

Sickness.

The number of members sick during 1928 was 19,336, equal to 21·2 per 100 members at risk. The sickness experienced during 1928 was 196,978 weeks, equal to 10 weeks 1 day per sick member, and 2 weeks 1 day for each member at risk.

Mortality.

A statement of the average mortality experienced during the years 1924–28 is given below, but it takes no account of age incidence :—

Year.	Members.		Wives.	
	Number who died.	Number per 1,000 Members at Risk.	Number who died.	Number per 1,000 Members at Risk.
1924	674	8·09	295	3·54
1925	648	7·22	328	3·66
1926	748	8·02	323	3·46
1927	776	7·98	320	3·29
1928	756	7·56	341	3·41

Sick and Funeral Funds.

The contributions and entrance fees paid to Sick and Funeral Funds in 1928 amounted to £183,809. Divided by the mean number of members the average for 1928 was £1 16s. 11d., as compared with £1 16s. 10d. in 1927.

The interest and rent received by the lodges and central bodies amounted to £171,975 in 1928, equal to £1 14s. 6d. per member, as against £1 14s. 10d. for 1927.

The amount of sickness benefit paid was £128,897 in 1928, equal to £6 13s. 4d. per member sick, and £1 5s. 11d. per member, as against £6 13s. 4d. and £1 5s. 10d. respectively for 1927. Viewing the amount paid in relation to the weeks of sickness, the average benefit per week is found to be 13s. 1d. in 1928, as against 13s. 3d. for 1927.

The funeral benefit paid amounted to £34,082 in 1928, equal to 6s. 10d. per member, as compared with 6s. 11d. for 1927.

The total worth of the Sick and Funeral Funds of 885 lodges at the beginning of 1928 was £3,036,670, and at the end of the year £3,214,131. The balance of gain for the year was £177,461, or £1 15s. 8d. per member, in 1928, as compared with £127,415, or £1 6s. 4d., in 1927.

Investment of Funds.

The net income from investments credited to the Sick and Funeral Funds for 1928 amounted to £171,975, the average rate being £5 13s. 2d. per cent., as against £5 16s. 7d. in 1927.

TABLE SHOWING THE TOTAL WORTH OF SICK AND FUNERAL FUNDS OF 885 LODGES AS AT THE 1ST JANUARY, 1928, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1928, INCLUSIVE OF ACCUMULATIONS HELD BY CENTRAL BODIES, ALSO AMOUNT AND AVERAGE RATE OF INTEREST EARNED.

Name of Society.	Total Worth of Sick and Funeral Funds as at the		Amount of Interest.	Average Rate per Cent.
	January 1, 1928.	December 31, 1928.		
M.U.I.O.O.F.	£ 1,085,985	£ 1,146,462	£ 59,835	5·51
I.O.O.F.	252,777	260,001	14,004	5·62
N.I.O.O.F.	5,916	5,991	281	4·83
B.U.O.O.F.	5,539	5,836	344	6·24
A.O.F.	651,583	685,395	35,568	5·47
A.O.S.	1,451	1,429	88	6·30
U.A.O.D.	680,509	735,058	40,711	5·92
I.O.R.	147,570	156,009	8,604	5·83
O.S.T.	23,445	24,682	1,380	5·90
S.D.T.	11,102	11,479	657	5·99
H.A.C.B.S.	81,751	87,886	4,996	6·07
P.A.F.S.A.	39,826	41,863	2,470	6·24
G.U.O.O.F.	1,287	1,685	29	1·97
Other societies	47,929	50,355	3,008	8·31
Totals	3,036,670	3,214,131	171,975	5·66

TRADE-UNIONS.

One trade-union was cancelled by request during the year—viz., the Otago Tramways Trade-union, Dunedin.

Three partial amendments of rules were registered during the year for the New Zealand Locomotive Engineers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association.

There were twenty-five unions on the register at the end of the year.