

The percentage of members sick and also the average number of weeks' sickness *per member* during the decade for the ages 20 to 50 compare favourably with the English experience, whereas the average number of weeks' sickness experienced *per member sick* is considerably higher among New Zealand societies. This last observation applies especially to the higher ages; and, although, as has been said, it is not safe to rely on deductions made from the limited data, it is most probable that, if there is in the colony a greater average longevity than in England, the sickness experience at the higher ages will show a very considerable comparative increase. The respective results are as follow:—

Ages of Members.	Percentage of Members sick during a Year.				Average Number of Weeks' Sickness per Annum to each Member.				Average Number of Weeks' Sickness per Annum to each Member actually sick.			
	New Zealand.		England, A.O.F., 1871-75.		New Zealand.		England, A.O.F., 1871-75.		New Zealand.		England, A.O.F., 1871-75.	
	Quinquennium, 1873-77.	Decade, 1873-82.	Quinquennium, 1873-82.	Decade, 1873-82.	Quinquennium, 1873-77.	Decade, 1873-82.	Quinquennium, 1873-82.	Decade, 1873-82.	Quinquennium, 1873-77.	Quinquennium, 1873-82.	Decade, 1873-82.	Quinquennium, 1873-82.
Under 20	[19.1]	[15.55]	[18.00]	22.9	[0.87]	[0.75]	[0.88]	1.04	[4.55]	[4.79]	[4.62]	..
20 to 25 ..	12.2	13.05	12.69	21.5	0.52	0.57	0.55	0.82	4.29	4.33	4.31	3.57
25 to 30 ..	12.0	11.53	11.72	21.6	0.57	0.63	0.60	0.85	4.74	5.45	5.16	3.96
30 to 35 ..	13.8	12.93	13.88	22.3	0.74	0.72	0.73	0.97	5.35	5.58	5.46	4.48
35 to 40 ..	14.7	14.83	14.77	23.4	0.98	1.03	1.01	1.15	6.68	6.97	6.84	5.15
40 to 45 ..	15.3	15.15	15.21	25.0	1.20	1.15	1.17	1.37	7.82	7.61	7.69	5.86
45 to 50 ..	14.1	15.86	15.40	26.9	0.86	1.52	1.33	1.71	6.13	9.61	8.80	6.89
50 to 55 ..	[21.4]	[20.17]	[20.36]	29.6	[2.68]	[1.72]	[1.87]	2.26	[12.50]	[8.55]	[9.19]	8.42
55 to 60 ..	[28.8]	[24.62]	[25.34]	34.0	[3.76]	[4.34]	[4.07]	3.21	[9.58]	[17.61]	[16.04]	10.86
60 to 65 ..	[38.4]	[33.53]	[35.29]	43.3	[9.32]	[5.00]	[6.57]	4.59	[24.28]	[14.90]	[18.61]	13.50
65 to 70 ..	[74.1]	[40.51]	[49.06]	52.3	[26.35]	[6.48]	[11.55]	7.97	[35.57]	[16.01]	[23.54]	13.39
70 and upwards ..	[94.1]	[49.06]	[60.00]	60.1	[39.23]	[20.60]	[25.12]	13.48	[41.68]	[41.99]	[41.87]	24.85
Ages unspecified ..	[6.1]	[17.86]	[14.29]	..	[0.28]	[2.10]	[1.55]	..	[4.62]	[11.76]	[10.83]	..
All ages ..	14.1	14.28	14.19	23.45	0.87	1.01	0.95	1.36	6.20	7.10	6.72	5.79