

3. COST OF EDUCATION.

The appendix to this report shows in detail under various headings the expenditure on education during the financial year ended 31st March, 1940. The total expenditure, including endowment revenue, amounted to £5,607,963, as against £5,157,224 in the previous year, an increase of £450,739.

An analysis of expenditure is shown in the following table :—

TABLE B.—ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1940.
(For more details see appendix to this Paper.)

Branch of Education.	Total Expenditure (Net).*	Expenditure expressed as Percentage of Total Expenditure.	Expenditure per Head of Population.†		
			£	s.	d.
Departmental administration	48,312	0·86	0	0	7
Boards' administration	70,305	1·25	0	0	10
Cost of inspection—					
Primary	38,237	0·68	0	0	6
Native	2,959	0·05	‡		
Post-primary	8,379	0·15	0	0	1
Primary education—					
Public schools	2,737,467	19·11	1	13	9
Departmental Correspondence School	16,984				
Native education—					
Native schools	147,992	2·78	0	1	11
Scholarships and bursaries	7,788				
Post-primary education—					
Secondary, technical, and combined schools	768,495	16·46	0	11	4
Secondary departments of district high schools	131,607				
Correspondence School	17,339				
Scholarships and bursaries	5,927				
Higher education	172,798	3·08	0	2	1
Training of teachers	196,831	3·51	0	2	5
Special schools	42,550	0·76	0	0	6
Child welfare	156,065	2·78	0	1	11
Superannuation	155,842	2·79	0	1	11
Miscellaneous	4,800	0·09	0	0	1
Country Library Service	7,178	0·13	0	0	1
Capital expenditure on school buildings	870,108	15·52	0	10	8
Total*	5,607,963	100·00	3	8	8

* This includes revenue from endowments administered by the various Boards, &c., as well as direct expenditure from public funds—

From public funds as shown in appendix	£
Endowments—	5,563,326
Post-primary schools	28,379
University colleges	16,258
	<u>£5,607,963</u>

† Mean population for twelve months ended 31st March, 1940, was 1,633,447.

‡ No significant amount.

The cost per pupil of primary education based on average attendance was £15 12s. 8d., excluding buildings, and £18 16s. 2d. including buildings.