

Mortality.

The following statement of average mortality experienced during the years 1914-18 is given herewith, but it takes no account of age incidence :—

Year.	Members.		Wives.	
	Number who died.	Number per 1,000 Members at Risk.	Number who died.	Number per 1,000 Members at Risk.
1914	506	7·02	238	3·30
1915	767	10·63	240	3·33
1916	977	13·08	232	3·26
1917	1,287	18·55	260	3·75
1918	1,821	26·85	457	6·74

The average death-rate is the highest in the history of the societies, the epidemic on top of war mortality being responsible for the abnormal increase.

Sick and Funeral Funds.

The contributions and entrance fees paid to Sick and Funeral Funds in 1918 amounted to £117,188. Divided by the mean number of members the average was £1 14s. 5d., as compared with £1 13s. 10d. in 1917.

The interest and rent received by the lodges and central bodies amounted to £90,424 in 1918, equal to £1 6s. 6d. per member, as against £1 4s. 9d. for 1917.

The amount of sickness benefit paid was £96,763 in 1918, equal to £6 11s. 1d. per member sick, and £1 8s. 5d. per member, as against £7 14s. and £1 2s. respectively for 1917. Viewing the amount paid in relation to the weeks of sickness, the average benefit per week is found to be 13s. 9d. in 1918, as compared with 12s. 11d. in 1917.

The funeral benefit paid amounted to £66,042 in 1918, equal to 19s. 5d. per member, as compared with 13s. 9d. for 1917.

The total worth of the Sick and Funeral Funds of 731 lodges at the beginning of 1918 was £1,829,531, and at the end of the year £1,873,510. The balance of gain for the year was £43,979, or 12s. 11d. per member, in 1918, as compared with £87,319, or £1 5s. 1d., in 1917.

The outstanding points in these figures are (1) the increase of 26·2 per cent. in the amount of sick-pay expended as compared with 1917 ; (2) the increase of 37·8 per cent. in the amount of death benefits as compared with the previous year.

Investment of Funds.

The net income from investments credited to the Sick and Funeral Funds for 1918 amounted to £90,424, the average rate being £5 0s. 1d. per cent., as against £4 18s. 10d. in 1917.

TABLE SHOWING THE TOTAL WORTH OF SICK AND FUNERAL FUNDS OF 731 LODGES AS ON 1ST JANUARY, 1918, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1918, INCLUSIVE OF ACCUMULATIONS HELD BY CENTRAL BODIES, ALSO 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, 1918.	December 31, 1918.		
M.U.I.O.O.F.	£ 764,673	£ 787,911	£ 38,584	5·10
I.O.O.F.	118,700	122,594	5,689	4·83
N.I.O.O.F.	5,303	4,966	213	4·24
B.U.O.O.F.	3,719	3,831	205	5·58
A.O.F.	434,453	438,650	21,246	4·99
A.O.S.	1,241	1,289	70	5·69
U.A.O.D.	298,771	305,912	14,742	5·00
I.O.R.	88,756	93,301	4,464	5·03
S.D.T.	22,705	23,225	1,069	4·77
H.A.C.B.S.	36,930	37,092	1,561	4·31
P.A.F.S.A.	25,660	26,269	1,367	5·41
Other societies	28,620	28,470	1,214	4·35
Totals	1,829,531	1,873,510	90,424	5·01

TRADE-UNIONS.

The following registration was cancelled by request : New Zealand Federation of Labour. There were 29 unions on the register at the end of the year.

INCORPORATED SOCIETIES ACT.

During 1918 there were 57 societies, clubs, or associations incorporated under this Act, and amendments of rules of 39 societies were accepted. Eight societies were dissolved, and one was wound up. On the 31st December, 1918, there were 1,143 incorporated bodies on the register. A classification of these societies gives : 440 sports clubs ; 327 automobile, social, and musical clubs ; 193 professional, commercial, industrial, &c. ; 88 public-hall societies ; and 95 miscellaneous.