

Expenditure.

The total expenditure of Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards was £549,830, and compares in detail with that of 1912-13 as follows:—

	1912-13.	1913-14.
	£	£
Hospital maintenance*	228,337	249,911
Charitable aid	90,687	94,735
Public health	7,803	11,867
Administration	22,210	21,323
Capital expenditure	100,822	140,840
Other expenditure	19,928	31,153
	<u>£469,787</u>	<u>£549,830</u>

* Includes expenditure on pathological, dental, and tuberculosis out-patients departments.

The total expenditure by separate institutions was,—

	1912-13.	1913-14.
	£	£
Hospital maintenance	2,801	3,181
Charitable aid	6,784	8,315
Administration	590	951
Capital expenditure	2,527	1,637
Other expenditure	1,548	1,452
	<u>£14,249</u>	<u>£15,536</u>

The expenditure on Government institutions (Te Waikato Sanatorium and St. Helens Hospitals) was,—

	1912-13.	1913-14.
	£	£
Maintenance	10,979	12,176
Administration	524	445
Capital expenditure	4,813	1,051
Other expenditure	93	657
	<u>£16,407</u>	<u>£14,329</u>

There was also expended by the Department on other means of medical and nursing assistance a sum of £5,241, made up of—

(1.) Subsidies to medical men in the backblocks..	£ 864
(2.) Medical and nursing attendance on Maoris ..	£ 4,377

The total expenditure by Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards, separate institutions, and the Department in the relief of the sick and needy was therefore £584,936; and this is apart from the expenditure of private charitable organizations.

Hospital Expenditure.

The total expenditure on account of hospitals for the last four years was as follows:—

Year.	Maintenance.	Administration.	Capital.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
1909-10	187,922	10,406	59,213	4,699	262,241
1910-11	199,573	11,586	70,814	5,830	287,803
1911-12	225,796	13,255	84,798	5,663	329,513
1912-13	240,527	12,644	98,051	3,598	354,818
1913-14	262,007	13,948	130,343	4,856	411,454

Hospital Maintenance Expenditure.

The gross cost of hospital "maintenance"—for Boards, Government, and separate institutions—was last year £262,007, as against £240,527 the previous year:—

Year.	Patients under Treatment during Year.			Average Number under Daily Treatment.		
	General Hospitals.	Special Hospitals.	Total.	General Hospitals.	Special Hospitals.	Total.
1909-10	21,108	1,420	20,695	1,709	138	1,847
1910-11	23,584	1,607	25,191	1,839	186	2,025
1911-12	24,681	1,879	26,560	1,900	178	2,078
1912-13	26,979	1,789	28,768	2,131	200	2,231
1913-14	28,885	1,761	30,646	2,234	234	2,468