

REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES AND BRANCHES.

18. The total number of registrations during the year was 37, distributed as follows: M.U.I.O.O.F., 7 lodges; I.O.O.F., 4 lodges; B.U.O.O.F., 1 district and 2 lodges; A.O.F., 6 courts; U.A.O.D., 2 lodges; I.O.R., 6 tents; H.A.C.B.S., 6 branches; P.A.F.S.A., 1 lodge; W.M.C., 1 club; specially-authorized society, 1 society.

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

Name or Class of Society.	Statement as on the 1st January, 1886.	Statement as on the 31st December, 1886.
M.U.I.O.O.F.* ..	13 districts and 118 lodges ..	13 districts and 121 lodges.
I.O.O.F. ..	1 grand lodge and 18 subordinate lodges ..	1 grand lodge and 22 subordinate lodges.
N.I.O.O.F. ..	1 district and 2 lodges ..	1 district and 2 lodges.
B.U.O.O.F. ..	1 lodge ..	1 district and 3 lodges.
A.O.F. ..	7 districts, 86 courts, and 2 widow and orphan funds ..	7 districts, 89 courts, and 2 widow and orphan funds.
A.O.S. ..	2 sanctuaries ..	2 sanctuaries.
U.A.O.D. ..	38 lodges ..	37 lodges.
L.U.F.B.S. ..	1 grand lodge and 1 subordinate lodge ..	1 grand lodge and 1 subordinate lodge.
I.O.R. ..	2 districts and 35 tents ..	2 districts and 38 tents.
S.D.T. ..	1 grand division and 9 subordinate divisions ..	1 grand division and 9 subordinate divisions.
H.A.C.B.S. ..	1 district and 14 branches ..	1 district and 19 branches.
P.A.F.S.A. ..	1 grand lodge and 11 subordinate lodges ..	1 grand lodge and 12 subordinate lodges.
R.E.B.S. ..	2 societies ..	2 societies.
I.F.S.† ..	2 societies ..	2 societies.
B.S.‡ ..	1 society ..	1 society.
W.M.C. ..	9 clubs ..	9 clubs.
I.O.G.T.* ..	1 grand lodge, 111 subordinate lodges, and 2 temples ..	1 grand lodge, 111 subordinate lodges, and 2 temples.
I.S.S.§ ..	5 societies ..	6 societies.

* For explanation of abbreviations, see page 1.
specially-authorized societies.

† Isolated friendly societies.

‡ Benevolent societies.

§ Isolated

A complete list of societies and branches on the register as at the end of 1886 is subjoined. (Appendix IX.)

CONVERSION OF REGISTRY.

20. During the year 1886 the under mentioned, which had been on the register as district societies, were re-registered as branches of their respective districts:—

B.U.O.O.F.—Aorangi Lodge (Wellington District), Southern Star Lodge (Wellington District).

A.O.F.—Court Patea (Taranaki District).

H.A.C.B.S.—Auckland Branch (New Zealand District), Grahamstown Branch (New Zealand District), St. Joseph's (Dunedin) Branch (New Zealand District), Charleston Branch (New Zealand District), Hokitika Branch (New Zealand District).

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRY.

21. The registry of the following societies and branches was cancelled on the ground that they had ceased to exist:—

M.U.I.O.O.F.—Te Aroha Lodge (Auckland District), United Brethren Lodge (Wellington District), Sefton Lodge (Ashley District), Dawn of Hope Lodge (Lyttelton District).

A.O.F.—Court Royal Oak of Kawarau (United Otago District), Court Tapanui (United Otago District), Court Pride of the Forest (United Otago District).

U.A.O.D.—Gladstone Lodge, Pride of the Forest Lodge, Waikiwi Lodge.

I.O.R.—Hope of Feilding Tent (New Zealand Central District), Southern Cross Tent (New Zealand Central District), Ray of Hope Tent (New Zealand Central District).

H.A.C.B.S.—St. Patrick's Branch (Patea).

Dipton Working-Men's Club.

REGISTRATION OF NEW RULES.

22. Registration of a complete amendment of rules, i.e., of a complete set of new rules, was made in respect of the following societies and branches:—

M.U.I.O.O.F.—Unity Lodge (Wellington District), Nelson District, Mansion of Peace Lodge (Nelson District), General Cameron Lodge (Nelson District), United Gore Lodge (Invercargill District).

A.O.F.—Court Taranaki (Taranaki District), Nelson District.

I.O.R.—New Zealand District.

S.D.T.—Progress Division.

Sydenham and Addington Working-men's Club.