

10. That any society or branch which shall be enrolled during the year 1887 shall pay the entire annual premium for that year, and that a society or branch joining at any date subsequent to the end of 1887 shall pay, in addition to the annual premium, an entrance-fee, to be fixed by the Committee, who in fixing the said fee shall have regard to the amount of the funds of the association then in hand.

11. That a Committee be appointed, consisting of one member from each registered friendly society in the City of Wellington, to be elected annually by the various societies. That any vacancy occurring during a Committee's term of office shall be filled up by the society represented by the vacating member.

12. That the Committee shall appoint three Trustees, who shall be members of a registered friendly society, in whom the funds of the association shall vest; and that, in the event of any vacancy occurring in their number, such vacancy shall be filled up by the Committee within six weeks after the date of the ordinary Committee meeting next following such vacancy.

That every resolution appointing a Trustee shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting at which the appointment is made, and a notice of such appointment shall be forwarded within fourteen days to the Registrar of Friendly Societies.

That the Trustees shall hold office during the pleasure of the Committee, and shall only be removed by a three-fourths majority of the whole Committee.

13. That each Committee at its first meeting shall elect a Secretary, define his duties, and fix his salary. That the Committee shall have power to dismiss the Secretary so appointed for any cause that they may deem sufficient, and elect another in his place.

14. That each Committee at its first meeting shall elect a Treasurer.

15. That each Committee at its first meeting shall elect two Auditors.

16. That the funds of the association shall be invested by the Trustees, by direction of the Committee, in any securities specified by the Friendly Societies Act.

17. That meetings of the Committee be held at least once in every calendar month. That notice of all special meetings be sent to each member of the Committee at least three clear days before the date appointed for such meeting. That five shall form a quorum. That any member of the Committee who shall fail to attend three consecutive regular meetings shall (except he shall have been excused from attendance for any cause that shall be deemed sufficient by the other members of the Committee) cease to hold office as such member of Committee, and his place shall be filled up as already provided.

18. That all matters brought before the Committee shall be decided by the majority of votes, and that, in the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting-vote in addition to his deliberative one.

19. That a statement of receipts and expenditure for each successive year ending the 31st day of December, together with a balance-sheet as at that date, duly audited, shall be circulated among all the societies and branches enrolled, not later than the 15th day of February following. That a copy of the said statement and balance-sheet be furnished to the Registrar of Friendly Societies.

20. That the books of the association be open at all reasonable hours to inspection by any person having an interest in the funds of the association.

21. That no society or branch which shall subscribe to the funds of the association for one year shall be bound to continue its subscription, but that it shall be liable to pay its due share of any levy that may be struck under Rule 9, to meet claims in respect of defalcations that shall have been committed during the year for which it held the guarantee of the association.

22. That the annual meeting of the Committee shall take place in the first week of September in each year.

23. That no alteration shall be made in the rules of the association except at the annual meeting of the Committee, and that not less than one month's notice of the proposed alteration shall be given to each enrolled society and branch. That no new rule shall take effect until the 1st day of January following.

24. That any question not provided for in the foregoing rules shall be decided by a three-fourths majority of the whole Committee.

APPENDIX VI.

ADVANTAGES ACCRUING TO A SOCIETY BY REGISTRATION.

1. A REGISTERED society can hold, purchase, or take on lease, in the names of the trustees for the time being, any land, and can similarly hold other kinds of property, all such land and property vesting in any succeeding trustees immediately upon and as a consequence of their appointment.

2. All legal proceedings can be carried on in the names of the trustees.

3. A registered society has a remedy on summary conviction whenever any person—

(1.) Obtains possession of any of its property by false representation or imposition;

(2.) Having possession of any of its property, withholds or misapplies it;

(3.) Wilfully applies any part of such property to purposes other than those expressed or directed by the rules, and authorized by the Act:

the penalty for either of these offences being a fine not exceeding £50 and costs, and, in default of payment, imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any time not exceeding six months.

4. The treasurer and other officers of the society, or persons acting in such capacity, are constituted servants of the trustees within the meaning of "The Larceny Act, 1867," and in cases of larceny and embezzlement can be proceeded against as in the case of larceny or embezzlement by a clerk or servant.

5. Its officers are legally bound to render account and give up all money or property in their possession on demand or notice, and may be compelled by order of a Resident Magistrate's Court to do so.

6. If an officer of the society dies, or becomes bankrupt or insolvent, or if an execution is issued against him whilst he has money or property of the society in his possession by virtue of his office, the trustees of the society are entitled to claim such money or property in preference to any other creditor.

7. If the society has funds, debentures, securities, or moneys in the names of trustees, and a trustee is absent from New Zealand, becomes bankrupt, compounds with his creditors, becomes a lunatic, dies, or has been removed from his office as trustee, or if it is unknown whether he is alive or dead, a registered society, instead of having to apply to the Supreme Court, or to take any other proceedings which it would have to take if unregistered, can have such funds, debentures, &c., transferred by direction of the Registrar, on payment of a fee of £1.

8. The documents of the society are, for the most part, free from stamp duty; and no Customs duty is chargeable on the regalia, &c., of a registered society.

9. The society can admit members under twenty-one (but above sixteen), and take binding receipts from them, which would otherwise be of no effect.

10. To a registered friendly society a certificate of the birth or death of a member, or of any other person insured or to be insured with it, costs only 1s.

11. A registered society has the advantage of depositing money to any amount at interest in the Post-Office Savings-Bank in the names of the trustees as such—a privilege denied to unregistered societies, as deposits by their trustees can only be received as the deposits of private individuals, the society not being recognized by the authorities.

12. Disputes may be legally settled according to the societies' own rules; or, if no decision is made within forty days after a decision is applied for, by a Resident Magistrate's Court; or, if both parties desire it, and the rules do not forbid, by the Registrar of Friendly Societies.

13. Members of registered friendly societies have the privilege of legally insuring money on the deaths of their wives and children for their funeral expenses, without having an insurable interest in their lives. (Such insurances are void by Act of the Imperial Parliament if effected with an unregistered society.)