

REGISTRATION OF NEW RULES.

5. 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 ; North Canterbury District ; Pleasant Point Lodge (Lyttelton District) ; Hand and Heart, Roxburgh, Waitahuna, Lake Wakatipu, Cromwell, Blue Spur, Caversham, Dunback, Mount Wendon, Prince Alfred, Oamaru, Alexandra, Tapanui, Albion, Prince of Wales, and Valley Lodges (Otago District).

N.I.O.O.F.—Auckland Provincial District.

A.O.F.—Court Sir George Bowen (Wellington District).

W.M.C.—Petone Working-men's Club ; Blenheim Working-men's Club ; Wellington Working-men's Club ; Ashburton Club and Mutual School of Arts ; Oxford Working-men's Club.

I.S.S.—Wellington United Friendly Societies' Dispensary.

REGISTRATION OF PARTIAL AMENDMENT OF RULES.

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

M.U.I.O.O.F.—John Leyden and Good Intent Lodges (Auckland District) ; Hawke's Bay District ; New Plymouth District ; Wellington District ; Marlborough District ; Benevolent Lodge (North Canterbury District) ; Ashburton District ; Otago District.

N.I.O.O.F.—Auckland Provincial District.

A.O.F.—Canterbury United District.

U.A.O.D.—Grand Lodge of Canterbury District.

I.O.R.—New Zealand Central District.

S.D.T.—National Division.

P.A.F.S.A.—Grand Council.

I.F.S.—Auckland Labourers' Accident Fund Association.

W.M.C.—Wellington Working-men's Club ; Christchurch Working-men's Club.

STATISTICS FOR 1899.

7. The number of lodges* whose returns are tabulated is 433, and of central bodies 35, distributed according to Orders thus :—

Society.	Central Bodies.	Lodges.	Society.	Central Bodies.	Lodges.
M.U.I.O.O.F.	16	156	U.A.O.D.	3	60
I.O.O.F.	1	27	I.O.R.	2	35
N.I.O.O.F.	1	2	S.D.T.	1	10
B.U.O.O.F.	1	1	H.A.C.B.S.	1	11
A.O.F.	8	116	P.A.F.S.A.	1	12
A.O.S.	..	1	R.E.B.S.	..	2

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

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. The number of members of these lodges at the end of the year was 38,202.

12. The following balance-sheet gives their total funds (including those of the central bodies) as on the 31st December, 1899 :—

Funds.	£	Assets.	£
Sick and Funeral Funds	673,590	Investments at interest	564,930
Medical and Management Funds, goods, &c.	54,659	Value of land and buildings	121,902
		Cash not bearing interest	28,472
		Value of goods	11,180
		Other assets	1,765
	<u>£728,249</u>		<u>£728,249</u>

13. 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	16,516	2·5
On deposit with other banks	28,260	3·0
On mortgage of freehold property	50,648	3·2
In Government and municipal debentures	447,857	5·7
Other investments	14,426	5·4
	7,223	5·1
	<u>564,930</u>	<u>5·2</u>

* 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.