been dealt with
(a) Pupils with minor ailments	93
(b) Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements ... ..	—
(c) Pupils who received B.C.G. vaccination ... ..	531
(d) Other than (a), (b) and (c) above: Please specify:	
Abdominal conditions ... ..	32
Accidents ... ..	14
Burns ... ..	4
Cardio vascular and Blood Conditions. ... ..	2
Nervous system ... ..	3
Respiratory conditions ... ..	11
Miscellaneous ... ..	13
Total (a)—(d)	703



## SCREENING TESTS OF VISION AND HEARING

- |       |  |        |  |
|-------|--|--------|--|
| 1 (a) | Is the vision of entrants tested as a routine within their first year at school ?          | ... .. | No.  |
| (b)   | If not, at what age is the first routine test carried out                                  | ... .. | 7 years old.                               |
| 2     | At what age(s) is vision testing repeated during a child's school life                     | ... .. | 11 and 15 years old.                       |
| 3 (a) | Is colour vision testing undertaken?   | ... .. | No.  |
| (b)   | If so, at what age ?   | ... .. | —  |
| (c)   | Are both boys and girls tested ?   | ... .. | —  |
| 4 (a) | By whom is vision testing carried out ?  | ... .. | Health Visitor or School Nurse.            |
| (b)   | By whom is colour vision testing carried out ?   | ... .. | —  |
| 5 (a) | Is routine audiometric testing of entrants carried out within their first year at school ? | ... .. | No.  |
| (b)   | If not, at what age is the first routine audiometric test carried out ?                    | ... .. | As soon as a defect presents itself.       |
| (c)   | By whom is audiometric testing carried out ?   | ... .. | Speech Therapist and Hospital E.N.T. Dept. |

## Dental Inspection and Treatment carried out by the Authority

1.	Number of Pupils on the register of maintained primary and secondary schools, including nursery and special schools in January 1968 as in Forms 7, 7m and 11 schools ...					13,256
2.	Attendances and Treatment					
		Ages 5 to 9	Ages 10 to 14	Ages 15 & over	Total	
	First visit ...	1,155	1,081	225	2,461	
	Subsequent visits ...	1,232	1,479	258	2,969	
	Total visits ...	2,387	2,560	483	5,430	
	Additional courses of treatment commenced ...					
	Fillings in permanent teeth ...	344	939	392	1,675	
	Fillings in deciduous teeth ...	221	24	—	245	
	Permanent teeth filled ...	339	894	387	1,620	
	Deciduous teeth filled ...	219	24	—	243	
	Permanent teeth extracted ...	106	459	118	683	
	Deciduous teeth extracted ...	1,704	341	—	2,045	
	General anaesthetics ...	574	346	57	977	
	Emergencies ...	335	168	39	542	
	Number of pupils x-rayed ...	...	...	...	82	
	Prophylaxis ...	...	...	...	116	
	Teeth otherwise conserved ...	...	...	...	94	
	Number of teeth root filled ...	...	...	...	3	
	Inlays ...	...	...	...	—	
	Crowns ...	...	...	...	6	
	Courses of treatment completed ...	...	...	...	1,689	
3.	Orthodontics					
	Cases remaining from previous year ...	...	...	...	34	
	New cases commenced during year ...	...	...	...	66	
	Cases completed during year ...	...	...	...	52	
	Cases discontinued during year ...	...	...	...	9	
	No. of removable appliances fitted ...	...	...	...	78	
	No. of fixed appliances fitted ...	...	...	...	—	
	Pupils referred to Hospital Consultant ...	...	...	...	3	
4.	Prosthetics					
		5 to 9	10 to 14	15 and over	Total	
	Pupils supplied with F.U. or F.L. (first time) ...	—	—	—	—	
	Pupils supplied with other dentures (first time) ...	2	4	7	13	
	Number of dentures supplied ...	3	17	16	36	
5.	Anaesthetics					
	General anaesthetics administered by Dental Officers ...	...	...	...	—	
6.	Inspections					
	(a) First inspection at school. Number of pupils ...	...	...	...	9,773	
	(b) First inspection at clinic. Number of pupils ...	...	...	...	1,502	
	Number of (a) plus (b) found to require treatment ...	...	...	...	3,260	
	Number of (a) plus (b) offered treatment ...	...	...	...	2,845	
	(c) Pupils re-inspected at school or clinic ...	...	...	...	2,370	
	Number of (c) found to require treatment ...	...	...	...	820	
7.	Sessions					
	Sessions devoted to treatment ...	...	...	...	736	
	Sessions devoted to inspection ...	...	...	...	55	
	Sessions devoted to Dental Health Education ...	...	...	...	—	









