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NEW ZEALAND

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADE-UNIONS

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT BY THE REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES,
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1943

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, Section 9,
and the Trade-unions Act, 1908, Section 16*

THE REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES to the HON. THE MINISTER

SIR,—

Wellington, 1st July, 1944.

I have the honour to submit the annual report of this Office for the year ended 31st December, 1943, in accordance with the provisions of the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, section 9, and the Trade-unions Act, 1908, section 16.

I have, &c.,
G. E. BRADLEY,
Deputy Registrar of Friendly Societies.

REPORT

PART I.—FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

REGISTRATIONS

Registrations during the year were as follow—**I.F.S.** : New Plymouth Waterside Workers' Benefit Society. **S.A.S.** : Manchester Unity Credit Union, Foresters Credit Union, and **I.O.O.F.** Credit and Investment Society.

The following registrations were cancelled by request **M.U.I.O.O.F.** : Waitakaruru Lodge (Auckland District), Makikihi Lodge (South Canterbury District), and Princess Elizabeth Lodge (Otago District). **I.O.O.F.** : Awhina Lodge, Pouatu Lodge, Roseneath Rebekah Lodge, Wakamui Lodge, Mount Arthur Lodge, and Ngaio Rebekah Lodge. **A.O.F.** : Court Te Toa (Auckland District), Court Primrose (Wellington District), and Court Pride of the Forest (Juvenile). **H.A.C.B.S.** : St. Felix's Branch No. 906 (New Zealand District), and Sancta Maria Branch, No. 2 (Northern (N.Z.) District). **I.F.S.** : Blackball Amalgamated Medical Association.

There were 1,083 registrations at 31st December, 1943.

RULES

Partial amendments of the rules were registered in respect of thirty-nine societies and branches during 1943.

STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS

The number of members of 922 lodges* at the end of 1943 was 88,007, as compared with 91,522 at 1942. This shows a decrease of 3,515, equal to 3.84 per cent., as compared with 5.42 per cent. for 1942.

The total funds of the societies and branches as at 31st December, 1943, amounted to £5,897,959, made up as follows : Sick and Funeral Funds (inclusive of amounts transferred to special funds out of surplus), £5,372,985 ; Medical and Management Funds, goods, &c., £524,974. Dividing the total funds by the number of members at the end of the year it is found the average capital per member is now £67 0s. 4d.

* 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.

The following statement shows the disposal of the total funds (including those of the central bodies) as at the 31st December, 1943 :—

Funds.				Assets.			
£				£			
Sick and Funeral Funds	..	..	4,757,050	Investments at interest	..	..	5,246,206
Surplus Appropriation Funds, &c.	..	..	615,935	Value of land and buildings	..	..	426,979
Management Funds, goods, &c.	..	..	277,500	Cash not bearing interest	..	..	178,202
Widow and Orphans' Funds	..	..	38,062	Value of goods	..	..	19,157
Distress, Benevolent Funds, &c.	..	..	209,412	Other assets	..	..	25,028
				Owing by Management Funds	..	..	2,387
Total	..	..	£5,897,959	Total	..	..	£5,897,959

The number of members sick during 1943 was 17,493, equal to 19·9 per 100 members at risk. The sickness experienced during 1943 was 310,278 weeks, equal to 17 weeks 4 days per sick member, and 3 weeks 3 days for each member at risk.

Mortality

The number of members who died during 1943 was 1,318, equal to 14·58 per 1,000 members at risk. The number of wives of members who died was 385.

Sick and Funeral Funds

The contributions and entrance fees paid to Sick and Funeral Funds in 1943 amounted to £160,621. Divided by the mean number of members, the average for 1943 was £1 15s. 9d., being the same as for 1942.

The interest and rent received by the lodges and central bodies amounted to £206,864 in 1943, equal to £2 6s. 1d. per member, as against £2 3s. 1d. for 1942.

The amount of sickness benefit paid was £177,071 in 1943, equal to £10 2s. 5d. per member sick, and £1 19s. 5d. per member, as against £10 4s. 10d. and £1 19s. 5d. respectively for 1942. Viewing the amount paid in relation to the weeks of sickness, the average benefit per week is found to be 11s. 5d. in 1943, as against 11s. 8d. for 1942.

The funeral benefit paid amounted to £65,209 in 1943, equal to 14s. 6d. per member, as compared with 14s. 11d. for 1942.

The total worth of the Sick and Funeral Funds at the beginning of 1943 was £4,714,142, and at the end of the year £4,757,950.

Investment of Funds

The net income from investments credited to the Sick and Funeral Funds for 1943 amounted to £206,864, the average rate being £4 9s. 4d. per cent., as against £4 9s. in 1942.

PART II.—TRADE-UNIONS

There were five unions on the register at the end of the year.

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given ; printing (575 copies), £2 10s.