

REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES AND BRANCHES.

7. During the year the total number of registrations was 65, distributed as follows :—

Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows...	31	Lodges.
Independent Order of Odd Fellows (American) ...	2	Subordinate Lodges.
Ancient Order of Foresters ...	5	Courts.
United Ancient Order of Druids ...	6	Subordinate Lodges.
Independent Order of Rechabites ...	13	Tents.
New Zealand Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society ...	5	Branches.
Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia ...	2	Subordinate Lodges.
Working-Men's Club ...	1	Club.

8. In the following table the progress of registration during the year is shown by a comparison between the number of societies on the register on the 1st January and the 31st December respectively :—

Name of Society or Class of Society.	Statement as on 31st December, 1882.	Statement as on 31st December, 1883.
Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows ..	13 Districts and 89 Lodges ..	13 Districts and 120 Lodges.
Independent Order of Odd Fellows (American) ..	1 Grand Lodge and 14 Subordinate Lodges	1 Grand Lodge and 15 Subordinate Lodges.
National Independent Order of Odd Fellows ..	1 District and 2 Lodges ..	1 District and 2 Lodges.
Ancient Order of Foresters ..	6 Districts, 72 Courts, and 2 Widow-and-Orphan Funds	6 Districts, 77 Courts, and 2 Widow-and-Orphan Funds.
Ancient Order of Shepherds ..	2 Sanctuaries ..	2 Sanctuaries.
United Ancient Order of Druids ..	24 Lodges ..	30 Lodges.
Loyal United Friends' Benefit Society ..	1 Central Body ..	1 Central Body.
Independent Order of Rechabites ..	2 Districts and 18 Tents ..	2 Districts and 31 Tents.
Sons and Daughters of Temperance ..	1 Grand Division and 8 Subordinate Divisions	1 Grand Division and 8 Subordinate Divisions.
Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society ..	7 Branches ..	6 Branches.
New Zealand Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society	1 Executive Directory and 5 Branches	1 Executive Directory and 10 Branches.
Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia	1 Grand Lodge and 7 Subordinate Lodges	1 Grand Lodge and 9 Subordinate Lodges.
New Zealand Railway Employés' Benefit Society	2 Branches ..	1 Branch.
Isolated Friendly Societies ..	Four ..	Three.
Benevolent Society ..	One ..	One.
Working-Men's Clubs ..	Nine ..	Seven.
Independent Order of Good Templars ..	1 Grand Lodge, 107 Subordinate Lodges, and 2 Temples	1 Grand Lodge, 107 Subordinate Lodges, and 2 Temples.
Isolated Specially-authorized Society ..	One ..	One.

A complete list of societies and branches on the register at the end of 1883 is subjoined as Schedule II. to this report.

REGISTRATION OF NEW RULES.

9. Registration of complete amendments of rules, *i.e.*, of a complete set of new rules, was made in respect of the following bodies :—

Hawke's Bay District, Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows.
Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Independent Order of Odd Fellows (American).

REGISTRATION OF PARTIAL AMENDMENTS OF RULES.

10. Registration of partial amendments of rules was made in respect of the following bodies :—

Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Fountain of Friendship Lodge (Auckland District).	Hokitika Lodge (Hokitika District).
Excelsior Lodge (New Plymouth District).	Ashley District.
Marlborough District.	Timaru Lodge (Lyttelton District).
North Westland District.	Albion Lodge (Otago District).
	Caversham Lodge ..

National Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Auckland Provincial District.

Ancient Order of Foresters.

Court City of Auckland (Auckland District).	Court Thistle of the Forest (Canterbury United District).
„ Nil Desperandum ..	United Otago District.
„ Star of the South ..	Court Excelsior (United Otago District).
„ Sir George Grey (Wellington District).	

Sons and Daughters of Temperance.

Grand Division of New Zealand. ..

Wellington Working-Men's Club.

CONVERSION OF REGISTERED SOCIETIES INTO BRANCHES.

11. During the year 1883 the status of the undermentioned courts was changed, in terms of section 19 of the Act, from that of societies independently registered into that of registered branches of the District :—