

1892.
NEW ZEALAND.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

(FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT BY THE REGISTRAR OF).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to "The Friendly Societies Act, 1882," Section 5, Subsection (8).

TRANSACTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1891.

REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES AND BRANCHES.

1. The total number of registrations during the year 1891 was 17, distributed as follows: M.U.I.O.O.F., 3 lodges; I.O.O.F., 5 lodges; A.O.F., 5 courts; U.A.O.D., 1 lodge; H.A.C.B.S., 1 branch; P.A.F.S.A., 1 lodge; I.S.S., 1 society.

2. In the following table the progress of registration during the year is shown by a comparison of the number of societies on the register as at the beginning and end of the year respectively.

Name or Class of Society.	Statement as on the 1st January, 1891.	Statement as on the 31st December, 1891.
M.U.I.O.O.F.	15 districts, 131 lodges, and 2 widow and orphan funds	15 districts, 133 lodges, and 2 widow and orphan funds.
I.O.O.F.	1 grand lodge and 28 subordinate lodges ..	1 grand lodge and 32 subordinate lodges.
N.I.O.O.F.	1 district and 2 lodges	1 district and 2 lodges.
B.U.O.O.F.	1 district and 3 lodges	1 district and 1 lodge.
A.O.F.	8 districts, 100 courts, and 1 widow and orphan fund	8 districts, 104 courts, and 1 widow and orphan fund.
A.O.S.	2 sanctuaries	1 sanctuary.
U.A.O.D.	42 lodges	43 lodges.
I.O.R.	2 districts and 39 tents	2 districts and 38 tents.
S.D.T.	1 grand division and 13 subordinate divisions	1 grand division and 13 subordinate divisions.
H.A.C.B.S.	1 district and 19 branches	1 district and 20 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.	1 society	1 society.
W.M.C.	13 clubs	13 clubs.
I.O.G.T.	1 grand lodge, 53 subordinate lodges, and 2 temples	1 grand lodge, 53 subordinate lodges, and 2 temples.
I.S.S.	22 societies	23 societies.

3. A complete list of societies and branches on the register as at the end of 1891 is given in Appendix III.

CONVERSION OF REGISTRY.

4. During the year 1891, Court Star of the Dunstan, A.O.F., which had been on the register as a separate society, was registered as a branch of the United Otago District, A.O.F.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS MADE USE OF IN THIS REPORT.

A.O.F., Ancient Order of Foresters. A.O.S., Ancient Order of Shepherds. B.U.O.O.F., British United Order of Odd Fellows. H.A.C.B.S., Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society. I.F.S., Isolated Friendly Society. I.O.G.T., Independent Order of Good Templars. I.O.O.F., Independent Order of Odd Fellows (American Constitution). I.O.R., Independent Order of Rechabites. I.S.S., Isolated Specially-authorized Society. M.U.I.O.O.F., Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows. N.I.O.O.F., National Independent Order of Odd Fellows. P.A.F.S.A., Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia. R.E.B.S., Railway Employés' Benefit Society. S.D.T., Sons and Daughters of Temperance. U.A.O.D., United Ancient Order of Druids. W.M.C., Working-men's Club.