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# FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADE-UNIONS

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT BY THE REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948

*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 RIGHT HON. THE MINISTER.  
SIR,—

Wellington, 1st September, 1949.

I have the honour to submit the annual report of this Office for the year ended 31st December, 1948, 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.

## REPORT

### PART I—FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

#### LEGISLATION

The Friendly Societies Amendment Act, 1948, amends the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, as follows:—

*Sections 11 (2) and 51 (1).*—The maximum annuity for which a member may contribute is increased from £52 to £104 per annum.

*Section 33.*—The maximum charge for a demand copy of rules is increased from 1s. to 2s. 6d.

*Section 55.*—Provision is made to allow a branch, with the consent of its central body, to also operate a loan fund, and the maximum allowable interest in a loan fund is increased from £200 to £300.

*Sections 60 (1) and (2) and 63.*—The requirement of a second general meeting to confirm a special resolution is deleted.

## 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 Matura 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                                    |
| Specialy authorized societies .. ..                 | 19                                  | 1            | ..      | 20                                    |
| Totals .. ..  | 1,047                               | 4            | 20      | 1,031                                 |

## AMENDMENTS OF RULES

The rules of fifty-six societies and branches were amended during 1948, six by complete amendment, and fifty by partial amendment.

## STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS

The following table shows the membership of 874 lodges\* of the Dominion for the year 1948:—

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Number of members, 1st January .. .. .   | 78,506       |
| Number admitted by—                      |              |
| Initiation, &c. .. .. .                  | 2,393        |
| Clearance .. .. .                        | 566          |
|  | <u>2,959</u> |
|  | 81,465       |
| Number who died .. .. .                  | 1,192        |
| Number who left by—                      |              |
| Clearance .. .. .                        | 558          |
| Arrears, &c. .. .. .                     | 2,581        |
|  | <u>4,331</u> |
| Number of members, 31st December .. .. . | 77,134       |

The above figures show a decrease in membership equal to 1.75 per cent., as compared with 2.41 per cent. for 1947.

The total funds of the societies and branches as at 31st December, 1948, amounted to £6,568,039, made up as follows: Sick and Funeral Funds (inclusive of amounts transferred to special funds out of surplus), £6,018,076; Medical and Management Funds, goods, &c., £549,963. 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 £85 3s.

The following statement shows the disposal of the total funds (including those of the central bodies) as at the 31st December, 1948.

| Funds.                                   | Assets.          |
|--|------------------|
|  | £                |
| Sick and Funeral Funds .. .. .           | 5,324,018        |
| Surplus Appropriation Funds, &c. .. .. . | 694,058          |
| Management Funds, goods, &c. .. .. .     | 314,317          |
| Distress, Benevolent Funds, &c. .. .. .  | 235,646          |
|  | <u>6,568,039</u> |
|  | £                |
| Investments at interest .. .. .          | 6,039,249        |
| Value of land and buildings .. .. .      | 297,400          |
| Cash not bearing interest .. .. .        | 178,789          |
| Value of Goods .. .. .                   | 18,762           |
| Other assets .. .. .                     | 29,910           |
| Owing by Management Funds .. .. .        | 3,929            |
|  | <u>6,568,039</u> |
|  | Total .. .. .    |

*Sickness*

The number of members sick during 1948 was 15,410, equal to 20.4 per 100 members at risk. The sickness experienced during 1948 was 324,077 weeks, equal to 21 weeks per sick member and 4 weeks 2 days for each member at risk.

\* 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.

*Mortality*

The number of members who died during 1948 was 1,192, equal to 15·2 per 1,000 members at risk. The number of wives of members who died was 320.

*Sick and Funeral Funds*

The contributions and entrance fees paid to Sick and Funeral Funds in 1948 amounted to £162,048. Divided by the mean number of members, the average for 1948 was £2 1s. 8d., as against £1 18s. for 1947.

The interest and rent received by the lodges and central bodies amounted to £223,861 in 1948, equal to £2 17s. 6d. per member, as against £2 15s. 10d. for 1947.

The amount of sickness benefit paid was £176,032 in 1948, equal to £11 8s. 6d. per member sick and £2 5s. 3d. per member, as against £11 2s. 5d. and £2 4s. 5d. respectively for 1947. Viewing the amount paid in relation to the weeks of sickness, the average benefit per week is found to be 10s. 10d. in 1948, as against 10s. 11d. for 1947.

The funeral benefit paid amounted to £65,222 in 1948, equal to 16s. 9d. per member, as compared with 16s. for 1947.

The total worth of the Sick and Funeral Funds at the beginning of 1948 was £5,242,722, and at the end of the year £5,324,018.

*Investment of Funds*

The net income from investments credited to the Sick and Funeral Funds for 1948 amounted to £223,861, the average rate being £4 6s. 7d. per cent., as against £4 7s. 6d. in 1947.

**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.            |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Algic, R. F.       | Waimate.          | Hyde, A. C. A.         | Hastings.         |
| Allen, P. B.       | Auckland.         | Jackson, C. A.         | Auckland.         |
| Allott, F. S.      | Christchurch.     | Jennings, E. B.        | Palmerston North. |
| Anderson, A. M.    | Wellington.       | Jordan, N. V. R.       | Timaru.           |
| Angus, J. M.       | Hastings.         | Johnson, G.            | Timaru.           |
| Austin, F. O.      | Wellington.       | Kelleher, H. W.        | Wellington.       |
| Bamfield, F. W.    | Dunedin.          | Kellow, E. W. A.       | Wellington.       |
| Barnett, J. H.     | Wellington.       | Kenner, O. G.          | Wellington.       |
| Battley, C. H.     | Auckland.         | Lang, J. F.            | Dunedin.          |
| Beaumont, B. W.    | Auckland.         | Lewis, H. N.           | Ashburton.        |
| Bellringer, N. B.  | New Plymouth.     | Litchfield, F. C.      | Palmerston North. |
| Berry, G. Y.       | 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.         | Mogridge, F.           | Blenheim.         |
| Buddle, J. H.      | Rotorna.          | Morrison, L. A.        | Christchurch.     |
| Bull, H.           | Napier.           | Mullaney, H. W.        | Palmerston North. |
| Burdekim, H. B.    | Wellington.       | McCumbe, W. H.         | Auckland.         |
| Bush, E. G.        | Wellington.       | McDonald, C. P.        | Auckland.         |
| Button, G. E.      | Auckland.         | McDougall, J. W. A.    | Kaipoi.           |
| Carlaw, J.         | Auckland.         | McKeefry, J. H. A.     | Dunedin.          |
| Carr, J. T.        | Petone.           | Neale, J. B.           | Christchurch.     |
| Carter, G. A.      | Strafford.        | Nielsen, N. I.         | Palmerston North. |
| Coleman, J. G.     | Waik.             | Penman, C.             | Dunedin.          |
| Collingwood, P. H. | Auckland.         | Perkins, C. H.         | Christchurch.     |
| Cook, G. W. R.     | Waipukurau.       | Perkins, J. A.         | Christchurch.     |
| Cooke, F.          | Balclutha.        | Phillips, C. E.        | Auckland.         |
| Corbin, F. H.      | Hastings.         | Pike, A. L.            | Auckland.         |
| Cork, G. G.        | Auckland.         | Plank, V. D. M.        | Hastings.         |
| Cox, C. T.         | Wellington.       | Porteous, J.           | Huntly.           |
| Dalzell, D. E.     | Christchurch.     | Priest, P. J.          | Hastings.         |
| Davidson, G.       | Dunedin.          | Reynolds, T. G.        | Hamilton.         |
| Dearing, C. G.     | Devonport.        | Ross, G.               | Dunedin.          |
| Dillon, G. W.      | New Plymouth.     | Ross, R. C.            | Wellington.       |
| Dobson, W.         | Dannevirke.       | Sandtmann, J. W.       | Napier.           |
| Dorman, G. E. T.   | Invercargill.     | Satterthwaite, L. McK. | Dunedin.          |
| Duff, V.           | New Plymouth.     | Seaman, A. M.          | Auckland.         |
| Edgar, G. S.       | Dunedin.          | Sellar, W. R.          | Dunedin.          |
| Farmer, K. S.      | Nelson.           | Sharr, C. H.           | Christchurch.     |
| Feist, F. E.       | Wellington.       | Shenkin, C.            | Auckland.         |
| Felton, A. C.      | Christchurch.     | Sladden, D. B.         | Marton.           |
| Finlayson, R. M.   | Wanganui.         | Smart, L. H.           | Carterton.        |
| Fippard, N. B.     | Hastings.         | Smeaton, J. W.         | Dunedin.          |
| Frear, J. G.       | Auckland.         | Smillie, D. F.         | Palmerston North. |
| Gay, W. E. L.      | Westport.         | Smith, E. W.           | Christchurch.     |
| Gentles, J. A.     | Auckland.         | Smith, W. A.           | Christchurch.     |
| Glendinning, K. S. | Palmerston North. | Spring, D. T.          | Palmerston North. |
| Good, C. W. G.     | Whakatane.        | Stewart, A. C.         | Milton.           |
| Gray, A. L.        | Christchurch.     | Stichbury, C. P.       | Auckland.         |
| Gray, W. L.        | Napier.           | Suisted, C. H.         | Wellington.       |
| Gregory, A. R. W.  | Auckland.         | Tabbot, W. G.          | Wellington.       |
| Gribble, C. R.     | Auckland.         | Thomson, E. H.         | Nelson.           |
| Griffin, J. L.     | Wellington.       | Thomson, V. E. D.      | Dunedin.          |
| Gump, F. L.        | Whangarei.        | Tunbridge, A. J.       | New Plymouth.     |
| Hall, R. H. D.     | Wellington.       | Tyrrill, H. W.         | Dunedin.          |
| Harding, J. W. J.  | Hawera.           | Veitch, S. R.          | Hawera.           |
| Harker, H. L.      | Wairoa.           | Walton, O.             | Eketahuna.        |
| Harvey, E. J.      | Blenheim.         | Watters, F. R.         | Napier.           |
| Harvey, H. P.      | Dunedin.          | Watts, W. G.           | New Plymouth.     |
| Haworth, A.        | Wanganui.         | Webb, F. A.            | Invercargill.     |
| Heath, J.          | Nelson.           | Webb, O. A.            | Blenheim.         |
| Hobbs, S. M.       | Wellington.       | Wehley, N.             | Dannevirke.       |
| Hogg, S. G. H.     | Pahiatua.         | White, W. R. T.        | Blenheim.         |
| Holland, L. H.     | Wanganui.         | Wicks, H. J. F.        | Greymouth.        |
| Holloway, W. G.    | Dannevirke.       | Wills, A. J.           | Christchurch.     |
| Hoskins, S. F.     | Wellington.       | Wilson, C. D.          | Napier.           |
| Hudson, W.         | Taihape.          | Wise, F. H.            | Wellington.       |
| Hunt, E. W.        | Wellington.       | Young, W. A.           | Dunedin.          |
| Hunter, J.         | Nelson.           |                        |                   |

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