

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

| Year.               | Hospital<br>and Charitable-aid<br>Expenditure. | Mean Population. | Cost per Head of<br>Population. |
|---------------------|--|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1905-6 .. .. .. ..  | £ 270,710                                      | 877,469          | s. d.<br>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                           |
| 1914-15 .. .. .. .. | 578,838  | 1,095,206        | 10 6½                           |

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<br>of Persons<br>under Treatment. | Population. | Proportion<br>under Treatment<br>per 1,000<br>of Population. | Average Number<br>of Occupied<br>Beds per Diem. | Proportion<br>per 1,000<br>of Population. |
|---------------|--|-------------|--|---|---|
| 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                                      |
| 1914-15 .. .. | 31,366   | 1,095,206   | 28·6   | 2,364   | 2·16                                      |

| Year.         | Number of<br>General Hospitals. | Number of Beds. | Proportion of Beds per<br>1,000 of Population. |
|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 1905-6 .. ..  | 52                              | 2,186           | 2·49   |
| 1906-7 .. ..  | 53                              | 2,331           | 2·58   |
| 1907-8 .. ..  | 53                              | 2,347           | 2·54   |
| 1908-9 .. ..  | 53                              | 2,502           | 2·65   |
| 1909-10 .. .. | 56                              | 2,689           | 2·75   |
| 1910-11 .. .. | 57                              | 2,863           | 2·87   |
| 1911-12 .. .. | 60                              | 3,057           | 3·00   |
| 1912-13 .. .. | 63                              | 3,176           | 3·03   |
| 1913-14 .. .. | 63                              | 3,292           | 3·06   |
| 1914-15 .. .. | 65                              | 3,531           | 3·22   |

Capital expenditure on general hospitals is as follows:—

| Year.         | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | £       |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|---------|
| 1905-6 .. ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20,379  |
| 1906-7 .. ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 31,508  |
| 1907-8 .. ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 39,499  |
| 1908-9 .. ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 55,837  |
| 1909-10 .. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 52,341  |
| 1910-11 .. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 62,237  |
| 1911-12 .. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 70,331  |
| 1912-13 .. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 87,042  |
| 1913-14 .. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 113,353 |
| 1914-15 .. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 80,485  |