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FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

(TWENTY-FOURTH 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 1900.

REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES AND BRANCHES.

1. THE total number of registrations during the year 1900 was 21, distributed thus: M.U.I.O.O.F.,* 6 lodges; I.O.O.F., 7 lodges; A.O.F., 2 courts; U.A.O.D., 3 lodges; I.O.R., 1 tent; I.F.S., 2 societies.

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

Name or Class of Society.	Statement as on the 1st January, 1900.	Statement as on the 31st December, 1900.
M.U.I.O.O.F. ..	16 districts, 154 lodges, 1 juvenile lodge, and 1 widow and orphan society	16 districts, 159 lodges, 1 juvenile lodge, and 1 widow and orphan society.
I.O.O.F. ..	1 grand lodge and 31 subordinate lodges ..	1 grand lodge and 37 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 1 lodge ..	1 district and 1 lodge.
A.O.F. ..	8 districts, 120 courts, 2 juvenile courts, and 1 widow and orphan society	8 districts, 121 courts, and 2 juvenile courts.
A.O.S. ..	1 sanctuary ..	1 sanctuary.
U.A.O.D. ..	3 grand lodges and 59 subordinate lodges ..	3 grand lodges and 62 subordinate lodges.
I.O.R. ..	2 districts and 36 tents ..	2 districts and 37 tents.
S.D.T. ..	1 grand division and 10 subordinate divisions	1 grand division and 10 subordinate divisions.
H.A.C.B.S. ..	1 district and 22 branches ..	1 district and 22 branches.
P.A.F.S.A. ..	1 grand lodge and 12 subordinate lodges ..	1 grand lodge and 12 subordinate lodges.
R.E.B.S. ..	2 societies ..	2 societies.
I.F.S. ..	9 societies ..	10 societies.
W.M.C. ..	14 clubs ..	14 clubs.
I.O.G.T. ..	1 grand lodge, 53 subordinate lodges, and 2 temples	1 grand lodge, 53 subordinate lodges, and temples.
I.S.S. ..	24 societies ..	24 societies.

3. A complete list of societies and branches on the register as at the end of 1900 is given in Appendix II.

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRY AND AMALGAMATION.

4. The registry of the under-mentioned branches, which had ceased to exist, was cancelled during the year :—

Victoria Lodge, Hawke's Bay District, M.U.I.O.O.F.

Court Kihikihi, Auckland District, A.O.F.

Cardiff Accident Relief Fund Society.

Widow and Orphan Society, Canterbury District, A.O.F.

Zealandia Lodge, I.O.O.F., amalgamated with Southern Cross Lodge, I.O.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 authorised 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.