

It will be seen by the above returns that one-sixth of last year's receipts was derived from payments of persons relieved and by voluntary contributions. The general increase in payments by patients in hospitals under the control of Boards may be noted with satisfaction.

*Expenditure.*

17. The total expenditure by Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards was £445,121, viz.,—

	1911-12.	1910-11.
	£	£
Hospital maintenance .. .. .	213,318	187,357
Charitable aid .. .. .	91,009	88,091
Public health .. .. .	5,468	197
Administration .. .. .	19,813	19,228
Capital expenditure .. .. .	98,092	80,501
Other expenditure .. .. .	17,421	16,807
	<u>£445,121</u>	<u>£392,181</u>

the main increases being—

	£
(1.) Hospital maintenance .. .. .	26,000
(2.) Capital expenditure (i.e., expenditure on new buildings, extensions, &c.)	18,000
(3.) Public health .. .. .	5,000

The total expenditure by separate institutions was,—	1911-12.	1910-11.
	£	£
Hospital maintenance .. .. .	2,878	2,955
Charitable aid .. .. .	7,814	7,808
Administration .. .. .	779	653
Capital expenditure .. .. .	3,052	972
Other expenditure .. .. .	911	393
	<u>£15,434</u>	<u>£12,781</u>

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

	1911-12.	1910-11.
	£	£
Maintenance .. .. .	9,600	10,379
Administration .. .. .	537	565
Capital expenditure .. .. .	11,702	..
Other expenditure .. .. .	251	478
	<u>£22,090</u>	<u>£11,422</u>

There was also expended by the Department on other means of medical and nursing relief a sum of £4,177, viz.,—

	£
(1.) Subsidies to medical men in backblocks .. .. .	1,359
(2.) Medical and nursing attendance on Maoris .. .. .	2,818

Apart, therefore, from the expenditure by private charitable organizations, the total expenditure by the Boards and the Department on relief of the sick and needy was £486,822.

*Hospital Expenditure.*

18. The total expenditure on account of hospitals for the last four years was,—

	£
1908-9 .. .. .	247,123
1909-10 .. .. .	262,241
1910-11 .. .. .	287,803
1911-12 .. .. .	329,513

Further examination shows that the moneys that have been expended on hospitals during the four years may be divided as follows:—

	Maintenance.	Administration.	Capital.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
1908-9 .. .. .	175,098	9,146	57,935	4,944	247,123
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

By "capital expenditure" is meant the sum devoted to new hospitals and extension of existing ones.