

The position of the various orders in respect of registrations during 1947 is as follows:—

Name of Order.	Registrations at 1st January, 1947.	Established.	Closed.	Registrations at 31st December, 1947.
Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows	260	..	1	259
Independent Order of Oddfellows ..	202	..	3	199
National Independent Order of Oddfellows..	1	..	..	1
Ancient Order of Foresters .. ..	152	..	2	150
United Ancient Order of Druids .. ..	144	..	..	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	80	..	1	79
Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia	12	..	..	12
Grand United Order of Oddfellows .. ..	14	..	4	10
Isolated friendly societies .. ..	70	..	..	70
Working-men's clubs .. ..	14	1	..	15
International Order of Good Templars .. ..	11	..	..	11
Specially authorized societies .. ..	19	..	..	19
Totals .. ..	1,057	1	11	1,047

#### AMENDMENTS OF RULES

The rules of thirty-six societies and branches were amended during 1947, four by complete amendment, and thirty-two by partial amendment.

#### STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS

The following table shows the membership of 890 lodges\* of the Dominion for the year 1947:—

Number of members, 1st January .. ..	80,446
Number admitted by—	
Initiation, &c. .. ..	2,467
Clearance .. ..	535
	3,002
	83,448
Number who died .. ..	1,158
Number who left by—	
Clearance .. ..	566
Arrears, &c. .. ..	3,218
	4,942
Number of members, 31st December .. ..	78,506

The above figures show a decrease in membership equal to 2.41 per cent., as compared with 3.10 per cent. for 1946.

\* 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.