

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1949

SOCIAL SECURITY FUND—*continued*

VOTE—MEDICAL, HOSPITAL, ETC., BENEFITS— <i>continued</i>	1948-49.	1947-48.	
		Voted.	Expended.
<i>Subdivision No. V—Supplementary Benefits</i>			
	£	£	£
CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—			
Ambulance benefit	30,000	35,000	..
Artificial-aids benefit	50,000	60,000	(a) 8,067
Dental services	200,000	100,000	105,109
Domestic assistance	3,000	2,000	2,865
Radiological services	212,000	180,000	209,059
Laboratory services	100,000	60,000	90,306
Massage services	49,000	45,000	47,510
Nursing services	100,000	70,000	82,756
Specialists' services	6,000	3,000	121
<i>Total—Subdivision No. V</i> ..	750,000	555,000	545,793
TOTAL	7,562,000	6,662,800	7,021,488

(a) The underexpenditure for 1947-48 is accounted for by a greater delay than was anticipated in the introduction of these benefits. Contact-lenses and hearing-aid benefits were introduced in 1947, and the artificial-limb benefit applies as from 1st April, 1948.