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NEW ZEALAND.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

(TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT BY THE REGISTRAR OF).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to "The Friendly Societies Act, 1882," Section 5, Subsection (8).

TRANSACTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1897.

REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES AND BRANCHES.

1. The total number of registrations during the year 1897 was 9, distributed thus : M.U.I.O.O.F.,* 3 lodges ; I.O.O.F., 1 lodge ; A.O.F., 1 court ; U.A.O.D., 1 grand lodge and 3 subordinate lodges.

2. In the following table the progress of registration during the year is shown by a comparison of the number of societies and branches on the register as at the beginning and end of the year respectively.

Name or Class of Society.	Statement as on the 1st January, 1897.	Statement as on the 31st December, 1897.
M.U.I.O.O.F. ..	16 districts, 138 lodges, and 1 widow and orphan society	16 districts, 141 lodges, and 1 widow and orphan society.
I.O.O.F. ..	1 grand lodge and 30 subordinate lodges ..	1 grand lodge and 31 subordinate lodges.
N.I.O.O.F. ..	1 district and 2 lodges	1 district and 2 lodges.
B.U.O.O.F. ..	1 district and 1 lodge	1 district and 1 lodge.
A.O.F. ..	8 districts, 112 courts, 2 juvenile courts, and 1 widow and orphan society	8 districts, 112 courts, 2 juvenile courts, and 1 widow and orphan society.
A.O.S. ..	1 sanctuary	1 sanctuary.
U.A.O.D. ..	2 grand lodges and 54 subordinate lodges ..	2 grand lodges and 57 subordinate lodges.
I.O.R. ..	2 districts and 37 tents	2 districts and 35 tents.
S.D.T. ..	1 grand division and 11 subordinate divisions	1 grand division and 10 subordinate divisions.
H.A.C.B.S. ..	1 district and 22 branches	1 district and 22 branches.
P.A.F.S.A. ..	1 grand lodge and 12 subordinate lodges ..	1 grand lodge and 12 subordinate lodges.
R.E.B.S. ..	2 societies	2 societies.
I.F.S. ..	8 societies	6 societies.
W.M.C. ..	13 clubs	12 clubs.
I.O.G.T. ..	1 grand lodge, 53 subordinate lodges, and 2 temples	1 grand lodge, 53 subordinate lodges, and 2 temples.
I.S.S. ..	25 societies	24 societies.

3. A complete list of societies and branches on the register as at the end of 1897 is given in Appendix II.

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRY.

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

- A.O.F.—Court Excelsior (Auckland District).
- I.O.R.—Good Intent and Star of Featherston Tents (New Zealand Central District).
- I.F.S.—Mokihinui Accident Relief Fund Society and Kamo Miners' Accident Relief Fund Society.
- W.M.C.—Richmond Working-men's Club.
- I.S.S.—Christchurch and Suburban Co-operative Money Club.

* LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS MADE USE OF IN THIS REPORT.

A.O.F., Ancient Order of Foresters. A.O.S., Ancient Order of Shepherds. B.U.O.O.F., British United Order of Odd Fellows. H.A.C.B.S., Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society. I.F.S., Isolated Friendly Society. I.O.G.T., Independent Order of Good Templars. I.O.O.F., Independent Order of Odd Fellows (American Constitution). I.O.R., Independent Order of Rechabites. I.S.S., Isolated Specially-authorized Society. M.U.I.O.O.F., Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows. N.I.O.O.F., National Independent Order of Odd Fellows. P.A.F.S.A., Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia. R.E.B.S., Railway Employes' Benefit Society. S.D.T., Sons and Daughters of Temperance. U.A.O.D., United Ancient Order of Druids. W.M.C., Working-men's Club.