

Taking the several years 1912–1921, the number of lodges whose returns were tabulated, the number of members, total funds, and average capital per member at the end of each year were as under :—

Year.	Number of Lodges tabulated.	Number of Members.	Total Funds.	Average Capital.
			£	£ s. d.
1912	664	73,243	1,553,389	21 4 2
1913	681	73,691	1,643,177	22 6 0
1914	717	74,074	1,744,456	23 11 0
1915	728	73,027	1,852,255	25 7 4
1916	727	70,360	1,954,940	27 15 8
1917	730	68,771	2,052,753	29 17 0
1918	731	67,527	2,100,443	31 2 1
1919	735	70,598	2,184,653	30 18 11
1920	732	74,210	2,321,176	31 5 7
1921	731	77,814	2,445,843	31 8 8

These sums are, of course, held against the societies' liabilities under their sickness and funeral insurances, and the actuarial reports issued from time to time indicate how far they are sufficient or otherwise.

The above figures include the latest statistics received from lodges.

The following statement shows the disposal of the total funds (including those of the central bodies) as on 31st December, 1921 :—

Funds.	Assets.
	£
Sick and Funeral Funds	2,164,011
Surplus Appropriation Funds, &c. .. .	115,968
Management Funds, goods, &c. .. .	105,615
Widow and Orphans' Funds	18,787
Distress, Benevolent Funds, &c. .. .	41,462
Total	£2,445,843
	£
Investments at interest	2,121,742
Value of land and buildings	206,318
Cash not bearing interest	76,089
Value of goods	14,069
Other assets	22,690
Owing by Management Funds	4,935
Total	£2,445,843

The next 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 Australian States and in the Dominion of New Zealand, according to the latest received statistics, arranged in order of membership :—

State or Dominion.	Date of Return.	Number of Lodges.	Number of Members.	Amount of Funds.	Capital per Member.
				£	£ s. d.
New South Wales	31st December, 1919	1,925	184,174	2,217,796	12 0 10
Victoria	" 1920	1,475	143,021	3,173,678	22 3 10
New Zealand	" 1920	732	74,210	2,321,176	31 5 7
South Australia	" 1919	593	68,542	1,419,167	20 14 1
Queensland	" 1920	564	55,776	1,031,614	18 9 11
Tasmania	" 1920	192	23,214	280,315	12 1 6
Western Australia	" 1920	250	18,675	294,120	15 15 0

Sickness.

The number of members sick during 1921 was 12,020, equal to 16·61 per 100 members at risk. The sickness experienced during 1921 was 140,095 weeks, equal to 11 weeks 4 days per sick member, and 2 weeks for each member at risk.

Mortality.

The following statement of average mortality experienced during the years 1917–21 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.
1917	1,287	18·55	260	3·75
1918	1,821	26·85	457	6·74
1919	762	11·45	282	4·24
1920	664	9·17	285	3·94
1921	615	8·08	261	3·43