Registrations

There were registered during the year two new societies and two new branches, as follows—I.O.O.F.: Pride of Morrinsville Lodge. H.A.C.B.S.: St. Mary's Branch No. 955, Hokitika (N.Z. District). I.F.S.: Winstone Limited Employees' Sick and Accident Society. S.A.S.: Taihape Hibernian Credit Union.

The following registrations were cancelled by request—M.U.I.O.O.F.: Takapau Lodge (Hawkes Bay District) and Mokai Lodge (Auckland District). I.O.O.F.: Tengawai, St. Kilda, Okaiawa, Waiwhetu, and Pride of Karori Lodges. A.O.F.: Court Bloomfield (Wellington District). U.A.O.D.: Pride of Mataura Lodge (Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland). I.O.R.: Hope of Ormondville, Star of Wakefield, Brightwater, Hope of Addington, and Kiwi Tents (N.Z. Central District). I.F.S.: Wairarapa District Friendly Societies Hospital Association.

Three amalgamations were registered—M.U.I.O.O.F.: Nil Desperandum Lodge with Oxford Lodge (Ashley District), Jubilee Lodge with Riccarton Lodge (North Canterbury District). A.O.F.: Court Victoria with Court Woodford (Canterbury United District).

One instrument of dissolution was registered—I.F.S.: The Waimate United Friendly Societies' Dispensary.

One registration was cancelled on secession—A.O.F.: Court Pride of Eltham (Taranaki District).

The following change of name was registered—I.F.S.: "The Canterbury (N.Z.) Seed Company, Limited, Employees' Sick and Benefit Friendly Society" to "The Canterbury (N.Z.) Seed and Malting Companies' Sick and Benefit Society."

There were 1,031 registrations at 31st December, 1948.

The position of the various orders in respect of registrations during 1948 is as follows:—

Name of Order.	Registrations at 1st January, 1948.	Established.	Closed.	Registrations at 31st December, 1948.
Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows	259		4	255
Independent Order of Odd Fellows	199	1	-5	195
National Independent Order of Oddfellows	1			1
Ancient Order of Foresters	150		3	147
United Ancient Order of Druids	144		1.	143
Independent Order of Rechabites	67		.5	62
Order of Sons of Temperance	10			10
Sons and Daughters of Temperance	1			1
Hibernian-Australasian Catholic Benefit Society	79	1.	• •	80
Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia	12		••	12
Grand United Order of Oddfellows	10			10
Isolated friendly societies	70	1	2	69
Working-men's clubs	15			15
International Order of Good Templars	11			11
Specially authorized societies	19	1		20
Totals	1,047	4	20	1,031