

19. The following table shows the ratio to the total of the sickness in the first six months, in the second six months, and after twelve months respectively, in quinquennial age-periods :—

Age.	Ratio (per Cent.) to Total Sickness.		
	First Six Months.	Second Six Months.	After Twelve Months.
Under 25	83	8	9
25-30	82	7	11
30-35	79	6	15
35-40	78	6	16
40-45	69	8	23
45-50	62	8	30
50-55	56	10	34
55-60	45	9	46
60-65	33	8	59
65-70	25	8	67
70 and upwards	16	7	77

20. The following table shows the number of members of friendly societies, the amount of their accumulated capital, and the average capital per member in each of the Australasian Colonies, according to the latest published statistics, arranged in order of membership :—

Colony.	Date of Return.	Number of Lodges.	Number of Members.	Amount of Funds.	Capital per Member.
Victoria	31st December, 1899 ..	1,105	93,700	£ 1,257,362	£ s. d. 13 8 5
New South Wales	" 1897 ..	817	69,124	596,463	8 12 7
South Australia	" 1895 ..	487	42,703	475,654	11 2 9
New Zealand	" 1899 ..	433	38,202	728,249	19 1 3
Queensland	" 1899 ..	340	29,099	222,084	7 12 8
Tasmania	" 1898 ..	120	11,871	95,202	8 0 5
Western Australia	" 1899 ..	85	5,554	40,644	7 6 4

TRADE-UNIONS.

21. No registration under "The Trade-union Act, 1878," was applied for or effected during the year.

22. A list of registered trade-unions, as on the 31st December, 1900, is given in Appendix III.

June, 1901.

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