

## HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE AID.

*Receipts.*

The total amount received by Boards, separate institutions, and Government institutions for the past year on account of hospitals, charitable aid, and public health was £628,831, a decrease of £31,633 on the previous year, the receipts for the past four years being—

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 1911-12 .. .. . | £ 556,108 |
| 1912-13 .. .. . | 583,673   |
| 1913-14 .. .. . | 660,464   |
| 1914-15 .. .. . | 628,831   |

The receipts from the principal sources of revenue were as follows:—

## Government contributions—

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| 1911-12 .. .. . | 189,011 |
| 1912-13 .. .. . | 200,256 |
| 1913-14 .. .. . | 219,520 |
| 1914-15 .. .. . | 217,152 |

## Levies on local authorities—

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| 1911-12 .. .. . | 149,203 |
| 1912-13 .. .. . | 166,281 |
| 1913-14 .. .. . | 175,120 |
| 1914-15 .. .. . | 189,886 |

## Voluntary contributions—

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| 1911-12 .. .. . | 31,656 |
| 1912-13 .. .. . | 25,930 |
| 1913-14 .. .. . | 49,856 |
| 1914-15 .. .. . | 25,227 |

## Payments by persons relieved—

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| 1911-12 .. .. . | 64,138 |
| 1912-13 .. .. . | 77,369 |
| 1913-14 .. .. . | 84,026 |
| 1914-15 .. .. . | 89,592 |

Voluntary contributions, though fluctuating considerably, show, in relation to the total expenditure, a downward tendency. In 1913-14, the amount was swelled substantially by the gift of £15,000 from Mr. Cawthron, of Nelson.

Payments by persons relieved last year exhibit an increase of £5,566 over those for the previous year, payments by hospital patients almost wholly accounting for the increase.

| Year.           | Payments by Hospital Patients. | Payments by Inmates of Charitable Institutions. | Total.* |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
|                 | £                              | £                                               | £       |
| 1911-12 .. .. . | 47,338                         | 16,698                                          | 64,138  |
| 1912-13 .. .. . | 56,255                         | 20,888                                          | 77,369  |
| 1913-14 .. .. . | 62,680                         | 20,987                                          | 84,026  |
| 1914-15 .. .. . | 69,404                         | 20,188                                          | 89,592  |

\* Includes also district nursing fees.

*Expenditure.*

The total expenditure of Boards, separate institutions, Government institutions, and grants in aid amounted to £592,008.

The total expenditure of Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards was £548,868, and compared in detail with that of 1913-14 as follows:—

|                               |          |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                               | 1913-14. | 1914-15. |
|                               | £        | £        |
| Hospital maintenance* .. .. . | 249,911  | 268,695  |
| Charitable aid .. .. .        | 94,735   | 102,576  |
| Public health .. .. .         | 11,867   | 10,734   |
| Administration .. .. .        | 21,323   | 22,862   |
| Capital expenditure .. .. .   | 140,840  | 115,279  |
| Other expenditure .. .. .     | 31,153   | 28,722   |
|                               | £549,830 | £548,868 |

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

The total expenditure by separate institutions was,—

|                              |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                              | 1913-14. | 1914-15. |
|                              | £        | £        |
| Hospital maintenance .. .. . | 3,181    | 2,983    |
| Charitable aid .. .. .       | 8,315    | 8,918    |
| Administration .. .. .       | 951      | 902      |
| Capital expenditure .. .. .  | 1,637    | 2,464    |
| Other expenditure .. .. .    | 1,452    | 732      |
|                              | £15,536  | £15,999  |