

Partial Amendments of Rules registered.

Partial amendments for the following were made :—

- M.U.I.O.O.F.—Ashley District ; Nelson District ; Auckland District ; Ashburton District ; Motueka District ; Wanganui District ; Marlborough District ; Otago District ; Southland District ; Combination Lodge, Masterton Lodge, Petone Lodge, Rose of the Valley Lodge (Wellington District) ; Whangarei Lodge, Hauraki Lodge (Auckland District) ; Ashburton Lodge (Ashburton District) ; Albion Lodge, Hand and Heart Lodge (Otago District).
- I.O.O.F.—Grand Lodge of New Zealand (2).
- N.I.O.O.F.—Auckland District.
- A.O.F.—Taranaki District ; Nelson District ; South Canterbury District ; United Otago District ; Court Sherwood Forest (Nelson District) ; Court Enterprise ; Court Pride of Parnell.
- U.A.O.D.—Grand Lodge of Canterbury ; Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland ; Timaru Lodge (2) (Grand Lodge of Canterbury).
- I.O.R.—New Zealand District (2) ; New Zealand Central District.
- S.D.T.—National Division ; Antidote Division.
- H.A.C.B.S.—New Zealand District.
- I.F.S.—The Huntly Collieries' Medical and Accident Relief Association ; Millerton Colliery Medical and Accident Relief Association (2) ; Point Elizabeth Accident Relief Fund ; Nightcaps Collieries' Medical, Sick, and Accident Relief Association ; Eden Temperance Benefit Friendly Society ; Pukemiro Medical Society (2).

ANNUAL RETURNS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, ETC.

The Friendly Societies Act requires these returns to reach me on or before the 31st March in each year. The number outstanding at that date in the respective societies was as follows —

Annual Returns outstanding at 31st March, 1922.

Name of Society.	Central Bodies.	Branches.
M.U.I.O.O.F.	2	11
I.O.O.F. . . . .	..	31
A.O.F.	2	10
U.A.O.D. . . . .	..	11
I.O.R. . . . .	..	10
S.D.T. . . . .	..	1
H.A.C.B.S.	1	26
I.F.S., &c. . . . .	..	30
	5	130
	135	

STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS.

The following table shows the membership of 731 lodges* of the Dominion for the year 1921 :—

Number of members, 1st January	74,210
Number admitted by—	
Initiation, &c.	7,858
Clearance	1,025
	8,883
	83,093
Number who died	615
Number left by—	
Clearance	1,016
Arrears, &c...	3,648
	5,279
Number of members at 31st December	77,814

The above figures show an increase in membership equal to 4.86 per cent., as compared with 5.12 per cent. for 1920.

The total funds of the societies and branches as on the 31st December, 1921, amounted to £2,445,843, made up as follows: Sick and Funeral Funds (inclusive of amounts transferred to special funds out of surplus), £2,279,979; Medical and Management Funds, goods, &c., £165,864. 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 £31 8s. 8d.

* 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.