

General Hospitals.—The expenditure on maintenance on general hospitals was £232,024, and this is equivalent to £105·1 per annum per occupied bed, against £100·3 for 1912–13. 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.
	£	£	£	£	£
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
1913–14	24·9	9·8	27·4	43·0	105·1

Charitable-aid Expenditure.

As compared with last year there is an increase of £5,581 in charitable-aid expenditure, the figures for the last four years being as follows :—

Year.	Indoor Relief.	Outdoor Relief.	Total.
	£	£	£
1910–11	62,848	33,051	95,899
1911–12	64,651	34,171	98,822
1912–13	66,378	31,092	97,470
1913–14	68,510	34,541	103,051

A Comparison of Hospital and Charitable-aid Expenditure for the past Ten Years.

Year.	Hospital and Charitable-aid Expenditure.	Mean Population.	Cost per Head of Population.
	£		s. d.
1904–5	259,616	851,964	6 1
1905–6	270,710	877,469	6 2
1906–7	288,808	901,920	6 4½
1907–8	315,197	925,727	6 10
1908–9	359,941	945,063	7 7½
1909–10	375,075	977,906	7 8
1910–11	416,384	997,974	8 4½
1911–12	482,645	1,019,984	9 5½
1912–13	500,443	1,046,624	9 6½
1913–14	579,695	1,075,787	10 9½

In the above the figures for the last four years include infectious-diseases hospitals and consumptive sanatoria under Boards' control, also public health, subsidies to medical associations, and district nurses. In every year separate institutions have been included.

The number of persons availing themselves of treatment in the general hospitals for the last ten years was as follows :—

Year.	Total Number of Persons under Treatment.	Population.	Proportion under Treatment per 1,000 of Population.	Average Number of Occupied Beds per Diem.	Proportion per 1,000 of Population.
1904–5	15,278	851,964	17·9	1,290	1·51
1905–6	16,216	877,469	18·5	1,354	1·54
1906–7	17,521	901,920	19·4	1,505	1·67
1907–8	19,160	925,727	20·7	1,511	1·66
1908–9	18,653	945,063	20·8	1,566	1·66
1909–10	21,108	977,906	21·6	1,709	1·75
1910–11	23,584	997,974	23·6	1,839	1·81
1911–12	24,681	1,019,984	24·1	1,900	1·83
1912–13	26,979	1,046,624	25·8	2,131	2·04
1913–14	28,885	1,075,787	26·8	2,234	2·08