

REGISTRATION OF NEW RULES.

6. 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.—Greytown, Britannia, and Rose of the Valley Lodges (Wellington District),
Lyttelton District, Timaru Lodge (Lyttelton District), and Invercargill District.
I.O.O.F.—Star of Auckland Lodge.
A.O.F.—Court Perseverance (Nelson District).
A.O.S.—Sanctuary Sir George Grey.
W.M.C.—Wellington Working Men's Club.
I.S.S.—Sydenham and Suburban Co-operative Money Club.

REGISTRATION OF PARTIAL AMENDMENT OF RULES.

7. Registration of a partial amendment of rules was made in respect of the under-mentioned societies and branches:—

- M.U.I.O.O.F.—Gisborne Lodge (Auckland District), Egmont Lodge (New Plymouth District), Charleston Lodge (North Westland District), Ashley District (twice), Roxburgh and Hand and Heart Lodges (Otago District).
A.O.F.—Auckland District (twice), Wellington District (twice), Court Ashburton (Canterbury United District), Court Pride of Dunedin (United Otago District).
U.A.O.D.—Grand Lodge of Canterbury District (three times), Brunner, Blenheim Mistletoe (twice), and Poneke Lodges.
I.O.R.—Whangaroa Tent (New Zealand District), New Zealand Central District.
S.D.T.—Grand Division of New Zealand.
H.A.C.B.S.—New Zealand District.

STATISTICS FOR 1893.

8. The number of lodges* whose returns are tabulated is 372, and of central bodies 31, distributed according to orders, thus:—

Society.	Central Bodies.	Lodges.	Society.	Central Bodies.	Lodges.
M.U.I.O.O.F.	14	130	U.A.O.D.	1	41
I.O.O.F.	1	22	I.O.R.	2	32
N.I.O.O.F.	1	2	S.D.T.	1	13
B.U.O.O.F.	1	1	H.A.C.B.S.	1	15
A.O.F.	8	102	P.A.F.S.A.	1	11
A.O.S.	..	1	R.E.B.S.	..	2

9. In tables I., V., and VI., attached to this report, the respective district totals include the funds of the central bodies.

10. 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.

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

12. The number of members of these lodges at the end of the year was 29,763.

13. The following balance-sheet gives their total funds (including those of the central bodies) as on the 31st December, 1893:—

Funds.		£	Assets.		£
Sick and Funeral Funds		469,836	Investments at interest		383,559
Medical and Management Funds, goods, &c. ..		60,751	Value of land and buildings		112,943
			Cash not bearing interest		22,308
			Value of goods		10,099
			Other assets		1,678
		<u>£530,587</u>			<u>£530,587</u>

14. The following summary shows the disposition of the various investments at interest, together with the respective average rates per cent. :—

Mode of Investment.	Amount.	Rate per Cent.
	£	
On deposit with the Post-Office Savings-Bank	21,172	4·0
On deposit with other banks	7,835	4·35
On mortgage of freehold property	66,941	4·9
In Government and municipal debentures	268,062	7·1
Other investments	10,292	5·9
	9,257	6·1
	<u>£383,559</u>	<u>6·4</u>

15. Averages and percentages deduced from the tabulated returns for the years 1880–93 are given in Appendix I.

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.

† Rate on excess above £200.