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FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADE-UNIONS

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT BY THE REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES, FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1946

*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, 1947.

I have the honour to submit the annual report of this Office for the year ended 31st December, 1946, 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

REGISTRATIONS

Registrations during the year were as follow—A.O.F.: Court Pride of Awanui (Auckland District). U.A.O.D.: Whakatane Lodge (Grand Lodge of the North Island). I.F.S.: Napier Waterside Workers' Sick and Benefit Society and Nelson Waterside Workers' Benefit Society. S.A.S.: Auckland District Co-operative Credit Union.

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.

The total funds of the societies and branches as at 31st December, 1946, amounted to £6,278,409, made up as follows: Sick and Funeral Funds (inclusive of amounts transferred to special funds out of surplus), £5,777,028; Medical and Management Funds, goods, &c., £501,381. 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 £78 Os. 11d.

The following statement shows the disposal of the total funds (including those of the central bodies) as at the 31st December, 1946:—

Funds.		Assets.	
	£		£
Sick and Funeral Funds ..	5,122,801	Investments at interest	5,596,472
Surplus Appropriation Funds, &c. ..	654,227	Value of land and buildings ..	367,043
Management Funds, goods, &c. ..	283,799	Cash not bearing interest	271,451
Distress, Benevolent Funds, &c. ..	217,582	Value of goods	17,742
		Other assets	22,438
		Owing by Management Funds ..	3,263
Total	£6,278,409	Total	£6,278,409

Sickness

The number of members sick during 1946 was 17,677, equal to 22·3 per 100 members at risk. The sickness experienced during 1946 was 326,494 weeks, equal to 18 weeks 3 days per sick member and 4 weeks 1 day for each member at risk.

Mortality

The number of members who died during 1946 was 1,207, equal to 14·66 per 1,000 members at risk. The number of wives of members who died was 383.

Sick and Funeral Funds

The contributions and entrance fees paid to Sick and Funeral Funds in 1946 amounted to £156,129. Divided by the mean number of members, the average for 1946 was £1 18s. 2d., as against £1 18s. 1d. for 1945.

The interest and rent received by the lodges and central bodies amounted to £217,375 in 1946, equal to £2 13s. 2d. per member, as against £2 10s. 9d. for 1945.

The amount of sickness benefit paid was £184,965 in 1946, equal to £10 9s. 3d. per member sick and £2 5s. 3d. per member, as against £10 11s. 10d. and £2 1s. 6d. respectively for 1945. Viewing the amount paid in relation to the weeks of sickness, the average benefit per week is found to be 11s. 4d. in 1946, as against 11s. 2d. for 1945.

The funeral benefit paid amounted to £60,009 in 1946, equal to 14s. 8d. per member, as compared with 15s. 1d. for 1945.

The total worth of the Sick and Funeral Funds at the beginning of 1946 was £4,955,701, and at the end of the year £5,122,801.

Investment of Funds

The net income from investments credited to the Sick and Funeral Funds for 1946 amounted to £217,375, the average rate being £4 8s. 2d. per cent., as against £4 8s. 11d. in 1945.

PART II.—TRADE-UNIONS

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.	James, G. D.	Wellington.
Allen, P. E.	Auckland.	Jennings, E. B.	Palmerston North.
Allott, F. S.	Christchurch.	Jordan, N. V. R.	Timaru.
Anderson, A. M.	Wellington.	Johnson, G.	Timaru.
Angus, J. M.	Hastings.	Kelleher, H. W.	Wellington.
Austin, F. O.	Wellington.	Kellow, E. W. A.	Wellington.
Barnfield, F. W.	Dunedin.	Kember, O. G.	Wellington.
Barnett, J. H.	Wellington.	Lang, J. P.	Dunedin.
Beaumont, B. W.	Auckland.	Lawton, F. H.	Gisborne.
Bedding, T. M. J.	Eketahuna.	Lewis, H. N.	Ashburton.
Bellingher, N. B.	New Plymouth.	Litchfield, F. C.	Palmerston North.
Berry, G. V.	Wellington.	Low, A. D.	Masterton.
Boardman, M. J.	Dunedin.	Mackersey, I. J.	Wellington.
Boddy, H. W.	Dunedin.	Mackley, C.	Auckland.
Bolton, H.	Wellington.	Masters, W. H.	Dunedin.
Booth, C. H.	Auckland.	Meltzer, I.	Auckland.
Brett, R. A. E.	Auckland.	Mozridge, F.	Blenheim.
Buddle, J. H.	Rotorua.	Morrison, L. A.	Christchurch.
Bull, H.	Napier.	Mullaney, H. W.	Palmerston North.
Burdekin, H. B.	Wellington.	McCombie, W. H.	Auckland.
Bush, E. G.	Wellington.	McDonald, C. P.	Auckland.
Carlaw, J.	Auckland.	McKeeffry, J. H. A.	Dunedin.
Carr, J. T.	Petone.	Neale, J. B.	Christchurch.
Carter, G. A.	Stratford.	Nicholls, T. C. H.	Inglewood.
Ching, N. A.	Onehunga.	Nielsen, N. I.	Palmerston North.
Colman, J. G.	Waihi.	Penman, C.	Dunedin.
Cook, G. W. R.	Waipukurau.	Perkins, C. H.	Christchurch.
Cooke, F.	Balclutha.	Perkins, J. A.	Christchurch.
Cork, G. G.	Auckland.	Phillips, C. E.	Auckland.
Cox, C. T.	Wellington.	Pike, A. L.	Auckland.
Dalzell, D. E.	Christchurch.	Pinker, E. G.	Auckland.
Davidson, G.	Dunedin.	Plank, V. D. M.	Hastings.
Davis, R.	Palmerston North.	Porteous, J.	Huntly.
Dearing, C. G.	Devonport.	Priest, P. J.	Hastings.
Dillon, G. W.	New Plymouth.	Reid, W. E. C.	Dunedin.
Dobson, W.	Dannevirke.	Reynolds, T. G.	Hamilton.
Dorman, G. E. T.	Invercargill.	Ross, G.	Dunedin.
Duff, V.	New Plymouth.	Ross, R. C.	Wellington.
Edgar, G. S.	Dunedin.	Sandtmann, J. W.	Napier.
Feist, F. E.	Wellington.	Satterthwaite, L. McK.	Dunedin.
Finlayson, R. M.	Wanganui.	Seaman, A. M.	Auckland.
Fippard, N. B.	Hastings.	Sellar, W. R.	Dunedin.
Fleming, G.	Otahuhu.	Sharr, C. H.	Christchurch.
Frear, J. G.	Auckland.	Shenkin, C.	Auckland.
Gay, W. E. L.	Westport.	Sladden, D. B.	Marton.
Gentles, J. A.	Auckland.	Smart, L. H.	Carterton.
Glendinning, K. S.	Palmerston North.	Smeaton, J. W.	Dunedin.
Good, C. W. G.	Whakatane.	Smillie, D. F.	Palmerston North.
Grater, C.	Dunedin.	Smith, E. W.	Christchurch.
Gray, A. L.	Christchurch.	Smith, W. A.	Christchurch.
Gregory, A. R. W.	Auckland.	Spring, D. T.	Palmerston North.
Gribble, C. R.	Auckland.	Stewart, A. C.	Milton.
Griffin, J. L.	Wellington.	Stiechbury, C. P.	Auckland.
Grocott, H.	Oamaru.	Suisted, C. H.	Wellington.
Gunn, F. L.	Whangarei.	Talbot, W. G.	Wellington.
Hall, R. H. D.	Wellington.	Thomson, E. H.	Nelson.
Harding, J. W. J.	Hawera.	Thomson, V. E. D.	Dunedin.
Harker, H. L.	Wairoa.	Thomson, H. W.	New Plymouth.
Harvey, E. J.	Blenheim.	Tyrrell, H. W.	Dunedin.
Harvey, H. P.	Dunedin.	Veitch, S. R.	Dunedin.
Haworth, A.	Wanganui.	Walton, O.	Hawera.
Heaphy, P. C.	Greytown.	Walters, F. R.	Eketahuna.
Heath, J.	Nelson.	Watts, W. G.	Napier.
Hobbs, S. M.	Wellington.	Webb, F. A.	New Plymouth.
Hogg, S. G. H.	Wellington.	Webb, O. A.	Invercargill.
Holland, L. H.	Wellington.	Webb, N.	Blenheim.
Hoskins, S. F.	Wanganui.	Webley, N.	Dannevirke.
Hunt, E. W.	Wellington.	White, W. R. T.	Blenheim.
Hunter, J.	Nelson.	Whitton, T. E.	Auckland.
Hutchison, G. W.	Auckland.	Wicks, H. J. E.	Greytown.
Hyde, A. C. A.	Hastings.	Wilson, C. D.	Napier.
Ivory, H.	Wellington.	Wise, F. H.	Wellington.
Jackson, C. A.	Auckland.	Young, W. A.	Dunedin.

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