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FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADE-UNIONS

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT BY THE REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES,
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1945

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, Section 9, and the Trade-unions Act, 1908, Section 16

THE REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES to the HON. THE MINISTER.
SIR,— Wellington, 1st July, 1946.

I have the honour to submit the annual report of this Office for the year ended 31st December, 1945, in accordance with the provisions of the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, section 9, and the Trade-unions Act, 1908, section 16.

I have, &c.,
G. E. BRADLEY,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

REPORT

PART I.—FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

WAR DEATHS

Following representations made by representatives of friendly societies relative to the extra strain on their funds on account of deaths of members on war service, provision has been made by the Government, in respect of benefits paid to the beneficiaries of members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of the war, for payment to the societies of 50 per cent. of the death benefits for which the members contributed.

In connection with this matter, the following is an extract from a communication addressed to the Dominion Council of Friendly Societies by the Secretary to the Treasury:—

The Minister of Finance has directed that the normal basis of determining whether a death occurred as a result of the war is to be determined in the same manner as the War Pensions Board determines whether or not a dependant's allowance would be granted to the dependants of any person dying while a member of the Armed Forces. Normally, all servicemen dying overseas whether as a direct result of any action or otherwise will be eligible, but in the case of servicemen dying within New Zealand, then the circumstances in each case will have to be looked into.

REGISTRATIONS

One society was registered during the year—namely, Lyttelton Waterside Workers' Benefit Society.

CANCELLATIONS

The following registrations were cancelled by request—I.O.O.F.: Waiau Lodge, Star of Carterton Lodge, Bond of Friendship Rebekah Lodge, and Star of Te Puke Lodge. A.O.F.: Court Pride of Levin (Wellington District) and Court Pride of Napier (Juvenile). H.A.C.B.S.: St. John of the Cross Branch (Northern (N.Z.) District). I.F.S.: South Westland Medical Association.

AMALGAMATION

M.U.I.O.O.F.: Motueka District amalgamated with Nelson District.

CONVERSION

Lyttelton District, M.U.I.O.O.F. was converted into a branch of The Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows (New Zealand).

There were 1,064 registrations at 31st December, 1945.

The position of the various orders in respect of registrations during 1945 is as follows:—

Name of Order.	Registrations at 1st January, 1945.	Established.	Closed.	Registrations at 31st December, 1945.
Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows	262	..	1	261
Independent Order of Odd Fellows	209	..	4	205
National Independent Order of Oddfellows ..	1	..	..	1
British United Order of Oddfellows ..	1	..	..	1
Ancient Order of Foresters ..	157	..	2	155
United Ancient Order of Druids ..	145	..	..	145
Independent Order of Rechabites ..	67	..	..	67
Order of Sons of Temperance ..	10	..	..	10
Sons and Daughters of Temperance ..	1	..	..	1
Hibernian - Australasian Catholic Benefit Society	82	..	1	81
Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia	12	..	..	12
Grand United Order of Oddfellows ..	14	..	..	14
Isolated friendly societies ..	68	1	1	68
Working-men's clubs ..	14	..	..	14
International Order of Good Templars ..	11	..	..	11
Specially authorized societies ..	18	..	..	18
Totals.. ..	1,072	1	9	1,064

AMENDMENTS OF RULES

The rules of forty societies and branches were amended during 1945, five by complete amendment, and thirty-five by partial amendment.

STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS

The number of members of 905 lodges* at the end of 1945 was 83,022, as compared with 85,091 at 1944. This shows a decrease of 2,069, equal to 2.43 per cent., as compared with 3.31 per cent. for 1944.

The total funds of the societies and branches as at 31st December, 1945, amounted to £6,135,413, made up as follows: Sick and Funeral Funds (inclusive of amounts transferred to special funds out of surplus), £5,628,739; Medical and Management Funds, goods, &c., £506,674. Dividing the total funds by the number of members at the end of the year it is found the average capital per member is now £73 18s.

* The word "lodge" when applied to all societies is to be understood as embracing the synonymous terms "court," "tent," &c., as used in the various orders.

The following statement shows the disposal of the total funds (including those of the central bodies) as at the 31st December, 1945:—

Funds.	Assets.
£	£
Sick and Funeral Funds .. 4,955,701	Investments at interest 5,487,780
Surplus Appropriation Funds, &c. .. 673,038	Value of land and buildings 379,450
Management Funds, goods, &c. .. 274,326	Cash not bearing interest 221,886
Widow and Orphans' Funds .. 19,907	Value of goods 18,031
Distress, Benevolent Funds, &c. .. 212,441	Other assets 25,615
	Owing by Management Funds 2,651
Total £6,135,413	Total £6,135,413

Sickness

The number of members sick during 1945 was 16,475, equal to 20·0 per 100 members at risk. The sickness experienced during 1945 was 311,607 weeks, equal to 18 weeks 5 days per sick member and 3 weeks 5 days for each member at risk.

Mortality

The number of members who died during 1945 was 1,305, equal to 15·41 per 1,000 members at risk. The number of wives of members who died was 351.

Sick and Funeral Funds

The contributions and entrance fees paid to Sick and Funeral Funds in 1945 amounted to 160,095. Divided by the mean number of members, the average for 1945 was £1 18s. 1d., as against £1 17s. 2d. for 1944.

The interest and rent received by the lodges and central bodies amounted to £213,257 in 1945, equal to £2 10s. 9d. per member, as against £2 8s. 9d. for 1944.

The amount of sickness benefit paid was £174,514 in 1945, equal to £10 11s. 10d. per member sick and £2 1s. 6d. per member, as against £10 10s. 2d. and £2 0s. 5d. respectively for 1944. Viewing the amount paid in relation to the weeks of sickness, the average benefit per week is found to be 11s. 2d. in 1945, as against 11s. 4d. for 1944.

The funeral benefit paid amounted to £63,334 in 1945, equal to 15s. 1d. per member, as compared with 15s. 11d. for 1944.

The total worth of the Sick and Funeral Funds at the beginning of 1945 was £4,854,299, and at the end of the year £4,955,701.

Investment of Funds

The net income from investments credited to the Sick and Funeral Funds for 1945 amounted to £213,257, the average rate being £4 8s. 11d. per cent., as against £4 9s. 9d. in 1944.

PART II.—TRADE-UNIONS

The registration of one trade-union was cancelled during the year—viz., The Napier Fishermen's and Fish Shed Employees' Union.

There were three unions on the register at the end of the year.

A LIST OF PUBLIC AUDITORS OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

Name.	Place.	Name.	Place.
Algie, R. F.	Waimate.	Ivory, H.	Wellington.
Allen, P. E.	Auckland.	Jackson, C. A.	Auckland.
Anderson, A. M.	Wellington.	James, G. D.	Wellington.
Angus, J. M.	Hastings.	Jennings, E. B.	Palmerston North.
Austin, F. O.	Wellington.	Jordan, N. V. R.	Timaru.
Bamfield, F. W.	Dunedin.	Johnson, G.	Greymouth.
Barnett, J. H.	Wellington.	Keating, M.	Wellington.
Beaumont, B. W.	Auckland.	Kellieher, H. W.	Wellington.
Bedding, T. M. J.	Eketahuna.	Kellow, E. W. A.	Wellington.
Bellringer, N. B.	New Plymouth.	Kenner, O. G.	Wellington.
Berry, G. Y.	Wellington.	Lang, J. F.	Dunedin.
Boddy, H. W.	Dunedin.	Lawton, F. H.	Gisborne.
Bolton, H.	Wellington.	Lewis, H. N.	Ashburton.
Booth, C. H.	Auckland.	Litchfield, F. C.	Palmerston North.
Erett, R. A. E.	Auckland.	Low, A. D.	Masterton.
Buddle, J. H.	Rotorua.	Mackersey, I. J.	Wellington.
Bull, H.	Napier.	Mackley, C.	Auckland.
Burdekin, H. B.	Wellington.	Masters, W. H.	Dunedin.
Bush, E. G.	Wellington.	Maxton, M.	Greytown.
Carlaw, J.	Auckland.	Meltzer, I.	Auckland.
Carr, J. T.	Petone.	Mogridge, F.	Blenheim.
Carter, G. A.	Stratford.	Morrison, L. A.	Christchurch.
Ching, N. A.	Onehunga.	Mullaney, H. W.	Palmerston North.
Coleman, J. G.	Waihi.	McDonald, C. P.	Auckland.
Cook, G. W. R.	Waipukurau.	McKeefry, J. H. A.	Dunedin.
Cooke, F.	Balclutha.	Neale, J. B.	Christchurch.
Cork, G. G.	Auckland.	Nicholls, T. C. H.	Inglewood.
Cox, C. T.	Wellington.	Nielsen, N. I.	Palmerston North.
Dalzell, D. E.	Christchurch.	Penman, C.	Dunedin.
Davidson, G.	Dunedin.	Perry, W.	Auckland.
Davis, R.	Palmerston North.	Phillips, C. E.	Auckland.
Dearing, C. G.	Devonport.	Pike, A. L.	Auckland.
Dillon, G. W.	New Plymouth.	Pinker, E. G.	Auckland.
Dobson, W.	Dannevirke.	Plank, V. D. M.	Hastings.
Dorman, G. E. T.	Invercargill.	Porteous, J.	Huntly.
Duff, V.	New Plymouth.	Priest, P. J.	Hastings.
Edgar, G. S.	Dunedin.	Reid, W. E. C.	Dunedin.
Esam, T. B. D.	Auckland.	Reynolds, T. G.	Hamilton.
Feist, F. E.	Wellington.	Ross, R. C.	Wellington.
Finlayson, R. M.	Wanganui.	Sandtmann, J. W.	Napier.
Fippard, N. B.	Hastings.	Satterthwaite, L. McK.	Dunedin.
Fleming, G.	Otahuhu.	Seaman, A. M.	Auckland.
Frear, J. G.	Auckland.	Seang, W. R.	Dunedin.
Gay, W. E. L.	Westport.	Shenkin, C.	Auckland.
Gentles, J. A.	Auckland.	Sladden, D. B.	Marton.
Glendinning, K. S.	Palmerston North.	Smart, L. H.	Carterton.
Grater, C.	Dunedin.	Smeaton, J. W.	Dunedin.
Gray, A. L.	Christchurch.	Smillie, D. F.	Palmerston North.
Gregory, A. R. W.	Auckland.	Smith, E. W.	Christchurch.
Gribble, C. R.	Auckland.	Smith, W. A.	Christchurch.
Griffin, J. L.	Wellington.	Stewart, A. C.	Milton.
Grocott, H.	Oamaru.	Stichbury, C. P.	Auckland.
Gunn, F. L.	Wangarei.	Suisted, C. H.	Wellington.
Hall, R. H. D.	Wellington.	Talbot, W. G.	Wellington.
Harding, J. W. J.	Hawera.	Thomson, E. H.	Nelson.
Harker, H. L.	Wairoa.	Thomson, V. E. D.	Dunedin.
Harvey, E. J.	Blenheim.	Tunbridge, A. J.	New Plymouth.
Harvey, H. P.	Dunedin.	Tyrell, H. W.	Dunedin.
Haworth, A.	Wanganui.	Walton, O.	Eketahuna.
Heaphy, P. C.	Greymouth.	Watters, F. R.	Napier.
Heath, J.	Nelson.	Watts, W. G.	New Plymouth.
Hobbs, S. M.	Wellington.	Webb, F. A.	Invercargill.
Hogg, S. G. H.	Wellington.	Webb, O. A.	Blenheim.
Holland, L. H.	Wanganui.	Webley, N.	Dannevirke.
Hoskins, S. F.	Wellington.	White, W. R. T.	Blenheim.
Hunt, E. W.	Wellington.	Whitton, T. E.	Auckland.
Hunter, J.	Nelson.	Wilson, C. D.	Napier.
Hutchison, G. W.	Auckland.	Wise, F. H.	Wellington.
Hyde, A. C. A.	Hastings.	Young, W. A.	Dunedin.

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