

A complete list of societies and branches as at the end of 1887 is appended.

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRY.

15. The registry of the under-mentioned society and branches, which had ceased to exist, was cancelled during 1887 :—
M.U.I.O.O.F.—Alpine Lodge (North Westland District), Star of Waltham Lodge (North Canterbury District).
H.A.C.B.S.—St. Mary's Branch, Wanganui; St. Patrick's Branch, Lawrence.
P.A.F.S.A.—Progress Lodge.
Southland Benevolent Institute.

REGISTRATION OF NEW RULES.

16. Registration of a complete amendment of rules—i.e., of a complete set of new rules—was made in respect of the under-mentioned societies and branches :—
M.U.I.O.O.F.—Ashley District, Lyttelton District, Hand and Heart Lodge (Otago District).
A.O.F.—Court Pride of Courtenay (Canterbury United District).
H.A.C.B.S.—New Zealand District.
Kaiapoi Working-men's Club.

REGISTRATION OF PARTIAL AMENDMENT OF RULES.

17. Registration of a partial amendment of rules was made in respect of the under-mentioned societies and branches :—
M.U.I.O.O.F.—New Plymouth District, Otago District, Good Intent Lodge (Lyttelton District).
A.O.F.—Court Pride of Oamaru (United Otago District).
A.O.S.—Sanctuary Star of Canterbury.
U.A.O.D.—Blenheim Mistletoe Lodge, Albion Lodge.
Christchurch Working-men's Club.

STATISTICS FOR 1886.

18. The number of lodges* whose returns are tabulated is 290, and of central bodies 30, distributed according to orders as follows :—

Society.			Lodges.	Central Bodies.	Society.			Lodges.	Central Bodies.
M.U.I.O.O.F.	..	..	121	14	L.U.F.B.S.	..	..	1	1
I.O.O.F.	..	..	11	1	I.O.R.	..	..	24	2
N.I.O.O.F.	..	..	2	1	S.D.T.	..	..	6	1
B.U.O.O.F.	..	..	2	1	H.A.C.B.S.	..	..	13	1
A.O.F.	..	..	63	7	P.A.F.S.A.	..	..	11	1
A.O.S.	..	..	2	..	R.E.B.S.	..	..	2	..
U.A.O.D.	..	..	32	..					

In Tables I., VI., and VII. attached to this report, the respective district totals include the funds of the central bodies, which last year were tabulated separately.

In the final column of Table I. is entered the average surplus or deficiency per member, as shown at the last valuation of the society.

In the monetary tables, except the first, shillings and pence have been omitted, there being no apparent advantage in continuing to publish the values more accurately than as shown by the nearest pound.

The final totals relating to both membership and funds exhibit a diminution in numbers and values as compared with those for the year 1885. This is not due to any actual loss, but to the fact that some secretaries did not furnish the returns a second time to take the place of those which had been destroyed.

19. The number of members of these lodges at the end of the year was 21,679.

20. The following balance-sheet gives their total funds (including those of the central bodies) as at the 31st December, 1886 :—

Funds.			£	s.	d.	Assets.			£	s.	d.
Sick and Funeral Funds	..	..	295,667	2	3	Investments at interest	..	..	208,763	0	0
Medical and Management Funds, goods, &c.	..	..	39,008	10	3	Value of land and buildings	..	..	99,022	0	0
						Cash not bearing interest	..	..	16,940	9	6
						Value of goods	..	..	9,065	2	4
						Other assets	..	..	885	0	8
Total	..	..	£334,675	12	6				£334,675	12	6

* 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,