

1895.
NEW ZEALAND.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

(EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT BY THE REGISTRAR OF).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to "The Friendly Societies Act, 1882," Section 5, Subsection (8).

TRANSACTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1894.

REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES AND BRANCHES.

1. The total number of registrations during the year 1894 was 14, distributed thus: M.U.I.O.O.F.,* 1 lodge; A.O.F., 2 courts and 2 juvenile courts; U.A.O.D., 3 lodges; I.O.R., 3 tents; I.F.S., 2 societies; I.S.S., 1 society.

2. In the following table the progress of registration during the year is shown by a comparison of the number of societies on the register as at the beginning and end of the year respectively.

Name or Class of Society.	Statement as on the 1st January, 1894.	Statement as on the 31st December, 1894.
M.U.I.O.O.F. ..	15 districts, 135 lodges, and 2 widow and orphan funds	15 districts, 135 lodges, and 2 widow and orphan funds.
I.O.O.F. ..	1 grand lodge and 29 subordinate lodges ..	1 grand lodge and 29 subordinate lodges.
N.I.O.O.F. ..	1 district and 2 lodges	1 district and 2 lodges.
B.U.O.O.F. ..	1 district and 1 lodge	1 district and 1 lodge.
A.O.F. ..	8 districts, 104 courts, and 1 widow and orphan fund	8 districts, 106 courts, 2 juvenile courts, and 1 widow and orphan fund.
A.O.S. ..	1 sanctuary	1 sanctuary.
U.A.O.D. ..	1 grand lodge and 45 subordinate lodges ..	1 grand lodge and 47 subordinate lodges.
I.O.R. ..	2 districts and 38 tents	2 districts and 37 tents.
S.D.T. ..	1 grand division and 14 subordinate divisions	1 grand division and 14 subordinate divisions.
H.A.C.B.S. ..	1 district and 22 branches	1 district and 22 branches.
P.A.F.S.A. ..	1 grand lodge and 12 subordinate lodges ..	1 grand lodge and 11 subordinate lodges.
R.E.B.S. ..	2 societies	2 societies.
I.F.S. ..	5 societies	7 societies.
W.M.C. ..	14 clubs	14 clubs.
I.O.G.T. ..	1 grand lodge, 53 subordinate lodges, and 2 temples	1 grand lodge, 53 subordinate lodges, and 2 temples.
I.S.S. ..	26 societies	27 societies.

3. A complete list of societies and branches on the register as at the end of 1894 is given in Appendix II.

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRY.

4. The registry of the under-mentioned branches, which had ceased to exist, was cancelled during the year:—

M.U.I.O.O.F.—Oreti Lodge.

U.A.O.D.—Waiohine Lodge.

I.O.R.—Hawera, Unity (Marton), Olive Branch, and Nil Desperandum Tents.

P.A.F.S.A.—Star of Petone Lodge.

CONVERSION OF REGISTRY.

5. Two lodges, registered as separate societies, applied for conversion of registry. The Rose of the Valley Lodge was registered as a branch of the Wellington District, M.U.I.O.O.F., and the Oak of Sydenham Lodge as a branch of the Grand Lodge of Canterbury, U.A.O.D.

* LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS MADE USE OF IN THIS REPORT.

A.O.F., Ancient Order of Foresters. A.O.S., Ancient Order of Shepherds. B.U.O.O.F., British United Order of Odd Fellows. H.A.C.B.S., Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society. I.F.S., Isolated Friendly Society. I.O.G.T., Independent Order of Good Templars. I.O.O.F., Independent Order of Odd Fellows (American Constitution). I.O.R., Independent Order of Rechabites. I.S.S., Isolated Specially-authorized Society. M.U.I.O.O.F., Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows. N.I.O.O.F., National Independent Order of Odd Fellows. P.A.F.S.A., Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia. R.E.B.S., Railway Employés' Benefit Society. S.D.T., Sons and Daughters of Temperance. U.A.O.D., United Ancient Order of Druids. W.M.C., Working-men's Club.