

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

I.O.R.—New Zealand District, No. 84.

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

I.F.S.—The Auckland United Friendly Societies' Dispensary ; The Stockton Colliery Medical and Accident Relief Association (2) ; The Wellington Corporation Tramways and Electric Lighting Friendly Society ; The South Otago Friendly Societies' Hospital Benefit Association.

S.A.S.—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, 1936.*

Name of Society.	Central Bodies.	Branches.
M.U.I.O.O.F. .. .. .	1	40
I.O.O.F. .. .. .	..	13
A.O.F. .. .. .	2	15
U.A.O.D. .. .. .	..	3
I.O.R. .. .. .	1	7
O.S.T. .. .. .	..	1
H.A.C.B.S. .. .. .	..	7
P.A.F.S.A. .. .. .	1	5
I.F.S., &c. .. .. .	..	23
	5	114
	119	

#### STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS.

The following table shows the membership of 936 lodges\* of the Dominion for the year 1935 :—

Number of members, 1st January .. .. .	100,708
Number admitted by—	
Initiation, &c. .. .. .	7,859
Clearance .. .. .	1,091
	8,950
	109,658
Number who died .. .. .	887
Number who left by—	
Clearance .. .. .	1,095
Arrears, &c. .. .. .	4,064
	6,046
	103,612

Number of members, 31st December .. .. .

The above figures show an increase in membership equal to 2·88 per cent., as compared with 0·47 per cent. for 1934.

The total funds of the societies and branches as at the 31st December, 1935, amounted to £4,812,787, made up as follows: Sick and Funeral Funds (inclusive of amounts transferred to special funds out of surplus), £4,450,140 ; Medical and Management Funds, goods, &c., £362,647. Dividing the total funds by the number of members at the end of the year it is found the average capital per member is now £46 9s.

Taking the several years 1926–1935 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.
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
1932 .. .. .	912	102,052	4,398,158	43 1 11
1933 .. .. .	918	100,237	4,538,095	45 5 6
1934 .. .. .	929	100,708	4,676,427	46 8 9
1935 .. .. .	936	103,612	4,812,787	46 9 0

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 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.