

(2.) Court Blenheim, No. 5,085, A.O.F., Register No. 86, situated at Blenheim, was converted into a registered branch of the Wellington District, A.O.F., Register No. 144.

5. COMPLETE AMENDMENTS OF RULES REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR.

- (1.) Court Sir George Grey, No. 3,118, A.O.F., Wellington, Register No. 34.
- (2.) Sanctuary Sir George Grey, No. 3,118, A.O.S., Wellington, Register No. 11.
- (3.) Court Star of Canterbury, No. 2,309, A.O.F., Christchurch, Register No. 2.
- (4.) Otago District, I.O.O.F., M.U., Register No. 23.
- (5.) Widow and Orphans' Fund, United Canterbury District, A.O.F., Register No. 139.

6. PARTIAL AMENDMENT OF RULES REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR.

Auckland District, I.O.O.F., M.U., Register No. 13.

7. CHANGES OF NAME REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR.

(1.) Right Worthy Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, changed into Independent Order of Odd Fellows of New Zealand, concurrently with cancelment and reregistration.

(2.) United Wellington District of the Ancient Order of Foresters, changed into Wellington District of the Ancient Order of Foresters, concurrently with cancelment and reregistration.

8. TRUSTEES REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR.

Twenty-three notices of appointment of trustees were registered during the year. In some cases the trustees had been appointed before the Friendly Societies Act of 1877 was passed, but had never been registered.

9. REMOVALS OF OFFICE REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR.

- (1.) North Westland District, I.O.O.F., M.U., office removed from Charleston to Reefton.
- (2.) Albion Lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., office removed from Oriental Hotel, Princes Street, Dunedin, to Glasgow Pie House, Princes Street, Dunedin.
- (3.) Auckland District, A.O.F., office removed from District Courthouse, Queen Street, Auckland, to Waiotahi Creek, Thames, and subsequently to Governor Bowen Hotel, Grahamstown.
- (4.) Court Pride of the Forest, A.O.F., office removed from Henry Adams, solicitor, Nelson, to Wakapuaka, Nelson.
- (5.) United Otago District, A.O.F., office removed from District Courthouse, Dunedin, to Working-men's Club, Octagon, Dunedin.
- (6.) Court Pride of Dunedin, A.O.F., office removed from Royal George Hotel, George Street, Dunedin, to Odd Fellows' Hall, Rattray Street, Dunedin.
- (7.) Primitive Methodist Mutual Aid Society (No. 1 of N.Z.), office removed from George Street, Dunedin, to Opoho, North Dunedin.
- (8.) Greenstone Branch, H.A.C.B.S., from Greenstone to Kumara.

10. CANCELLATIONS OF REGISTRY EFFECTED DURING THE YEAR.

- (1.) United Wellington District, A.O.F., reregistered as a society having branches.
- (2.) Court Queen of the Isles, A.O.F., Lyttelton, reregistered under new rules.
- (3.) Loyal Marlborough Lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., Blenheim, converted into a branch of Marlborough District, I.O.O.F., M.U.
- (4.) Loyal Marton Lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., ceased to exist through want of members.
- (5.) Right Worthy Grand Lodge of New Zealand, I.O.O.F., Dunedin, reregistered, under a new name, as a society having branches.

II.—LEADING FEATURES OF NEW RULES REGISTERED.

The provisions of "The Friendly Societies Act, 1867," required that the rules of a society could not be registered until the tables of contributions payable for the assurance of sums on sickness or death had been certified to by an actuary or person appointed by the Registrar. No such provision was inserted in "The Friendly Societies Act, 1877," except in cases of deferred annuities, and a registration of rules may now be effected although the contributions may be quite inadequate to pay the promised benefits. It may, therefore, be of interest to note the leading features of the rules registered during the year, so far as they relate to the measure of the contributions provided therein.

Court Queen of the Isles, A.O.F.—The alteration chiefly consisted in an increased and graduated scale of contributions.

Old Scales.

6s. 9d. per quarter to Sick and Funeral Fund (from which surgeon's pay was to be defrayed) for members initiated prior to rules of 1873. For members initiated subsequently, following contributions to cover all expenses:—

18-22	...	...	11s. 8d. per quarter
22-25	...	...	12s. 2d. per quarter
25-28	...	...	12s. 9d. per quarter
28-31	...	...	13s. 3d. per quarter
31-34	...	...	14s. 0d. per quarter
34-37	...	...	14s. 9d. per quarter
37-40	...	...	15s. 10d. per quarter

Present Scales.

(a.) For members initiated before 8th December, 1875, 8s. 1d. per quarter to Sick and Funeral Fund (from which surgeon not to be paid), from which 2s. 1d. per quarter handed to District Funeral Fund.

(b.) For members subsequently initiated, a graduated scale as follows:—

Per qr.	Govt. Actuary's Scale.
Under 22 years, 9s. 1d. ...	8s. 4½d.
Under 25 years, 9s. 7d. ...	8s. 4½d. to 9s. 0d.
Under 28 years, 10s. 1d. ...	9s. 0d. to 9s. 9½d.
Under 31 years, 10s. 7d. ...	9s. 9½d. to 10s. 8½d.
Under 34 years, 11s. 7d. ...	10s. 8½d. to 11s. 9d.
Under 37 years, 12s. 7d. ...	11s. 9d. to 12s. 11½d.
Under 40 years, 13s. 7d. ...	12s. 11½d. to 14s. 4½d.

2s. 1d. per quarter of this to District Funeral Fund. Surgeon paid out of a separate fund.