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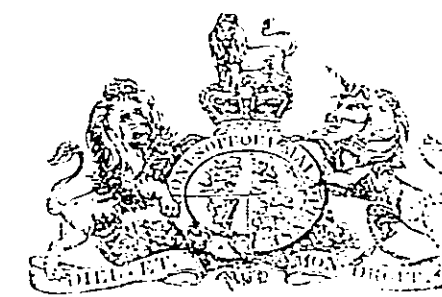
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COMMITTEE ON DEFECTIVE AND EPILEPTIC CHILDREN.
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Constitution of Committee and Terms of Reference.

The Committee was appointed by the Lord President in December 1896, and was constituted as follows:—

- The Rev. T. W. SHARPE, C.B., H.M. Senior Chief Inspector of Schools
(Chairman).
 Mr. H. F. POOLEY, Senior Examiner, Education Department.
 Mr. A. W. NEWTON, H.M. Inspector of Schools.
 Dr. SHUTTLEWORTH, late Medical Superintendent, Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles.
 Dr. W. R. SMITH, Medical Officer of the London School Board.
 Mrs. BURGWIN, Superintendent of Schools for special instruction under the London School Board.
 Miss TOWNSEND, Member of the Council of the Association for Promoting the Welfare of the Feeble-minded.
 Mr. H. W. ORANGE, Examiner, Education Department, to act as Secretary to the Committee.

The TERMS OF REFERENCE to the Committee were:—

To inquire into the existing systems for the education of feeble-minded and defective children not under the charge of guardians, and not idiots or imbeciles, and to advise as to any changes, either with or without legislation, that may be desirable.

To report particularly upon the best practical means for discriminating on the one hand between the educable and non-educable classes of feeble-minded and defective children, and on the other hand between those children who may properly be taught in ordinary elementary schools by ordinary methods and those who should be taught in special schools.

To inquire and report as to the provision of suitable elementary education for epileptic children, and to advise as to any changes that may be desirable.