1906. NEW ZEALAND.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

(TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT BY THE REGISTRAR OF).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to "The Friendly Societies Act, 1882," Section 5, Subsection (8).

By the statute above mentioned the Registrar is required every year to "lay before the General Assembly a report of his proceedings and of the principal matters transacted by him, and of the valuations returned to or caused to be made by the Registrar during the year preceding."

TRANSACTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1905.

REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES AND BRANCHES.

The total number of registrations during the year 1905 was 18, distributed as follows: M.U.I.O.O.F.,* 4 lodges; A.O.F., 4 courts; U.A.O.D., 6 lodges; I.O.R., 1 tent; H.A.C.B.S., 2 branches: I.F.S. 1 society.

In the following table the progress of registration during the year is shown by a comparison of the number of societies and branches on the register as at the beginning and end of the year respectively.

Name or Class of Society.		Statement as on the 1st January, Statement as on the 31st December, 1905.
M.U.I.O.O.F. I.O.O.F. N.I.O.O.F. B.U.O.O.F. A.O.F. A.O.S. U.A.O.D. I.O.R. S.D.T. H.A.C.B.S. P.A.F.S.A. R.E.B.S. I.F.S. W.M.C. I.O.G.T.		1 society, 17 districts, 166 lodges, 1 juvenile lodge, and 1 widow and orphan society 1 grand lodge and 41 lodges
S.A.S		23 societies temple. 22 societies.

A complete list of societies and branches on the register as at the end of 1905 is given in Appendix II.

REGISTRATION OF NEW SOCIETIES AND RULES.

One isolated friendly society was registered during the year, viz.: The Auckland Tramways Sick and Accident Friendly Society.

COMPLETE AMENDMENTS OF RULES REGISTERED.

Complete amendments of the rules of the following societies and branches were registered during the year, viz.:—

^{*} LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS MADE USE OF IN THIS REPORT.

A.O.F., Ancient Order of Foresters. A.O.S., Ancient Order of Shepherds. B.U.O.O.F., British United Order of Odd Fellows. H.A.C.B.S., Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society. I.F.S., Isolated Friendly Society. I.O.G.T., Independent Order of Good Templars. I.O.O.F., Independent Order of Odd Fellows. I.O.R., Independent Order of Rechabites. M.U.I.O.O.F., Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows. N.I.O.O.F., National Independent Order of Odd Fellows. P.A.F.S.A., Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia. R.E.B.S., Railway Employees' Benefit Society. S.A.S., Specially Authorised Society. S.D.T., Sons and Daughters of Temperance. U.A.O.D., United Ancient Order of Druids. W.M.C., Working-men's Club.