

The following 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 Australasian States and in the Colony of New Zealand, according to the latest received statistics, arranged in order of membership:—

State or Colony.	Date of Return.	Number of Lodges.	Number of Members.	Amount of Funds.	Capital per Member.
Victoria	31st December, 1900 ..	1,111	97,937	£ 1,316,370	£ s. d. 13 8 10
New South Wales	" 1897 ..	817	69,124	596,463	8 12 7
New Zealand	" 1901 ..	445	41,236	804,753	19 10 4
South Australia	" 1899 ..	396	39,346	535,198	13 12 1
Queensland	" 1901 ..	361	31,167	269,111	8 12 4
Tasmania	" 1899 ..	117	12,883	100,562	7 16 1
Western Australia	" 1900 ..	108	6,890	46,306	6 14 5

TRADE-UNIONS.

There were no registrations under "The Trade-union Act, 1878," during the year. The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, allowing trade-unions to be registered as industrial unions, is bringing about the cancellation of a number of registrations under the former statute, as the provisions of the two Acts are somewhat in conflict.

A list of registered trade-unions, as on the 31st December, 1902, is given in Appendix III.

30th July, 1903.

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