

The following registrations were cancelled by request—I.O.O.F.: Star of Egmont Lodge, Star of Hikurangi Lodge, and Kupe Lodge. A.O.F.: Court Robin Hood (Auckland District) and Court Redclyffe (Hawke's Bay District). U.A.O.D.: Fern Leaf Lodge (Grand Lodge of the North Island). H.A.C.B.S.: St. Joseph's Branch, No. 424 Waihi (Northern (N.Z.) District). Juvenile F.S.—A.O.F.: Court Pride of Invercargill and Court Lindsay.

The following amalgamations were registered—M.U.I.O.O.F.: Clive Lodge with Hastings Lodge (Hawke's Bay District). U.A.O.D.: St. Patrick's Lodge with Rose of Palmerston Lodge (Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland).

One instrument of dissolution was registered—B.U.O.O.F.: Aorangi Lodge.

There were 1,057 registrations at 31st December, 1946.

The position of the various orders in respect of registrations during 1946 is as follows:—

Name of Order.	Registrations at 1st January, 1946.	Established.	Closed.	Registrations at 31st December, 1946.
Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd-fellows	261	..	1	260
Independent Order of Odd Fellows	205	..	3	202
National Independent Order of Oddfellows..	1	..	..	1
British United Order of Oddfellows	1	..	1	..
Ancient Order of Foresters	155	1	4	152
United Ancient Order of Druids	145	1	2	144
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	81	..	1	80
Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia	12	..	..	12
Grand United Order of Oddfellows	14	..	..	14
Isolated friendly societies	68	2	..	70
Working-men's clubs	14	..	..	14
International Order of Good Templars	11	..	..	11
Specially authorized societies	18	1	..	19
Totals..	1,064	5	12	1,057

AMENDMENTS OF RULES

The rules of thirty-three societies and branches were amended during 1946, three by complete amendment, and thirty by partial amendment.

STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS

The number of members of 901 lodges* at the end of 1946 was 80,446, as compared with 83,022 at 1945. This shows a decrease of 2,576, equal to 3.10 per cent., as compared with 2.43 per cent. for 1945.

*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.