

Taking the several years 1922-1931, 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.
1922	746	80,777	£ 2,593,692	£ s. d. 32 2 2
1923	774	84,228	2,747,952	32 12 6
1924	782	87,433	2,955,340	33 16 0
1925	817	91,353	3,136,237	34 6 7
1926	843	94,467	3,337,683	35 6 8
1927	864	98,251	3,526,717	35 17 11
1928	885	100,928	3,728,087	36 18 9
1929	900	105,154	3,927,433	37 7 0
1930	906	107,167	4,130,117	38 10 9
1931	912	105,660	4,277,715	40 9 9

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 at the 31st December, 1931 :—

Funds.				Assets.			
£				£			
Sick and Funeral Funds	3,623,299	Investments at interest	3,664,776				
Surplus Appropriation Funds, &c. ..	341,850	Value of land and buildings	459,367				
Management Funds, goods, &c. ..	178,667	Cash not bearing interest	96,764				
Widow and Orphans' Funds	30,015	Value of goods	23,672				
Distress, Benevolent Funds, &c. ..	103,884	Other assets	27,237				
		Owing by Management Funds	5,899				
Total	£4,277,715	Total	£4,277,715				

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 according to the latest received statistics, and in the Dominion of New Zealand as at the 31st December, 1930, 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	30th June, 1930 ..	2,511	252,086	4,000,944	15 17 5
Victoria	"	1,471	164,899	5,120,417	31 1 0
New Zealand	31st Dec.,	906	107,167	4,130,117	38 10 9
South Australia	" 1929 ..	724	77,785	2,329,759	29 19 0
Queensland	30th June,	592	67,361	1,610,988	23 18 4
Tasmania	31st Dec.,	194	27,160	405,063	16 2 5
Western Australia	30th June, 1930 ..	353	24,993	470,236	18 16 4

Sickness.

The number of members sick during 1931 was 21,886, equal to 22·0 per 100 members at risk. The sickness experienced during 1931 was 231,038 weeks, equal to 10 weeks 3 days per sick member, and 2 weeks 2 days for each member at risk.

Mortality.

A statement of the average mortality experienced during the years 1927-31 is given below, 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.
1927	776	7·98	320	3·29
1928	756	7·56	341	3·41
1929	868	8·39	363	3·51
1930	821	7·70	334	3·13
1931	874	8·18	372	3·48