

### 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, 1934. The total expenditure, including endowment revenue, amounted to £2,795,170, as against £2,863,802 in the previous year, a decrease of £68,632.

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

TABLE B.—ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1934.  
(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 .. ..	29,647	1·06	0 0 5
Boards' administration .. ..	47,893	1·71	0 0 7
Cost of inspection—			
Primary .. ..	28,837	1·03	0 0 5
Native .. ..	1,611	0·06	
Post-primary .. ..	4,343	0·16	0 0 1
Primary education—			
Public schools .. ..	1,711,818	61·47	1 2 4
Departmental Correspondence School ..	6,506		
Native Education—			
Native schools .. ..	71,953	2·70	0 1 0
Scholarships and bursaries .. ..	3,515		
Post-primary education—			
Secondary, technical, and combined schools ..	472,700	19·59	0 7 1
Secondary departments of district high schools	67,374		
Correspondence School .. ..	4,298		
Scholarships and bursaries .. ..	3,328		
Higher education§ .. ..	73,608	2·63	0 0 11
Training of teachers .. ..	34,323	1·23	0 0 5
Special schools .. ..	16,414	0·59	0 0 3
Child welfare .. ..	111,136	3·98	0 1 5
Superannuation .. ..	46,784	1·67	0 0 7
Miscellaneous .. ..	2,426	0·09	
Capital expenditure on school buildings ..	56,656	2·03	0 0 9
<b>Total* .. ..</b>	<b>2,795,170</b>	<b>100·00</b>	<b>1 16 3</b>

\* 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 .. ..	2,740,545
Endowments—	
Post-primary schools .. ..	37,739
University colleges .. ..	16,886
	<u>£2,795,170</u>

† Mean population for twelve months ended 31st March, 1934, was 1,541,511.

§ Grant to Massey Agricultural College is now provided under vote "Agriculture."

|| No significant amount.

From the statement of expenditure and recoveries the cost per pupil in the primary schools based on average attendance was £9 15s. 1d. excluding buildings, and £10 1s. including buildings. The cost per child for elementary education in England and Wales for the year 1932–33 was £12 12s. 7d. This, however, included cost of capital expenditure, special services, &c.