

						1912-13.	1911-12.
The total expenditure by separate institutions was,—						£	£
Hospital maintenance	..	..	..	..	..	2,801	2,878
Charitable aid	..	..	..	..	..	6,784	7,814
Administration	..	..	..	..	..	590	779
Capital expenditure	..	..	..	..	..	2,527	3,052
Other expenditure	..	..	..	..	..	1,548	911
						£14,249	£15,434

The expenditure on Government institutions (Te Waikato Sanatorium and St. Helens Hospitals was,—						1912-13.	1911-12.
						£	£
Maintenance	..	..	..	..	..	10,979	9,600
Administration	..	..	..	..	..	524	537
Capital expenditure	..	..	..	..	..	4,813	11,702
Other expenditure	..	..	..	..	..	93	251
						£16,407	£22,090

There was also expended by the Department on other means of medical and nursing assistance a sum of £5,726, made up of—

				£
(1.) Subsidies to medical men in the backblocks	..	..	..	1,460
(2.) Medical and nursing attendance on Maoris	..	..	..	4,266

The total expenditure by Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards, separate institutions, and the Department in the relief of the sick and needy was therefore £506,170 ; 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

#### Hospital Maintenance Expenditure.

The gross cost of hospital "maintenance"—for Boards, Government, and separate institutions—was last year £240,527, as against £225,796 the previous year. This is very satisfactory in that the increase in maintenance expenditure is not nearly as great as it would be if it were proportional to the increase in the number of occupied beds per diem, which is shown as follows :—

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

*General Hospitals.*—The expenditure on maintenance on general hospitals was £212,831, and this is equivalent to £100·3 per annum per occupied bed, against £106·3 for 1911-12. The average annual cost of maintenance per occupied bed for the last four years is set out below :—

Year.	Provisions.	Surgery and Dispensary.	Domestic and Establishment.	Salaries and Wages.	Total Maintenance.
	£	£	£	£	£
1909-10 .. ..	23·7	9·8	25·9	40·9	107·0
1910-11 .. ..	22·8	8·7	26·7	38·8	97·0
1911-12 .. ..	24·2	10·3	29·5	42·3	106·3
1912-13 .. ..	23·8	9·9	26·3	40·2	100·3