

The interest and rent received by the lodges and central bodies amounted to £95,027 in 1919, equal to £1 7s. 6d. per member, as against £1 6s. 6d. for 1918.

The amount of sickness benefit paid was £99,598 in 1919, equal to £7 6s. 4d. per member sick, and £1 8s. 10d. per member, as against £6 11s. 1d. and £1 8s. 5d. respectively for 1918. Viewing the amount paid in relation to the weeks of sickness, the average benefit per week is found to be 13s. 8d. in 1919, as compared with 13s. 9d. in 1918.

The funeral benefit paid amounted to £52,618 in 1919, equal to 15s. 3d. per member, as compared with 19s. 5d. for 1918.

The total worth of the Sick and Funeral Funds of 735 lodges at the beginning of 1919 was £1,873,510, and at the end of the year £1,923,347. The balance of gain for the year was £49,837, or 14s. 5d. per member, in 1919, as compared with £43,979, or 12s. 11d., in 1918.

#### *Investment of Funds.*

The net income from investments credited to the Sick and Funeral Funds for 1919 amounted to £95,027, the average rate being £5 2s. 8d. per cent., as against £5 0s. 1d. in 1918.

TABLE SHOWING THE TOTAL WORTH OF SICK AND FUNERAL FUNDS OF 735 LODGES AS ON 1ST JANUARY, 1919, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1919, 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, 1919.	December 31, 1919.		
	£	£	£	£
M.U.I.O.O.F. .. .. .	787,911	794,888	40,071	5·20
I.O.O.F. .. .. .	122,594	130,618	5,362	4·33
N.I.O.O.F. .. .. .	4,966	4,845	226	4·72
B.U.O.O.F. .. .. .	3,881	3,954	192	5·06
A.O.F. .. .. .	438,650	447,814	21,593	4·99
A.O.S. .. .. .	1,289	1,283	67	5·35
U.A.O.D. .. .. .	305,912	323,151	15,649	5·10
I.O.R. .. .. .	93,301	98,206	5,690	6·12
S.D.T. .. .. .	23,225	24,141	1,116	4·83
H.A.C.B.S. .. .. .	37,092	38,230	1,992	5·43
P.A.F.S.A. .. .. .	26,269	27,068	1,498	5·78
Other societies .. .. .	28,470	29,649	1,571	5·56
Totals .. .. .	1,873,510	1,923,347	95,027	5·13

In nearly all societies an increase in the rate of interest earned is disclosed, which societies should endeavour to maintain and further improve at the present time of high rates.

#### *Appendices and Tables.*

A limited stock of the tables and detailed statistics relating to valuations and the annual transactions is this year published separately.

#### TRADE-UNIONS.

Three trade-unions were registered during the year—viz., The Northern Fishermen's Union (Auckland); The King-country Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union of Workers (Taumarunui); and The Kiripaka Coal-miners and Workers' Union (Kiripaka).

The following registration was cancelled by request: New Zealand Workers' Union.

The following change of name was registered: "The Federated Agricultural and Pastoral Workers' Union of New Zealand" to "The New Zealand Workers' Union."

Complete amendment of rules was registered during the year—viz., the New Zealand Workers' Union.

There were 31 unions on the register at the end of the year.

#### INCORPORATED SOCIETIES ACT.

During 1919 there were 95 societies, clubs, or associations incorporated under this Act, and amendments of rules of 51 societies were accepted. Twenty-eight societies were dissolved, and two were wound up. On the 31st December, 1919, there were 1,208 incorporated bodies on the register. A classification of these societies gives: 452 sports clubs; 360 automobile, social, and musical clubs; 203 professional, commercial, industrial, &c.; 92 public-hall societies; and 101 miscellaneous.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE OF TERMS USED IN 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.
I.O.R. . . . .	.. .. .	Independent Order of Rechabites.
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.
S.A.S. . . . .	.. .. .	Specialty authorized 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.