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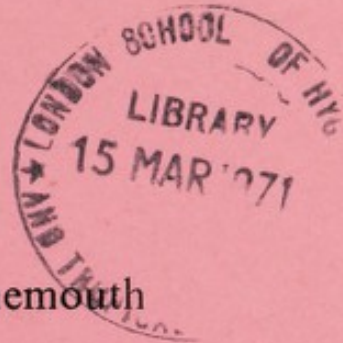
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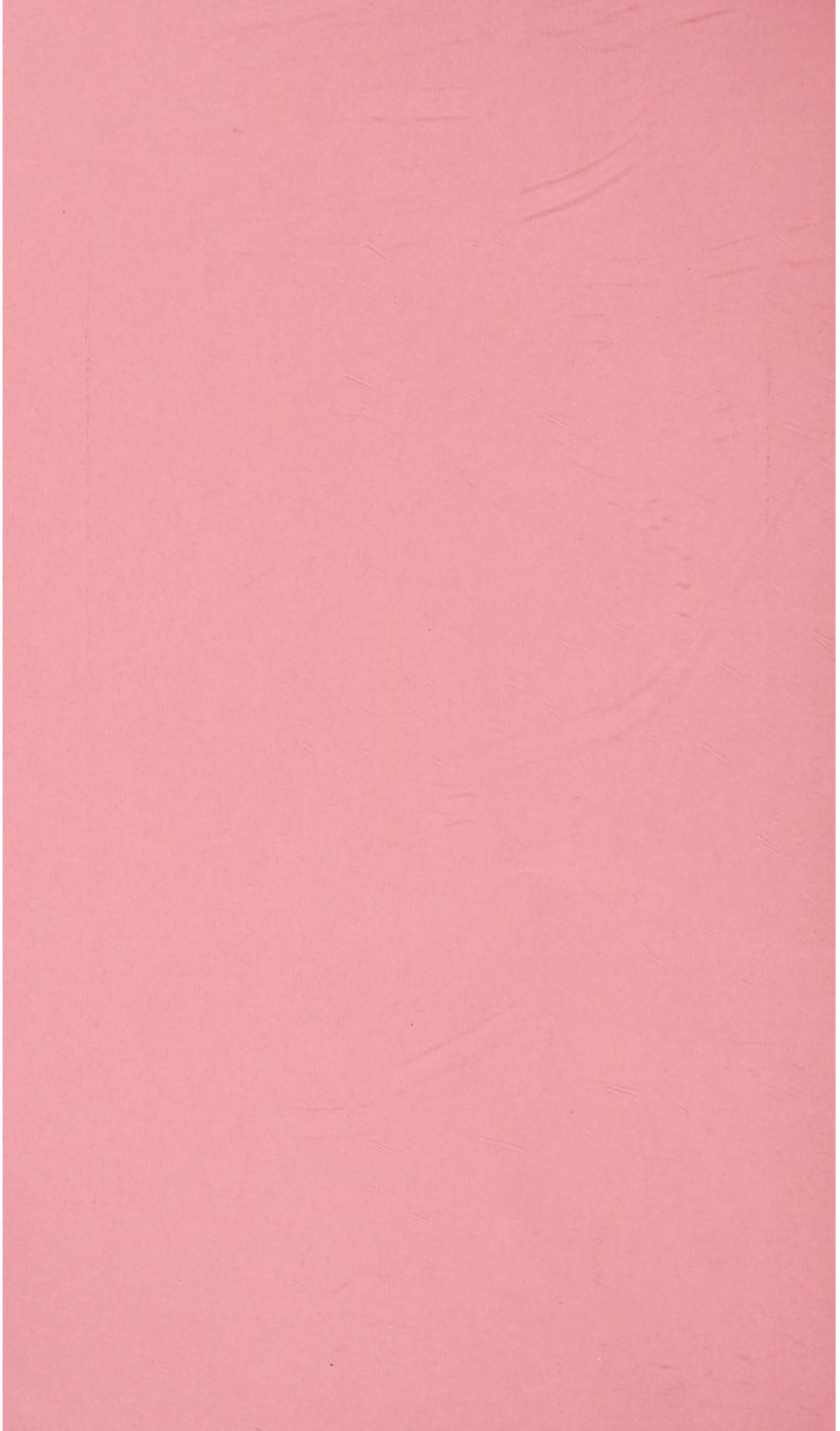


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ANNUAL REPORT OF  
THE PRINCIPAL SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER  
FOR THE YEAR 1969

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE,  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
ALBION ROAD,  
NORTH SHIELDS.

November 1970.

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 Sixty-First Annual Report upon the activities of the School Health Service for the year 1969. 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 routine 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 shared by Dr. D. B. Walls and Dr. J. Somner who have previously carried out a proportion of this work in a part-time capacity for several years. In the discharge of certain of these duties relating to the special schools the responsibility has been, as in former years, that of Dr. B. J. Catton, Deputy 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.

G. MACA. DOWSON,  
*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 1970</i>
Primary .. .. .	7,879
Secondary .. .. .	4,920
Woodlawn Day School for Delicate Children .. .. .	69
Special School for Educationally Sub-Normal Children .. .. .	114
Total school population .. .. .	<u>12,982</u>

### School Clinics

These are held in the 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, fortnightly.

#### 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 1969 one day returns showing the number of children having school dinners were taken on 24th September, 1969. The number of children taking meals was 6,605, of whom 1,316 had

free meals, the former figure being 54.63% of the school rolls. The percentage in primary schools taking school milk was 91.2 which showed a slight decrease on the previous year.

The price of school meals remained at 1/6d. per meal and during the year there was a steady increase in the number of children taking school dinners.

Two new kitchens were opened, and Marden Boys' School Kitchen was closed, Marden Girls' Kitchen being enlarged to cater for the whole school when it became comprehensive.

This brought the number of kitchens up to 22.

### Immuaisation

Facilities are available for diphtheria immunisation at the various Maternal and Child Welfare Centres of the Health Department, or at the surgeries of general medical practitioners. Vaccination against poliomyelitis is also carried out at the 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 482 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.

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
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
1969	482	30	452	93.78

### 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, 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 55.93 as compared with 56.22 in 1968, 57.98 in 1967 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 3,565 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
1969	3 6.5	42.2	3 6.4	41.7



### Uncleanliness — Head

- (i) GIRLS—Of the 1,727 girls examined at periodic inspections, 70 or 4.01 per cent were recorded as having nits; 18 or 1.03 per cent of these had a minor infestation only. 1 girl was found to be verminous.
- (ii) BOYS—Of the 1,818 boys examined at periodic inspections, 48 or 2.64 per cent were recorded as having nits; 12 or 0.66 per cent had a minor infestation only.

### Surprise Cleanliness Surveys

In 1969, 21,235 examinations for uncleanliness were made in the schools by the nursing staff, and 696 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 107 cases which were under observation or treatment. In this connection 225 home visits were made and 278 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. 219 cases attended the Clinic, and made 957 attendances. This compares with 199 cases and 772 attendances in 1968 and 1,143 cases and 8,042 attendances in 1948.

### Diseases of the Skin

141 children were receiving treatment for diseases of the skin, including 96 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 34 other cases who received treatment for eczema, dermatitis and miscellaneous infections.

### Defective Vision and Squint

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

During the year 381 Forms O.S.C.10—as compared with 393 in 1968 and 129 in 1953—authorising the repair or replacement of spectacles were issued by the School Medical Officers. Of these 148 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**

235 school children had their eyes tested by an Ophthalmic Surgeon at the School Clinic. Spectacles were prescribed for 211 of these children, and 115 were referred for orthoptic treatment.

We also have a record that 254 children had their eyes tested by opticians. Spectacles were prescribed for 226 of these.

### **Orthoptic Clinic**

The Orthoptic Clinic was held on two sessions per week. 27 new cases were registered including 10 pre-school children. There were 28 discharges.

Attendances of school children totalled 455, and of pre-school children 195. In addition, 36 children under school age attended every 2-3 months for observation.

10 children were referred to Newcastle General Hospital for correction of squint, and 1 to the Royal Victoria Infirmary. One failed to attend when sent for. 5 had operations, 3 of whom had been listed in 1968.

### **Speech Therapy**

During 1969, 184 children were seen regularly for assessment and treatment. They were referred by the School Health Service, the Educational Psychologist and Head Teachers.

Children were seen either at the Speech Therapy Unit or in school. Larger numbers of children are being assessed and dealt with within the schools. Here they react more normally, being in a familiar environment. This also provides the opportunity to discuss problems with teachers whose assistance in helping to carry out programmes of work has been invaluable.

Many other children were seen but were dealt with in various ways. Either advice was given to parents and teachers on how to handle the problem, or the children were reviewed at intervals to ensure that their speech and language continued to develop normally. Some children were referred to other disciplines for specific help or assessment.

### **Tonsillectomy**

The number of children who were examined at periodic medical examination, and the percentage of these who were recorded as







### 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									
	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Scarlet Fever	12	7	9	28	21	20	6	17	10	7
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	41	439	470	220	274	374	400	214	419	52
German Measles ...	13	15	466	660	48	82	26	774	103	37
Whooping Cough ...	105	91	13	103	26	9	95	44	20	30
Chicken Pox	680	167	105	769	317	550	308	272	192	303
Mumps ...	218	340	110	492	51	368	129	298	388	183
Ringworm ...	2	6	10	5	2	1	2	1	2	—
Impetigo ...	19	20	26	11	22	23	21	35	24	29
Scabies ...	22	24	11	2	15	2	11	28	34	45
Verminous Conditions	1	20	12	—	1	7	11	4	—	—
Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	1	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. N. A. Eddy, Principal School Dental Officer.

#### REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL SCHOOL DENTAL OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 1969

I have pleasure in presenting my 1st Annual Report on the School Dental Service for the year ending 31st December, 1969, this being the forty-fifth Annual Report.

Complete details of the various forms of treatment undertaken at the School Dental Clinic can be found elsewhere in this publication and the following is a brief summary of the work during the year.

The routine dental inspections of the schools in the Borough resulted in a total of 4,822 children of all ages being examined. In addition, 1,296 children were inspected at the Clinic. Attendances at the Clinic by patients requiring emergency treatment numbered 588.

As in previous years a complete dental service in all its branches was made available at the Clinic and the usual close co-operation of the School Medical Department was most valuable in this respect. Orthodontic treatment for the correction of dental irregularities continued to be requested by many parents and specialist advice

at the Dental Hospital in Newcastle was obtained in the more complex cases.

The general anaesthetic sessions for the extraction of teeth resulted in 868 cases being treated during the year. As before, the anaesthetics were administered by Dr. J. R. Steadman.

Annual inspections were made of the pupils attending Woodlawn and Southlands Schools where a total of 153 pupils were examined. Attendances by pupils from these schools numbered 140.

31 Children attending the Training Centre were examined and referred where necessary for treatment. 29 attendances were made to the Clinic for dental care.

In November the Principal Dental Officer attended a Course on efficiency in the Public Dental Service.

There were two Staff changes during the year. Mr. R. W. Essenhigh retired at the beginning of March after 30 years as Principal Dental Officer. At the end of March Mr. J. Thomson, the Assistant Dental Officer, resigned and Mrs. P. Smart was appointed to this post.

I would like to thank the Health and School Medical Staffs, the Head Teachers and their Assistants for their help and co-operation at all times. I would also like to thank Mr. Essenhigh and the Staff of the Dental Clinic for all the advice and encouragement that they have given to me during my first year in this post.

(Signed) NIGEL A. EDDY,  
*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 1969.

Blind Pupils .. .. .	2	in a residential school.
Partially Sighted Pupils ..	2	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.
	3	as day pupils in a Partially Hearing Unit.
	1	as a day pupil in a Special School for the Deaf.
Physically Handicapped ..	17	in Woodlawn School (Open-Air Day).
	5	as day pupils in a special school for Spastic children.



Delicate Pupils	.. ..	32	in Woodlawn School (Open-Air Day).
Maladjusted Pupils	.. ..	2	in Woodlawn School (Open-Air Day).
			1 in a residential school.
Educationally Sub-Normal		103	in the Southlands Special Day School.
			4 in residential schools.

At the end of the year under review only two children were on the waiting list for admission to residential special schools.

### Child Guidance Clinic

Child guidance facilities have again been provided by the Nuffield Child Psychiatry Unit and Northgate Hospital. Since many children are referred directly by their general practitioners, it is not possible to keep an exact check on the number of children receiving psychiatric help. It is not always possible for parents to attend clinics as far away as Newcastle so that the present situation is far from ideal. 8 new cases were referred to psychiatrists by the School Psychological Service.

### 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 120 children were tested and of these 74 were boys and 46 girls. 12 were found to be Educationally Subnormal.

It is interesting to note that of the children who were referred, the agencies making the referrals were as follows:—

Head Teachers	.. ..	83
School Medical Officer	.. ..	13
Parents	.. ..	6
Others	.. ..	18

The last category includes the Children's Department, Psychiatrists, Paediatricians and General Practitioners. In some cases those referred by the school may also be at the instigation of a parent who is anxious.

As before, advice has been given to the remedial teachers but with increasing pressure it has been difficult to do this adequately,



and the appointment of a Remedial Organiser will be of inestimable help. The Educational Psychologist has attended a number of working parties and made special reports. She has also given talks to training courses for nursery nurses and to some local church groups, in order to make the work of the School Psychological Service better known and improve community relationships.

#### 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. 59 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 1969

It is with great pleasure that I present my report on the work of Woodlawn School for 1969. Again there has been no change in the teaching staff, and in fact no change in the complete staff of the school. We welcome Miss Hall as our visiting music teacher who is with us on a Friday afternoon.

I thank all the staff at Woodlawn for their hard work and willingness to tackle many difficult situations. A good social atmosphere is built up in the school by the complete staff. To the teachers I wish to pay special regard as demands on their skill and patience are heavy but the rewards bring a great deal of pleasure.

Again the number of boys in relation to girls is high, at the end of 1969 we had 43 boys and 23 girls in school.

During the year boys and girls were transferred to normal schools and most seemed to have settled in quickly. Two of our girl school leavers were able to obtain posts in the Civil Service and report that they are happy in their work. One Senior boy has been accepted to take a G.C.E. Course at the S.E. Northumberland Technical College.

Pupils on the Roll on 31st December, 1969, may be classified in the following way:—

<i>Diagnosis</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Delicate; including Bronchitis and Asthma .. ..	19	10	29
Physically Handicapped .. ..	18	11	29
Maladjusted .. ..	1	—	1
Epileptic .. ..	3	—	3
Speech Defects .. ..	2	2	4
	—	—	—
	43	23	66
	—	—	—



It is now very obvious that the infant group is mainly very severely handicapped. Only 4 children in that group are classed as delicate, the others are physically handicapped and, in addition, have other serious handicaps such as speech defects, poor eyesight and partial hearing, and in some cases the children are also E.S.N. A great deal of support is needed and given with this group and a great deal of the time of my ancillaries is spent attending to the needs of this particular group of children.

New equipment is gradually being brought into the school, and the Senior Girls' Room is now equipped to a high standard.

With seriously handicapped pupils in the senior groups, we hope soon to provide a sloped corridor at the senior end of the school so that these pupils can move more freely. The two steps, at present in that part of the school, act as a barrier to independent movement.

Our older senior girls still attend the Sir James Knott Nursery and under the supervision of Miss Craggs and her staff develop good relationships with other children and adults.

I wish to thank the School Medical Officer and his staff for the ever ready help and their deep concern for my pupils. In particular I wish to thank Dr. Catton who examines our pupils during the year and also gives readily of her time and help in our day to day problems. It is good to report that many of our parents come along to school when their children are being examined, it would be a great help if we could have the co-operation of every parent on these occasions.

Nurse Walker, our visitor on Wednesday mornings has now left us. We were sorry to see her go as we felt that she knew our children very well indeed. I am pleased to say Nurse Young has joined us and now feels established at Woodlawn.

We have also lost Mrs. Taylor our Speech Therapist. She was able to produce excellent results and the children loved her, and were eager pupils. Mrs. Roberts is our new Speech Therapist and she has soon come to terms with the problems of our children and now spends a little extra time with the severely handicapped children.

Mrs. Robinson, our Physiotherapist, calls on Tuesdays to give help to the severely handicapped. We welcome her visits and her information regarding the children.

We do not make many calls on the services of Miss Wheway, the Educational Psychologist, but she is always ready to give help when required. Miss Wheway does provide us with information regarding the special needs of some of our pupils.

During the year Mr. Essenhigh the School Dental Officer retired. We will miss his visits and the care and attention he gave to our pupils. We welcome Mr. Eddy and hope that he has a long association with our school.

Again we have had a successful year with swimming. Four of our boys were awarded the Final Certificate from the A.S.A. Handi-



capped Children Section, and 18 more were successful in stages 1 and 2. Our thanks must go to Mrs. Logie the Swimming Instructress, for her wonderful effort, and to Mr. Slaney, the Organiser for Physical Education, who has always tried to help our children.

Woodlawn still is visited by many groups and individuals, mainly from the teaching and nursing professions. We welcome their visits and hope that they will sustain an interest in handicapped children all their lives.

Our children have been on many visits from school. We have explored the wonderful county of Northumberland and hope we can extend our visits in 1970. A Farm and the Zoo were interesting visits for the infant and junior pupils, and many enjoyed their first ride on a horse during a visit to a local farm. For some of our pupils these visits are the highlight of the year. We hope to extend their horizons during the coming years.

Our Coffee Mornings have proved successful in December. It is a wonderful occasion for meeting friends and parents and incidentally raising a considerable sum of money for the School Fund.

Christmas parties rounded off the term but our numbers were reduced by the incidence of influenza. All the staff and pupils seemed to be hit in this way and I know the last week of term was difficult but all my staff responded very well although feeling very much under the weather.

The meals at Woodlawn continue to be excellent, thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Binks and her staff. Mr. Howard, our Caretaker, is liked by all the pupils and is ready to help on many extra occasions.

During the year we received a generous gift of money from our friends Mr. and Mrs. Grundy. We appreciate the kind help of many others for smaller but very welcome gifts.

During the year we received valuable assistance from many members of the staff of the Education Office and I wish to thank the Chief Education Officer and his staff for their willing assistance on many occasions. I wish to thank Alderman J. Lisle for his frequent visits and the ensuing discussions, we welcome his deep concern for our pupils.

To all the staff at Woodlawn School, teaching, ancillary, domestic and clerical, I wish to extend my grateful thanks for their very hard work, continued willingness and ability to overcome difficulties during 1969. We feel it has been a worthwhile year and one of good progress.

(Signed) C. A. WALTON,  
*Headmaster.*

SOUTHLANDS SPECIAL SCHOOL  
REPORT FOR 1969

I have pleasure in presenting this report on the work of Southlands School for 1969.

The number on the roll at the beginning of the year was 114. 63 of these were boys and 51 girls. During the year 10 children, 7 boys and 3 girls, were admitted. 17 children, 6 boys and 11 girls, left during the year, 15 having reached school leaving age, 1 transferring to another school and 1 being admitted to hospital. 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	9	28	23	16	7	1	2	—	1
	29		51		23		3		1	

The medical supervision of the children was again carried out by Dr. B. J. Catton, Deputy 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 visited school each week to deal with minor ailments.

Mrs. G. Taylor, Speech Therapist, carried out weekly therapy up to her departure in the summer.

Mrs. K. Roberts, whom we were pleased to welcome as Mrs. Taylor's successor, carried out weekly therapy during the Autumn Term.

Mr. Watson and Miss Stellfox, Youth Employment Officers, visited the school on a number of occasions to interview and counsel our school leavers.

Mr. Eddy, Principal School Dental Officer, carried out the annual dental inspection of the children and gave any necessary treatment.

We were pleased to see the departure of the builders of our two new classrooms which came into operation at the beginning of this year. Mrs. P. V. Ratcliffe and Mrs. A. Hunter took up their appointments in January, Mrs. Ratcliffe taking over the new Nursery Class, and Mrs. Hunter acting as Mrs. M. Ferguson's replacement in the infant class.

Mr. Mennear moved out of the Library with his class, into his new dual purpose classroom. These new rooms, with the expansion in numbers and facilities, have proved most beneficial to the efficiency of the school.



An Open Night was held by the P.T.A. when Councillor Mr. and Mrs. Goveas, Mayor and Mayoress of Tynemouth, and Dr. J. Knox, Chairman of the Education Committee, Alderman J. Lisle, J.P., Councillor B. Sutherland and Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilson, Chief Education Officer and wife, with many parents and friends visited the school to see the new rooms and examples of the children's work.

We finished the year with a visit from Councillor Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, Mayor and Mayoress of Tynemouth to an Open Night to show some of the children's Christmas handwork. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Taylor, Deputy Chief Education Officer and wife, and Councillor Dr. J. Knox, also visited us at this time along with many parents and friends.

Throughout the year we were pleased to welcome visitors from many parts of the world and from this country to see the school. The children gained a lot from these visits by meeting and talking to many different people.

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

The school took part in a number of football matches, athletic meetings and cross country runs, in which our children did very well and from which they gained valuable social experience.

Throughout the year the children made visits to many places of interest. We were grateful for the financial assistance given to us for this purpose by the Education Committee and the Border Terrier Tankard Club.

We were pleased to receive from the Education Committee a sailing dinghy in which a number of our senior boys and girls have received sailing instruction, mainly in the evenings, from Mr. I. Smith. The resulting increase in confidence and the academic and practical work based on sailing has fully justified the Committee's decision to supply us with a dinghy.

A small trial party of boys and girls were taken to High Borrans Field Study Centre during the Summer Holidays by Mr. Smith and Mr. Mennear. This visit proved very successful. The experience of living together in pleasant surroundings and taking part in outdoor pursuits was a very valuable one. I am sure that visits to High Borrans will play an important part in the education of our children in future years.

The Youth Club under the leadership of Mr. F. Wakeham met regularly throughout the year and provided a pleasant, stimulating setting in which to meet and counsel our "Old Pupils".

The transport of our children was again partly by private bus and partly by the use of passes on regular services.

School meals were again provided for all the children by Mrs. J. Dewdney and her Staff from our own kitchens, and the distributions of milk to all children 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.

I would particularly like to thank the teachers who gave so freely of their time to welcome students and visitors, take children on visits, help in running the P.T.A. and Youth Club and in supervising outdoor pursuits in addition to their arduous teaching work. Thanks to their efforts this year has been a busy, happy and successful year of progress for our children.

(Signed) 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**

178 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, 3 children of school age died. Two of these deaths were the result of accidents, the third was due to natural causes.



## STATISTICAL TABLES

## MEDICAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT RETURNS

Number of pupils on registers of maintained schools in January 1969 and in Direct Grant, Non-maintained and Independent schools (under arrangements made by the Authority) as in Forms 7, 7M, 8b and 11 Schools ... .. 13,206

**Part I.—Medical Inspection of Pupils attending Maintained Primary and Secondary Schools (including Nursery and Special Schools)**

TABLE A.—PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Age Groups inspected (By year of Birth)	No. of Pupils who have received a full medical examination	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected		Pupils found to require treatment (excluding dental diseases and infestation with vermin)		
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	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)
1965 and later	15	15	—	1	2	3
1964	1,099	1,099	—	49	345	365
1963	113	113	—	1	31	32
1962	12	12	—	—	3	3
1961	18	18	—	3	3	5
1960	14	14	—	1	1	2
1959	20	20	—	2	1	3
1958	720	720	—	37	70	99
1957	426	426	—	26	27	50
1956	43	43	—	2	1	3
1955	3	3	—	—	—	—
1954 and earlier	1,082	1,082	—	44	34	75
TOTAL	3,565	3,565	—	166	518	640

TABLE B.—OTHER INSPECTIONS

Number of Special Inspections	...	...	237
Number of Re-inspections	...	...	1,594
Total	...	...	<u>1,831</u>

TABLE C.—INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

(a) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by school nurses or other authorised persons	...	...	...	21,545
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	...	...	...	723
(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	9	7	13	29	4	
		O	22	3	6	31	—	
5	Eyes—a. Vision ...	T	23	48	55	126	85	
		O	3	—	5	8	5	
	b. Squint ...	T	25	—	—	25	8	
		O	2	—	—	2	—	
	c. Other ...	T	—	1	—	1	—	
		O	—	—	—	—	—	
6	Ears—a. Hearing ...	T	—	—	—	—	7	
		O	21	—	2	23	5	
	b. Otitis Media	T	2	2	6	10	2	
		O	24	3	13	40	—	
	c. Other ...	T	—	—	—	—	—	
		O	1	2	1	4	—	
7	Nose and Throat ...	T	7	—	2	9	1	
		O	120	9	16	145	—	
8	Speech ... ..	T	13	1	—	14	1	
		O	4	—	—	4	1	
9	Lymphatic Glands ...	T	—	—	—	—	—	
		O	4	—	—	4	—	
10	Heart ... ..	T	—	—	—	—	—	
		O	11	1	5	17	1	
11	Lungs ... ..	T	2	—	—	2	1	
		O	29	—	3	32	1	
12	Developmental a. Hernia ...	T	1	—	—	1	—	
		O	4	—	—	4	—	
	b. Other ...	T	1	—	2	3	1	
		O	26	—	1	27	—	
	13	Orthopaedic a. Posture ...	T	—	—	—	—	—
			O	—	1	—	1	1
b. Feet ...		T	1	2	3	6	7	
		O	35	1	4	40	—	
c. Other ...		T	—	1	—	1	—	
		O	9	4	2	15	—	
14	Nervous System a. Epilepsy ...	T	—	—	—	—	—	
		O	7	—	1	8	1	
	b. Other ...	T	1	—	2	3	3	
		O	8	1	2	11	2	
	15	Psychological a. Developm't	T	—	—	—	—	—
			O	1	—	—	1	—
b. Stability ...		T	—	—	—	—	—	
		O	1	—	—	1	1	
16	Abdomen ... ..	T	1	—	—	1	2	
		O	5	1	—	6	—	
17	Other ... ..	T	1	1	—	2	2	
		O	5	4	2	11	1	

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 ... ..	4
Errors of refraction (including squint) ... ..	506
Total ... ..	<u>510</u>
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed ...	453

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 ...	1
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis ... ..	125
(c) for other nose and throat conditions ... ..	1
Received other forms of treatment ... ..	33
Total ... ..	<u>160</u>
Total number of pupils still on the register of schools at 31st Dec., 1969 known to have been provided with hearing aids :	
* <i>(a)</i> in 1969	3
<i>(b)</i> in previous years	11

\*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
<i>(a)</i> Pupils treated at clinics or out-patients departments ...	95
<i>(b)</i> Pupils treated at school for postural defects ... ..	—
Total ... ..	<u>95</u>



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

	Number of pupils known to have been treated
Ringworm : (a) Scalp ... ..	—
(b) Body ... ..	—
Scabies ... ..	96
Impetigo ... ..	11
Other skin diseases ... ..	34
Total ... ..	141

TABLE E.—CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT

	Number known to have been treated
Pupils treated at Child Guidance clinics ... ..	31

TABLE F.—SPEECH THERAPY

	Number known to have been treated
Pupils treated by speech therapists	184

TABLE G.—OTHER TREATMENT GIVEN

	Number known to have been dealt with
(a) Pupils with minor ailments	130
(b) Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements ... ..	—
(c) Pupils who received B.C.G. vaccination ... ..	452
(d) Other than (a), (b) and (c) above: Please specify:	
Abdominal conditions ... ..	25
Accidents ... ..	14
Burns ... ..	3
Nervous system ... ..	3
Respiratory conditions ... ..	6
Miscellaneous ... ..	5
Total (a)—(d) ... ..	638

## 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 1969 as in Forms 7, 7m and 11 schools ...	...	...	...	13,206
2.	Attendances and Treatment	Ages 5 to 9	Ages 10 to 14	Ages 15 & over	Total
	First visit ...	923	831	185	1,939
	Subsequent visits ...	1,450	1,799	320	3,569
	Total visits ...	2,373	2,630	505	5,508
	Additional courses of treatment commenced ...	107	117	21	245
	Fillings in permanent teeth ...	639	1,981	470	3,090
	Fillings in deciduous teeth ...	480	99	—	579
	Permanent teeth filled ...	438	1,453	365	2,256
	Deciduous teeth filled ...	369	77	—	446
	Permanent teeth extracted ...	178	473	124	775
	Deciduous teeth extracted ...	1,767	300	—	2,067
	General anaesthetics ...	546	280	42	868
	Emergencies ...	341	207	41	589
	Number of pupils x-rayed ...	...	...	...	56
	Prophylaxis ...	...	...	...	65
	Teeth otherwise conserved ...	...	...	...	71
	Number of teeth root filled ...	...	...	...	3
	Inlays ...	...	...	...	—
	Crowns ...	...	...	...	1
	Courses of treatment completed ...	...	...	...	1,334
3.	Orthodontics				
	Cases remaining from previous year ...	...	...	...	39
	New cases commenced during year ...	...	...	...	18
	Cases completed during year ...	...	...	...	21
	Cases discontinued during year ...	...	...	...	8
	No. of removable appliances fitted ...	...	...	...	35
	No. of fixed appliances fitted ...	...	...	...	—
	Pupils referred to Hospital Consultant ...	...	...	...	5
4.	Prosthetics	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 and over	Total
	Pupils supplied with F.U. or F.L. (first time) ...	—	1	—	1
	Pupils supplied with other dentures (first time) ...	3	11	9	23
	Number of dentures supplied ...	4	23	16	43
5.	Anaesthetics				
	General anaesthetics administered by Dental Officers ...			...	—
6.	Inspections				
	(a) First inspection at school. Number of pupils ...			...	4,822
	(b) First inspection at clinic. Number of pupils ...			...	1,296
	Number of (a) plus (b) found to require treatment ...			...	2,817
	Number of (a) plus (b) offered treatment ...			...	2,549
	(c) Pupils re-inspected at school or clinic ...			...	693
	Number of (c) found to require treatment ...			...	501
7.	Sessions				
	Sessions devoted to treatment ...	...	...	...	753
	Sessions devoted to inspection ...	...	...	...	25
	Sessions devoted to Dental Health Education ...	...	...	...	—







