

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRY.

4. The registry of the under-mentioned societies and branches, which had ceased to exist, was cancelled during the year.

- L.U.F.B.S.—Grand Lodge and Reliance Lodge (Auckland).
- H.A.C.B.S.—Hamilton Branch.
- I.F.S.—Rational Sick and Burial Association (St. Albans), New Zealand United Legal Friendly Benefit Burial Society (Auckland).
- I.S.S.—Thames Ranger Band Society (Thames).

REGISTRATION OF NEW RULES.

5. Registration of a complete amendment of rules—i.e., of a complete set of new rules—was made in respect of the under-mentioned societies and branches :—

- M.U.I.O.O.F.—New Plymouth District, Heart of Oak Lodge (Wellington District).
- A.O.F.—Taranaki District, Court Waireka (Taranaki District), Court Perseverance (Nelson District), United Otago District.
- S.D.T.—Grand Division.
- R.E.B.S.—New Zealand Railway Employés' Benefit Society.
- W.M.C.—Petone Working-men's Club.

REGISTRATION OF PARTIAL AMENDMENT OF RULES.

6. Registration of a partial amendment of rules was made in respect of the under-mentioned societies and branches :—

- M.U.I.O.O.F.—Lodges Howick and Fountain of Friendship (Auckland District), Wellington District, Unity Lodge (Wellington District), Nelson District, Motueka District, City of Christchurch Lodge (North Canterbury District).
- A.O.F.—Wellington District, Nelson District, Court Inangahua (Nelson District), Court Pride of the West (Hokitika), Canterbury United District, Court Thistle of the Forest (Canterbury United District).
- I.F.S.—Grey Valley Accident Relief Fund.

STATISTICS FOR 1889.

7. The number of lodges * whose returns are tabulated is 364, and of central bodies 31, distributed according to orders as follows :—

Society.				Central Bodies.	Lodges.	Society.				Central Bodies.	Lodges.
M.U.I.O.O.F.	..	..	..	15	128	L.U.F.B.S.	..	..	..	1	1
I.O.O.F.	..	..	..	1	22	I.O.R.	..	..	..	2	32
N.I.O.O.F.	..	..	..	1	2	S.D.T.	..	..	..	1	9
B.U.O.O.F.	..	..	..	1	3	H.A.C.B.S.	..	..	..	1	16
A.O.F.	..	..	..	7	98	P.A.F.S.A.	..	..	..	1	9
A.O.S.	..	..	..	..	2	R.E.B.S...	..	..	..	..	2
U.A.O.D.	..	..	..	..	40						

* 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.

8. In Tables I., VI., and VII., attached to this report, the respective district totals include the funds of the central bodies.

9. In the final column of Table I. is entered the average surplus or deficiency per member, as shown at the last valuation of the society.

10. In the monetary tables, except the first, shillings and pence have been omitted, there being no apparent advantage in publishing the values more accurately than as shown by the nearest pound.

11. The number of members of these lodges at the end of the year was 26,013.

12. The following balance-sheet gives their total funds (including those of the central bodies) as at the 31st December, 1889 :—

Funds.		£	Assets.		£
Sick and funeral funds	..	380,971	Investments at interest	..	284,173
Medical and management funds, goods, &c.	..	49,573	Value of land and buildings	..	114,092
			Cash not bearing interest	..	20,398
			Value of goods	..	10,516
			Other assets	..	1,365
		<u>£430,544</u>			<u>£430,544</u>

13. The following summary shows the disposition of the various investments at interest, together with the respective average rates per cent. :—