

COMPARATIVE RETURN, deduced from Tables II., III., IV. and V., of the Experience, during 1876, of the Four Principal Orders of Friendly Societies in the Colony.

Name of Order.	Mean of the Nos. of Members at beginning and end of Year.	Average No. of Members to each Branch.	Average Age of Members.	Sick and Funeral Funds per Member.	Mortality and Sickness.			Receipts per Member.			Expenditure per Member.			Ratio per cent. of undermentioned Expenses to Total of Contributions and Levies for Sick, Funeral, and Management Funds.				Ratio per cent. of Total Expenditure to Total Income.
					Percentage of Members who died during the Year.	Percentage of Members Sick during Year.	No. of Days' Sickness per Member.	Contributions to Sick and Funeral Funds	Contributions and Levies to Management Fund.	Total of Contributions and Levies.	Sick Pay.	Medical Aid.	Expenses of Management.*	Sick Pay.	Funeral Benefits.	Medical Expenses.	Expenses of Management.*	
Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity ... ..	5675	77·8	31·4	£ 9·418	·616	12·785	5·491	£ 1·342	£ 1·300	£ 2·642	£ ·685	£ ·833	£ ·783	25·9	4·5	31·5	29·6	67·7
Ancient Order of Foresters ... ..	3523·5	86·8	31·3	4·870	·539	12·629	3·142	1·473	1·132	2·605	·542	·662	·614	20·8	5·2	25·4	23·6	76·5
Independent Order of Rechabites ... ..	257	64·5	31·5	3·534	·389	18·677	8·836	1·511	·536	2·047	·906	·742	·687	44·3	...	36·3	33·5	82·7
Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society	271·5	45·7	32·9	2·877	1·104	11·418	3·786	1·156	1·560	2·716	·654	1·230	·935	24·1	4·1	45·3	34·4	93·2

\* The expenses of management referred to in these columns include all payments from the Management Funds, except "Refunds to other Societies," "Purchase of Goods," and "Medical Expenses."

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