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# FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADE-UNIONS

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT BY THE REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947

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*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*

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The REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES to the RIGHT HON. THE MINISTER.

SIR,—

Wellington, 1st August, 1948.

I have the honour to submit the annual report of this Office for the year ended 31st December, 1947, in accordance with the provisions of the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, section 9, and the Trade-unions Act, 1908, section 16.

I have, &c.,

S. BECKINGSALE, F.I.A.,

Registrar of Friendly Societies.

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## REPORT

Mr. G. E. Bradley, who held the office of Registrar since 1944, retired from the Service at the end of the year. The friendly societies have expressed their appreciation of the generous help and guidance given by Mr. Bradley throughout his forty-one years of service.

### PART I.—FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

#### REGISTRATIONS

One society was registered during the year—W.M.C. : Onehunga Working-men's Club.

The following registrations were cancelled by request—I.O.O.F. : Centenary Lodge, Tokomaru Bay Lodge, and Iti Rebekah Lodge. A.O.F. : Court Pongaroa (Wellington District). H.A.C.B.S. : St. Joseph's Branch No. 858, Wellington (N.Z. District). G.U.O.O.F. : Star of Newtown Branch, Loyal Onslow Branch, Arahina Branch, and Loyal Coronation Branch.

One amalgamation was registered—M.U.I.O.O.F. : Victoria Lodge with Milton Lodge (Otago District).

One instrument of dissolution was registered—A.O.F. : Court Clarendon (Court out of District).

There were 1,047 registrations at 31st December, 1947.

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
	<u>3,002</u>
	83,448
Number who died .. ..	1,158
Number who left by—	
Clearance .. ..	566
Arrears, &c. .. ..	3,218
	<u>4,942</u>
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.

The total funds of the societies and branches as at 31st December, 1947, amounted to £6,419,523, made up as follows: Sick and Funeral Funds (inclusive of amounts transferred to special funds out of surplus), £5,895,785; Medical and Management Funds, goods, &c., £523,738. 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 £81 15s. 5d.

The following statement shows the disposal of the total funds (including those of the central bodies) as at the 31st December, 1947:—

Funds.		Assets.	
£		£	
Sick and Funeral Funds .. ..	5,242,722	Investments at interest .. ..	5,888,345
Surplus Appropriation Funds, &c. ..	653,063	Value of land and buildings .. ..	281,245
Management Funds, goods, &c. ..	298,202	Cash not bearing interest .. ..	207,571
Distress, Benevolent Funds, &c. ..	225,536	Value of goods .. ..	18,528
		Other assets .. ..	20,705
		Owing by Management Funds .. ..	3,129
Total .. ..	£6,419,523	Total .. ..	£6,419,523

#### *Sickness*

The number of members sick during 1947 was 15,883, equal to 21 per 100 members at risk. The sickness experienced during 1947 was 324,038 weeks, equal to 20 weeks 2 days per sick member and 4 weeks 2 days for each member at risk.

#### *Mortality*

The number of members who died during 1947 was 1,158, equal to 14·57 per 1,000 members at risk. The number of wives of members who died was 371.

#### *Sick and Funeral Funds*

The contributions and entrance fees paid to Sick and Funeral Funds in 1947 amounted to £151,069. Divided by the mean number of members, the average for 1947 was £1 18s., as against £1 18s. 2d. for 1946.

The interest and rent received by the lodges and central bodies amounted to £221,966 in 1947, equal to £2 15s. 10d. per member, as against £2 13s. 2d. for 1946.

The amount of sickness benefit paid was £176,642 in 1947, equal to £11 2s. 5d. per member sick and £2 4s. 5d. per member, as against £10 9s. 3d. and £2 5s. 3d. respectively for 1946. Viewing the amount paid in relation to the weeks of sickness, the average benefit per week is found to be 10s. 11d. in 1947, as against 11s. 4d. for 1946.

The funeral benefit paid amounted to £63,478 in 1947, equal to 16s. per member, as compared with 14s. 8d. for 1946.

The total worth of the Sick and Funeral Funds at the beginning of 1947 was £5,122,801, and at the end of the year £5,242,722.

#### *Investment of Funds*

The net income from investments credited to the Sick and Funeral Funds for 1947 amounted to £221,966, the average rate being £4 7s. 6d. per cent., as against £4 8s. 2d. in 1946.

## 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.
Aigie, R. F.	Waimate.	Jordan, N. V. R.	Timaru.
Allen, P. E.	Auckland.	Johnson, G.	Timaru.
Allott, F. S.	Christchurch.	Kelleher, H. W.	Wellington.
Anderson, A. M.	Wellington.	Kellow, B. W. A.	Wellington.
Angus, J. M.	Hastings.	Kember, O. G.	Wellington.
Austin, F. O.	Wellington.	Lang, J. F.	Dunedin.
Bamfield, F. W.	Dunedin.	Lewis, H. N.	Gisborne.
Barnett, J. H.	Wellington.	Litchfield, F. G.	Ashburton.
Beaumont, B. W.	Auckland.	Low, A. D.	Palmerston North.
Bellringer, N. B.	New Plymouth.	Mackersey, I. J.	Masterton.
Berry, G. Y.	Wellington.	Mackley, C.	Wellington.
Boardman, M. J.	Dunedin.	Masters, W. H.	Auckland.
Boidy, H. W.	Dunedin.	Meltzer, I.	Dunedin.
Bolton, H.	Wellington.	Mogridge, F.	Auckland.
Booth, C. H.	Auckland.	Morrison, L. A.	Blenheim.
Brett, R. A. E.	Auckland.	Mullaney, H. W.	Christchurch.
Buddle, J. H.	Rotorua.	McCombie, W. H.	Palmerston North.
Bull, H.	Napier.	McDonald, C. P.	Auckland.
Burdekin, H. B.	Wellington.	McDougall, J. W. A.	Auckland.
Rush, E. G.	Wellington.	McKeefry, J. H. A.	Kaiapoi.
Carlaw, J.	Auckland.	Neale, J. B.	Dunedin.
Carr, J. T.	Petone.	Nicholls, T. C. H.	Christchurch.
Carter, G. A.	Stratford.	Nielsen, N. I.	Inglewood.
Colieman, J. G.	Waihi.	Penman, C.	Palmerston North.
Collingwood, P. H.	Auckland.	Perkins, C. H.	Dunedin.
Cook, G. W. R.	Waipukurau.	Perkins, J. A.	Christchurch.
Cooke, F.	Balclutha.	Phillips, C. E.	Christchurch.
Corbin, F. H.	Hastings.	Pike, A. L.	Auckland.
Cork, G. G.	Auckland.	Pinker, E. G.	Auckland.
Cox, C. T.	Wellington.	Plank, V. D. M.	Hastings.
Dalzell, D. E.	Christchurch.	Porteous, J.	Huntly.
Davidson, G.	Dunedin.	Priest, P. J.	Hastings.
Dearing, C. G.	Devonport.	Reynolds, T. G.	Hamilton.
Dillon, G. W.	New Plymouth.	Ross, G.	Wellington.
Dobson, W.	Dannevirke.	Ross, R. C.	Napier.
Dorman, G. E. T.	Invercargill.	Sandtman, J. W.	Dunedin.
Duff, V.	New Plymouth.	Satterthwaite, L. McK.	Dunedin.
Edgar, G. S.	Dunedin.	Seaman, A. M.	Auckland.
Farmer, K. S.	Nelson.	Sellar, W. R.	Dunedin.
Feist, F. E.	Wellington.	Sharr, C. H.	Christchurch.
Finlayson, R. M.	Wanganui.	Shenkin, C.	Auckland.
Fippard, N. B.	Hastings.	Shadden, D. B.	Marton.
Fleming, G.	Otahuhu.	Smart, L. H.	Carterton.
Frear, J. G.	Auckland.	Smeaton, J. W.	Dunedin.
Gay, W. E. L.	Westport.	Smillie, D. F.	Palmerston North.
Gentles, J. A.	Auckland.	Smith, E. W.	Christchurch.
Glendinning, K. S.	Palmerston North.	Smith, W. A.	Christchurch.
Good, C. W. G.	Whakatane.	Spring, D. T.	Palmerston North.
Gray, A. L.	Christchurch.	Stewart, A. C.	Milton.
Gregory, A. R. W.	Auckland.	Stichbury, C. P.	Auckland.
Gribble, C. R.	Auckland.	Suisted, C. H.	Wellington.
Griffin, J. L.	Wellington.	Talbot, W. G.	Wellington.
Gunn, F. L.	Waiangarei.	Thomson, E. H.	Nelson.
Hall, R. H. D.	Wellington.	Thomson, V. E. D.	Dunedin.
Harding, J. W. J.	Hawera.	Tunbridge, A. J.	New Plymouth.
Harker, H. L.	Wairoa.	Tyrrell, H. W.	Dunedin.
Harker, H. L.	Blenheim.	Veitch, S. R.	Hawera.
Harvey, E. J.	Dunedin.	Walton, O.	Eketahuna.
Harvey, H. P.	Dunedin.	Watters, F. R.	Napier.
Haworth, A.	Wanganui.	Watts, W. G.	New Plymouth.
Heath, J.	Nelson.	Webb, F. A.	Invercargill.
Hobbs, S. M.	Wellington.	Webb, O. A.	Blenheim.
Hogg, S. G. H.	Wellington.	Webley, N.	Dannevirke.
Holland, L. H.	Wanganui.	White, W. R. T.	Blenheim.
Hoskins, S. F.	Wellington.	Whitton, T. E.	Auckland.
Hunt, E. W.	Wellington.	Wicks, H. J. F.	Greymouth.
Hunter, J.	Nelson.	Wilson, C. D.	Napier.
Hyde, A. C. A.	Hastings.	Wise, F. H.	Wellington.
Ivory, H.	Wellington.	Young, W. A.	Dunedin.
Jackson, C. A.	Auckland.		
Jennings, E. B.	Palmerston North.		

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