

JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND.

During the year the Government contributed towards the cost of training thirty-three pupils of this institution, the net amount expended being £405 (including £50 from National Endowment revenue) as against £721 (including £99 from National Endowment revenue) for the previous year on account of thirty-five pupils. Maintenance payments by parents and guardians decreased from £272 7s. 6d. in 1910 to £238 8s. during 1911. For the two past financial years the revenue from the National Endowment Reserves Account amounted to £149. The sum payable by the Government as subsidy to the Board of Trustees during last year under the provisions of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act was £2,173. The amount paid by Charitable Aid Boards towards the maintenance of pupils was £269 13s. 11d.

SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN OF FEEBLE MIND.

	1910.			1911.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries	1,564	10	8	1,985	3	11
Maintenance of pupils	1,115	7	6	1,750	3	2
Maintenance of buildings	239	18	0	418	13	3
Farm and stock	318	8	9	226	5	5
Additional buildings, water-supply, drainage, fencing, &c.	4,984	0	8	2,983	15	6
Sundries	178	19	6	..		
Less—						
Amount collected from parents by way of maintenance contributions	371	0	1	559	5	1
Amount collected from Charitable Aid Boards	57	16	2	294	17	0
Sundry other recoveries	138	12	6	135	9	1
Net expenditure on the institution	7,833	16	4†	6,374	10	1†

(† Including for 1910 £440, and for 1911 £235, paid from National Endowment revenue.)

The existing accommodation of the school is fully occupied, the number of resident boys being 57; but it is proposed to make provision immediately, by means of cottage homes, for a much larger number of pupils than there are at present.

The power given to a Magistrate under the Education Amendment Act, 1910, to extend the period of control, if he is satisfied upon a pupil's nearing his majority that his mental state precludes his being free from the school's guidance, was exercised in respect of four youths. They consequently remain under control until they attain twenty-five years of age, when their cases will be reviewed again.

MANUAL AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

MANUAL INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

(E.—5—Tables J1 to J6.)

During the year manual instruction, in accordance with the regulations, was given in 66 per cent. of the public schools, an increase of 2·5 per cent. The percentages for the various Education districts were as follows:—

District.	Percentage of Schools at which Instruction was given.	
	1910.	1911.
Auckland	43	51
Taranaki	72	68
Wanganui... .. .	93	95
Wellington	74	71
Hawke's Bay	80	76
Marlborough	32	70
Nelson	57	52
Grey	26	22
Westland	37	39
North Canterbury	68	68
South Canterbury	61	57
Otago	63	64
Southland... .. .	97	98