

I.O.O.F. In 1904 the percentage of members sick was 20·55, the average sickness per member sick was 7·45 weeks, and the average sickness per member at risk 1 week 3 days 17 hours.

## DEATHS.

Year.	Members.		Wives.	
	Number who died.	Number per 1,000 Members at Risk.	Number who died.	Number per 1,000 Members at Risk.
1903 .. .. .	354	8·49	158	3·79
1904 .. .. .	347	7·93	155	3·54
1905 .. .. .	351	7·53	174	3·73
1906 .. .. .	348	7·08	162	3·30

## SICK AND FUNERAL FUNDS.

The contributions and entrance-fees paid to Sick and Funeral Funds in 1905 amounted to £72,461, and in 1906 to £77,441; dividing these amounts by the mean number of members, the averages are £1 9s. 2d. and £1 9s. 8d. respectively, as against £1 9s. 4d. for 1904.

The interest and rent received by the lodges and central bodies amounted to £39,238 in 1905 and to £43,279 in 1906, equal to 15s. 10d. and 16s. 7d. respectively per member, as compared with 15s. 6d. for 1904.

The amount of sickness benefit paid was £48,260 in 1905 and £52,903 in 1906, equal to £5 19s. 1d. and £5 14s. 4d. respectively per member sick, and averages of 19s. 5d. and £1 0s. 3d. per member, as against £5 7s. 11d. and £1 1s. respectively for 1904. Viewing the amounts paid in relation to the weeks of sickness the average benefit per week is found to be 14s. 3d. in 1905 and 14s. 2d. in 1906, as compared with 14s. 6d. in 1904.

The funeral benefit paid amounted to £10,311 in 1905 and £9,496 in 1906; these amounts are equal to 4s. 2d. and 3s. 8d. respectively per member, as compared with 4s. 4d. for 1904.

The total worth of the Sick and Funeral Funds at the beginning of 1905 of 501 lodges was £831,889, and at the end of the year £886,531. At the beginning of 1906 the worth for 500 lodges was £886,819, and £946,281 at the end of 1906. The balance of gain for each year was £54,642, or £1 2s. per member in 1905, and £59,462 or £1 2s. 9d. in 1906, as compared with 19s. in 1904.

The averages for the five leading orders, and for all societies, are given in the following table for the year 1905:—

Order.	Income per Member from		Outgo per Member for		Sick-benefit per Member sick.	Average Sick-pay per Week.	Gain per Member.
	Contributions.	Interest.	Sickness.	Funerals.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
M.U.I.O.O.F. ..	1 12 0	0 19 9	1 2 7	0 3 11	6 14 6	0 14 2	1 8 6
I.O.O.F. ..	1 10 8	0 15 4	0 13 11	0 2 9	5 3 2	0 15 7	1 9 7
A.O.F. ..	1 7 4	0 16 2	0 19 4	0 5 2	5 12 10	0 13 11	0 18 4
U.A.O.D. ..	1 7 2	0 7 8	0 14 6	0 3 9	4 17 6	0 16 8	0 17 8
I.O.R. ..	1 6 1	1 2 5	0 18 2	0 3 0	6 1 3	0 15 5	0 8 0
All societies ..	1 9 2	0 15 10	0 19 5	0 4 2	5 19 1	0 14 3	1 2 0

## INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

The total income from investments, less depreciation, credited to the Sick and Funeral Funds for 1905 amounted to £39,238, which is found to yield an average rate of £4·67 per cent. (say, £4 13s. 5d.), as against £4 10s. 5d. in 1904.

TABLE showing the Total Worth of the SICK AND FUNERAL FUNDS of 501 Lodges as on the 1st January, 1905, and the 31st December, 1905, inclusive of the Accumulations held by the Central Bodies; also the Amount and Average Rate of Interest earned.

Name of Society.	Total Worth of Sick and Funeral Fund as on—		Amount of Interest.	Average Rate per Cent.
	January 1, 1905.	December 31, 1905.		
	£	£	£	£
M.U.I.O.O.F. .. .. .	400,248	427,375	18,768	4·64
I.O.O.F. .. .. .	41,876	45,653	1,956	4·57
N.I.O.O.F. .. .. .	4,434	4,576	201	4·56
B.U.O.O.F. .. .. .	1,653	1,772	84	5·03
A.O.F. .. .. .	220,975	232,991	10,601	4·78
A.O.S. .. .. .	1,141	1,146	53	4·74
U.A.O.D. .. .. .	77,651	85,698	3,499	4·38
I.O.R. .. .. .	44,056	44,861	2,257	5·21
S.D.T. .. .. .	11,718	12,052	599	5·17
H.A.C.B.S. .. .. .	13,409	14,354	564	4·15
P.A.F.S.A. .. .. .	11,745	13,031	512	4·22
R.E.B.S. .. .. .	2,984	3,022	144	4·91
Total .. .. .	831,889	886,531	39,238	4·67