

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.—Eketahuna and Martinborough Lodges (Wellington District), Howard Lodge (Nelson District), and Motueka District.

N.I.O.O.F.—Auckland Pioneer and United Brothers Lodges (Auckland Provincial District).

A.O.F.—Court Taranaki (Taranaki District), Court Queen of the Isles (Canterbury United District), and United Otago District.

U.A.O.D.—Grand Lodge of Canterbury District.

I.O.R.—New Zealand Central District.

W.M.C.—Wellington Working-men's Club.

I.S.S.—Christchurch and St. Albans Co-operative Money-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.—Charles Bruce and Duke of Cambridge Lodges (Auckland District), New Plymouth District, Rose of the Valley Lodge (Wellington District), Nelson Lodge (Nelson District), Palmerston Lodge (Otago District).

I.O.O.F.—Pioneer of Southland Lodge.

A.O.F.—Auckland District, Court Royal Oak (Nelson District).

U.A.O.D.—Good Intent Lodge.

S.D.T.—Grand Division of New Zealand.

I.F.S.—Denniston Collieries Medical and Accident Relief Association.

W.M.C.—Wellington Social Club.

I.S.S.—Lyttelton United Friendly Societies' Dispensary.

STATISTICS FOR 1894.

7. The number of lodges* whose returns are tabulated is 367, and of central bodies 32, distributed according to orders, thus:—

Society.	Central Bodies.	Lodges.	Society.	Central Bodies.	Lodges.
M.U.I.O.O.F.	15	129	U.A.O.D.	1	44
I.O.O.F.	1	21	I.O.R.	2	34
N.I.O.O.F.	1	2	S.D.T.	1	11
B.U.O.O.F.	1	1	H.A.C.B.S.	1	10
A.O.F.	8	101	P.A.F.S.A.	1	11
A.O.S.	1	R.E.B.S...	2

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

9. In Table I. the amounts in the column headed "Sick and Funeral Fund" include the worth of the benefit fund of the widow and orphan societies.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. The number of members of these lodges at the end of the year was 29,963.

13. The following balance-sheet gives their total funds (including those of the central bodies) as on the 31st December, 1894:—

Funds.	£	Assets.	£
Sick and Funeral Funds	496,233	Investments at interest	405,466
Medical and Management Funds, goods, &c. ..	55,287	Value of land and buildings	113,553
		Cash not bearing interest	20,900
		Value of goods	9,341
		Other assets	2,260
	<u>£551,520</u>		<u>£551,520</u>

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

Mode of Investment.	Amount.	Rate per Cent.
	£	
On deposit with the Post-Office Savings-Bank	19,557	4·0
	7,460	3·5
On deposit with other banks	66,575	4·7
On mortgage of freehold property	291,895	7·1
In Government and municipal debentures	10,192	5·7
Other investments	9,787	6·0
	<u>405,466</u>	<u>6·4</u>

* 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.