

Partial Amendments of Rules registered.

Partial amendments for the following were registered during the year, viz.:—

M.U.I.O.O.F.—Wellington District; Combination Lodge, Masterton Lodge, Greytown Lodge, Petone Lodge, Rose of Sharon Lodge, Britannia Lodge, Antipodean Lodge, Rose of the Valley Lodge, Newtown Lodge, Sister Wallis Lodge, and Kilbirnie Lodge (Wellington District); Ashley District; Nelson District; Abbotsford Lodge (2), Clive Lodge, Hastings Lodge, Tavistock Lodge, Woodville Lodge, Napier Lodge, Ruahine Lodge, and Te Reinga Lodge (Hawke's Bay District); Good Intent Lodge (Auckland District); Excelsior Lodge, Waitara Lodge, Union Lodge, Egmont Lodge, Manaia Lodge, Eltham Lodge, and Stratford Lodge (Taranaki District); Manawatu Lodge, and Hautapu Lodge (Wanganui District); Renwick Lodge (Marlborough District); North Canterbury District; Good Intent Lodge, Perseverance Lodge, and Hand and Heart Lodge (Lyttelton District); and South Canterbury District.

A.O.F.—Court Aorere (Nelson District); Court Star of Belfast, and Court Star of Canterbury (Canterbury United District); South Canterbury District; Court Southern Cross (South Canterbury District); and United Otago District.

A.O.S.—Sanctuary Sir George Grey.

U.A.O.D.—Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand; and Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland, New Zealand.

P.A.F.S.A.—Grand Council of New Zealand.

G.U.O.O.F.—The Grand United Order of Oddfellows, Friendly Society of New Zealand.

I.F.S.—Christchurch United Friendly Societies' Dispensary; The Wanganui United Friendly Societies' Dispensary; Hastings District United Friendly Societies' Association (2); Hikurangi and Wilson's Collieries Medical Society; Public Works Medical Association; Auckland City Council Employees Voluntary Sick and Accident Society; City of Waikato Benefit Society; The Wellington Municipal Employees' Sick Benefit and Death Levy Society; and Paparoa Miners' Medical Club.

W.M.C.—Auckland Working-men's Club and Mechanics' Institute.

S.A.S.—Sydenham and Suburban Co-operative Money Club; and Wellington United Friendly Societies' Dispensary.

ANNUAL RETURNS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, ETC.

The Friendly Societies Act requires these returns to reach me on or before the 31st March in each year. The number outstanding at that date in the respective societies was as follows:—

Annual Returns outstanding at 31st March, 1930.

Name of Society.	Central Bodies.	Branches.
M.U.I.O.O.F...	1	2
I.O.O.F.	..	9
A.O.F.	1	8
U.A.O.D.	..	7
I.O.R.	..	5
H.A.C.B.S.	1	26
P.A.F.S.A.	..	1
G.U.O.O.F.	..	1
I.F.S., &c.	..	33
	3	92
	95	

STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS.

The following table shows the membership of 900 lodges* of the Dominion for the year 1929:—

Number of members, 1st January	..	..	..	..	100,928
Number admitted by—					
Initiation, &c.	..	..	..	..	10,556
Clearance	..	..	..	..	1,332
					11,888
					112,816
Number who died	..	..	..	..	868
Number who left by—					
Clearance	..	..	..	..	1,394
Arrears, &c.	..	..	..	..	5,400
					7,662
Number of members, 31st December	..	..	..	..	105,154

The above figures show an increase in membership equal to 4.19 per cent., as compared with 2.72 per cent. for 1928.

* The word "lodge" when applied to all societies is to be understood as embracing the synonymous terms "court," "tent," &c., as used in the various orders.