

Table A—continued.

Year.	Friendly Societies' Contributions paid in Year.	Reduced to the Basis of 100 at 1887.	Number of Friendly Societies' Members.	Reduced to the Basis of 100 at 1887.
	£			
1887	68,671	100·00	24,928	100·00
1890	71,656	104·35	26,379	105·82
1893	81,459	118·62	29,763	119·40
1896	88,336	128·64	31,825	127·87
1899	105,938	154·27	38,202	153·25
1902	124,356	181·10	43,408	174·13
1905	141,639	206·26	51,103	205·00

In order to illustrate the facts in another way Table B has been prepared. In this table the various figures are shown per head (or in the case of friendly societies' membership per 100) of the population. From this it will be seen that although there is now a much larger population than in 1887, still each member of the population now carries—(1) a greater insurance, (2) pays more in premiums, (3) more in friendly societies' contributions, and (4) every 100 of the present larger population contributes more friendly societies' members than was the case in 1887; the results as a whole disclosing a remarkable increase in thrift during the period under review, of which friendly societies' business has had its due share.

Table B.

Year.	Amount of Life-insurance Premiums paid in Year per Head of Population.	Reduced to the Basis of 100 at 1887.	Amount of Life Insurance carried per Head of Population.	Reduced to the Basis of 100 at 1887.
	£		£	
1887	0·70507	100·00	23·629	100·00
1890	0·74819	106·12	24·913	105·43
1893	0·79899	113·32	26·527	112·26
1896	0·83027	117·76	27·353	115·76
1899	0·91149	129·28	29·401	124·43
1902	1·00040	141·89	31·352	132·68
1905	1·07690	152·74	32·822	138·91

Year.	Friendly Societies' Contributions per Head of Population.	Reduced to the Basis of 100 at 1887.	Number of Friendly Societies' Members per 100 of Population.	Reduced to the Basis of 100 at 1887.
	£			
1887	0·11515	100·00	4·1315	100·00
1890	0·11543	100·24	4·2173	102·08
1893	0·12317	106·97	4·4273	107·16
1896	0·12505	108·60	4·4563	107·86
1899	0·14126	122·68	5·0499	122·23
1902	0·15588	135·38	5·3728	130·04
1905	0·16281	141·39	5·7910	140·17

SICKNESS.

The number of members sick during 1905 was 8,103, and during 1906 was 9,253, equal to 17·38 and 18·84 respectively per 100 members at risk; the sickness experienced during 1905 was 67,581 weeks 4 days, equal to 8 weeks 2 days per sick member, and 1 week 3 days 3 hours for each member at risk, while for 1906 the experience was 74,574 weeks 3 days, representing 8 weeks and 1 week 3 days 15 hours respectively. These averages and percentages are compared with previous years in Appendix I.

Owing in great measure to differences in the proportion of members at the several ages, the averages in the several districts differ considerably, also in the several societies or orders. The figures for the five larger orders for 1905 are found to be as follows:—

Order.	Percentage Sick.	Sickness per Member.			Ratio (per Cent.) to Total Sickness.		
		Sick.	At Risk.		First 6 Months.	Second 6 Months.	After 12 Months.
		Weeks.	Wks.	dys.	hrs.		
M.U.I.O.O.F.	17·65	9·47	1	4	17	48	44
I.O.O.F.	14·31	6·62	0	6	15	68	23
A.O.F.	17·96	8·11	1	3	5	58	34
U.A.O.D.	16·80	5·84	0	6	21	75	19
I.O.R.	15·74	7·88	1	1	16	63	25
All societies	17·38	8·34	1	3	3	55	37

The percentage of members sick for the year 1905 was therefore highest in the A.O.F., while the average sickness per member at risk was highest in the M.U.I.O.O.F., and the lowest in the