

PROSECUTION.

During the year one society was prosecuted under the provisions of the Act for failing to render annual returns, the defendant society being convicted and fined £5 and Court costs.

REGISTRATIONS.

There were registered during the past year twenty-three new branches, as follows : M.U.I.O.O.F. : Loyal Turua Lodge and Loyal Rangitaiki Lodge (Auckland District) ; Loyal Princess Elizabeth Lodge (Otago District). I.O.O.F. : Endeavour Lodge, Rose of Arrow Rebekah Lodge, Jubilee Rebekah Lodge, and Ngaio Rebekah Lodge. U.A.O.D. : Frankton Lodge (Grand Lodge of the North Island of New Zealand). H.A.C.B.S. : Grahamstown Branch (Thames), Auckland Branch (Auckland), Onehunga Branch (Onehunga), Sancta Maria Branch (Auckland), St. Joseph's Branch (Waihi), St. Benedict's Branch (Auckland), St. Leo's Branch (Devonport), St. Columba's Branch (Frankton Junction), Good Shepherd Branch (Auckland), and St. Patrick's Branch (Mapiu), (Northern (N.Z.) District) ; S.S. Peter and Paul's Branch (Johnsonville), St. Martin's Branch (Pungarehu), Cathedral Branch (Auckland), St. John's Branch (Methven), and Blessed Peter Chanel's Branch (Auckland), (New Zealand District). There were also two isolated friendly societies : Wairarapa District Friendly Societies Hospital Association and Millerton Colliery Employees' Benevolent Society.

The following registrations were cancelled by request : M.U.I.O.O.F. : Loyal Bulls Lodge (Wanganui District). I.O.O.F. : Moana Rebekah Lodge and Te Ara Rebekah Lodge. A.O.F. : Court Pride of Dannevirke (Hawke's Bay District). P.A.F.S.A. : Wickliffe Lodge.

The Christchurch and New Brighton Co-operative Money Club was dissolved.

The following changes of name were approved : I.F.S. : " The Taumarunui United Friendly Societies' Dispensary " to " The Taumarunui United Friendly Benefit Society." W.M.C. : " Oxford Working Men's Club " to " Oxford Working Men's Club and Mutual School of Arts."

The position of the Orders in respect of registrations is shown by the following summary as at the beginning and end of 1935.

Name of Order.	Registrations at 1st January, 1935.	Established.	Closed.	Registrations at 31st December, 1935.
Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows	259	3	1	261
Independent Order of Odd Fellows	216	4	2	218
National Independent Order of Oddfellows	3	..	..	3
British United Order of Oddfellows	1	..	..	1
Ancient Order of Foresters	162	..	1	161
United Ancient Order of Druids	147	1	..	148
Independent Order of Rechabites	68	..	..	68
Order of Sons of Temperance	10	..	..	10
Sons and Daughters of Temperance	1	..	..	1
Hibernian-Australasian Catholic Benefit Society	68	15	..	83
Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia	16	..	1	15
Grand United Order of Oddfellows	14	..	..	14
Isolated friendly societies	68	2	..	70
Working-men's clubs	13	..	..	13
International Order of Good Templars	11	..	..	11
Specially authorized societies	16	..	1	15
Totals	1,073	25	6	1,092

RULES.

The rules of thirty-seven societies and branches were amended during 1935 :—

Complete Amendments of Rules registered.

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

- M.U.I.O.O.F.—Loyal Middlemarch Lodge (Otago District).
- I.O.O.F.—Grand Lodge of New Zealand.
- A.O.F.—Court Loyal Enterprise, Court Pride of Levin, and Court Makakahi (Wellington District).
- U.A.O.D.—Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand.
- I.F.S.—The Stockton Colliery Medical and Accident Relief Association ; Grey Valley Coal Miners' Medical Fund Society ; The Wellington United Friendly Societies' Medical Institute ; The Taumarunui United Friendly Societies' Dispensary.
- W.M.C.—The Petone Working Men's Club and Literary Institute ; Oxford Working Men's Club and Mutual School of Arts.
- S.A.S.—Invercargill United Friendly Societies' Dispensary.

Partial Amendments of Rules registered.

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

- M.U.I.O.O.F.—New Zealand Branch (2) ; Otago District (2) ; Loyal Waikaka Lodge (Otago District).
- A.O.F.—Auckland District ; Court Woodville (Wellington District) ; Canterbury United District (2) ; Court Ashburton (Canterbury United District) ; United Otago District (2) ; Court Little John (United Otago District) ; Court Pride of Dunedin (Court out of District).