

Taking the several years 1921–1930, the number of lodges whose returns were tabulated, the number of members, total funds, and average capital per member at the end of each year were as under :—

Year.	Number of Lodges tabulated.	Number of Members	Total Funds.	Average Capital.
			£	£ s. d.
1921	731	77,814	2,445,843	31 8 8
1922	746	80,777	2,593,692	32 2 2
1923	774	84,228	2,747,952	32 12 6
1924	782	87,433	2,955,340	33 16 0
1925	817	91,353	3,136,237	34 6 7
1926	843	94,467	3,337,683	35 6 8
1927	864	98,251	3,526,717	35 17 11
1928	885	100,928	3,728,087	36 18 9
1929	900	105,154	3,927,433	37 7 0
1930	906	107,167	4,130,117	38 10 9

These sums are, of course, held against the societies' liabilities under their sickness and funeral insurances, and the actuarial reports issued from time to time indicate how far they are sufficient or otherwise.

The above figures include the latest statistics received from lodges.

The following statement shows the disposal of the total funds (including those of the central bodies) as at the 31st December, 1930 :—

Funds.		Assets.	
	£		£
Sick and Funeral Funds	3,496,609	Investments at interest	3,540,367
Surplus Appropriation Funds, &c. . .	332,107	Value of land and buildings	440,899
Management Funds, goods, &c. . .	183,999	Cash not bearing interest	97,761
Widow and Orphans' Funds	28,973	Value of goods	23,849
Distress, Benevolent Funds, &c. . .	88,429	Other assets	22,123
		Owing by Management Funds	5,118
Total	£4,130,117	Total	£4,130,117

The next table shows the number of members of friendly societies, the amount of their accumulated capital, and the average capital per member in each of the Australian States according to the latest received statistics, and in the Dominion of New Zealand as at the 31st December, 1929, arranged in order of membership :—

State or Dominion.	Date of Return.	Number of Lodges.	Number of Members.	Amount of Funds.	Capital per Member.
				£	£ s. d.
New South Wales	30th June, 1929	2,490	247,730	3,835,785	15 9 8
Victoria	1,484	164,307	4,934,020	30 0 7
New Zealand	31st Dec.,	900	105,154	3,927,433	37 7 0
South Australia 1928	699	78,284	2,251,253	28 15 2
Queensland	30th June,	578	67,057	1,549,112	23 2 0
Tasmania	31st Dec.,	186	24,958	388,772	15 11 7
Western Australia	30th June, 1929	350	24,491	439,242	17 18 8

Sickness.

The number of members sick during 1930 was 20,163, equal to 20·5 per 100 members at risk. The sickness experienced during 1930 was 212,754 weeks, equal to 10 weeks 3 days per sick member, and 2 weeks 1 day for each member at risk.