

of which amounted to over £25 per member; 5, to over £20 and under £25; 16, to over £15 and under £20; 27, to over £10 and under £15; 35, to over £5 and under £10; 27,* to over £2 and under £5; 6,† to over £1 and under £2; 3,‡ less than £1.

The average age or duration§ of the three lodges which had more than £25 per member was 20 years 2 months; that of the 5 which had between £20 and £25 per member, was 19 years 11 months; that of the 6 which had between £1 and £2 per member was about 4 years; while the three lodges which had less than £1 per member, had also an average age of 4 years. It may be interesting to trace the progress, through a series of years, of the 17 lodges, &c., which lie at the two extremes of this list. The following table is accordingly subjoined:

Name of Lodge, Court, &c.	Year of Estab- lish- ment.	Number of Members on 31st December,					Amount of Benefit Fund per Member on 31st December,											
		1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1877.			1878.			1879.			1880.		
Lodges, Courts, &c., with exceptionally large Benefit Fund per member—							£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth Friendly Society, New Plymouth	1841	124	125	124	125	?	22	14	5	24	6	8	24	8	8		?	
Fountain of Friendship Lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., Auckland	1844	305	316	318	335	?	27	4	6	29	4	8	28	18	11		?	
Hand and Heart Lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., Dunedin	1848	265	281	287	298	292	18	19	1	20	6	7	21	14	0	24	15	6
Ross Lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., Ross ..	1866	73	75	65	53	50	18	4	6	22	1	6	27	13	3	30	9	0
Waima Lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., Stafford	1867	45	44	45	45	63	23	2	3	23	6	2	24	16	9	18	13	11
Court Patea, A.O.F., Patea	1868	19	16	16	2¶	23	10	13	6	10	13	6¶	95	15	1	9	15	8
Band of Friendship Lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., Kakanui	1872	?	12	13	13	13	19	3	7	19	14	4	21	13	1	23	15	4
Lodges, Courts, &c., with exceptionally small Benefit Fund per member—																		
Court Pride of Oamaru, A.O.F., Oamaru	1868	44	38	42	36	39	1	9	4	2	1	4	1	17	6		?	
Goldsborough Lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., Goldsborough	1870	39	36	33	23	closed	2	7	8	1	0	0	1	14	7	closed		
Greenstone Branch, H.A.C.B.S., Kumara	1871	?	16	16	15	18	2	13	1	1	11	1	0	18	8	1	5	8
Unity Lodge, I.O.O.F., South Dunedin	1875	?	?	41	36	23	?			0	10	7	Nil			0	8	7
Pioneer Lodge, U.A.O.D., Christ- church	?	?	?	59	88	101	?			1	3	0	1	9	4	1	19	3
Ravensbourne Lodge, I.O.O.F., Ra- vensbourne	1878	...	...	19	24	22	...			0	6	0	1	3	4	2	9	5
Court Robin Hood, A.O.F., Port Ahuriri, Napier	1879	...	...	...	21	28	...			...			1	9	9	2	4	2
Court Ruahine, A.O.F., Waipukurau	1879	...	...	...	17	30	...			...			1	2	3	1	9	9
Remembrance Lodge, United Friends, Newton	1879	...	...	...	41	36	...			...			0	4	6	1	16	5

The contributions credited to Management Funds of lodges during 1879 amounted in the aggregate to £15,129 19s. 7½d. (see Table XI.), or £1 5s. 8½d. per member. Speaking roughly this is equivalent to 6d. per week per member. In 1878 the contributions amounted to £1 4s. 7½d. per member, and in 1877 to £1 4s. 1½d. per member.

The purposes to which these contributions are applied are not sufficiently indicated by the title of "Management Fund." As has been pointed out by Mr. E. F. Owen, of the Government Statist's Office, Melbourne, the fund might more properly be designated "Medical, Management, and Incidental Expense Fund." In 1879 the three classes of expenses amounted to the following sums:—

	£	s.	d.
Medical expenses	10,429	5	3
Management expenses (including levies to District Management Fund)	7,562	15	8½
Incidental expenses	2,389	5	8½
	20,381	6	8

Almost invariably the heaviest item is the payment to the medical officer of the lodge. Leaving out of account the United Otago District, A.O.F., which defrayed medical expenses from the Sick and Funeral Fund, the expense of medical attendance amounted, on an average, in 1879, to 18s. 6½d. per member. That the larger lodges—situated for the most part in the large centres of population—are not able to make very much better terms for themselves appears from the fact that in the 14 registered lodges, courts, &c., which had more than 200 members on the 31st December, 1879, the medical expenses amounted on an average to 17s. 1d. per member. Neither do the large lodges show as great a saving as might have been expected in regard to expenses of management properly so-called; for while the general average for all the lodges was 10s. 6½d. per member, the average for the 14 lodges above-mentioned was 9s. 8d. These averages relate to the expense of managing the affairs of the lodges,

* Only 2 belonging to the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, aged respectively 4 and 9 years.

† Only one belonging to the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, aged 9 years. Since closed.

‡ None belonging to the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows.

§ Six months has, of course, been added to the integral number of years given in the last column of Table X.

¶ From the returns for 1880 it seems doubtful whether the number of members on 31st December, 1879, was not 8 rather than 2. Confusion sometimes arises through not distinguishing between persons who are suspended from benefit for non-payment of contributions and persons whose membership has absolutely lapsed. If the number of members was 8, the amount of fund per member would be only £23 18s. 9d.