

PARTIAL AMENDMENTS OF RULES REGISTERED.

Partial amendments were made and registered in respect of the undermentioned:—

- M.U.I.O.O.F.—New Zealand Branch; Auckland District; Hawke's Bay District; Wellington District and Newtown Lodge; Nelson District (twice) and Nelson Lodge; Ashley District.
 B.U.O.O.F.—Aorangi Lodge.
 A.O.F.—Auckland District; Taranaki District; Canterbury United District; Nelson District and Court Concord.
 U.A.O.D.—District Grand Lodge of the North Island of New Zealand; Grand Lodge of Canterbury.
 S.D.T.—National Division.
 I.F.S.—Auckland Labourers Accident Fund Association.
 W.M.C.—Petone Working-men's Club and Literary Institute (twice); Christchurch Working-men's Club and Mutual School of Arts; Oxford Working-men's Club.
 S.A.S.—Wellington United Friendly Societies' Dispensary; Ivy of Linwood Co-operative Money Club.

CANCELLATIONS BY DISSOLUTION, ETC.

Registration of the societies and branches hereunder was cancelled:—

- A.O.F.—Court Eureka (Auckland District); Court Onward (Wellington District).
 S.A.S.—Invercargill City Band.

CONVERSIONS AND SECESSIONS.

M.U.I.O.O.F.—The Auckland, Hawke's Bay, Nelson, Ashley, and Ashburton Districts were converted into district branches of the New Zealand Branch of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Timaru Lodge left the Lyttelton District and became a branch of the South Canterbury District.

CHANGES OF TRUSTEES.

During the year 137 notices relative to changes and appointments of trustees of the various organizations were received and dealt with. The regulation requiring that notice should be sent to this office within a given date after the date of meeting whereat a resolution of appointment of trustees was passed has in a great many cases been neglected.

RETURNS AND STATISTICS FOR 1902.

By the Friendly Societies Act, all societies and branches registered under it are required to forward to the Registrar before the 1st April in each year a general statement of the receipts and expenditure, funds, and effects of the society or branch, made out to the 31st December then last, termed the Annual Return; and, as respects friendly societies proper, they are required to supply at the same time a list of the members admitted, and the names and particulars of the periods of sickness, deaths, and other contingencies experienced by the members during the year.

During the month of December, 1902, a supply of forms to contain the above information was sent to each of the societies with branches (with the exception of the I.O.G.T.) for the use of the same, and also to all the societies separately registered. These returns and lists, having been filled up and sent to this office, were examined and compared with the totals at the end of 1901, and entries found to be defective, incorrect, contradictory, or not in accordance with law were queried, for the purpose of having the necessary corrections made and an explanation given of the cause thereof.

The number of returns issued and received, and the months in which they reached the Registry Office, are shown in the following table:—

Society.	Returns.*		The Months in 1903 when the Returns for 1902 reached Office.											
	Issued.	Received.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. and after.
M.U.I.O.O.F. ..	185	184	2	14	48	76	34	..	8	1	1	..	..	..
I.O.O.F. ..	40	33	2	9	2	11	1	1	..	4	2	..	..	1
N.I.O.O.F. ..	3	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
B.U.O.O.F. ..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
A.O.F. ..	131	121	..	9	10	82	2	3	5	5	3	..	2	..
A.O.S. ..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
U.A.O.D. ..	73	71	..	5	5	53	2	..	..	3	2	..	1	..
I.O.R. ..	43	42	6	4	5	9	4	2	1	5	4	1	..	1
S.D.T. ..	11	11	..	3	5	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
H.A.C.B.S. ..	23	18	..	1	..	12	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
P.A.F.S.A. ..	11	11	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
R.E.B.S ..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Friendly Societies	523	497	11	45	88	248	45	6	14	19	12	1	3	5
I.F.S. ..	14	13	3	..	1	4	1	..	..	3	1	..	..	..
W.M.C. ..	15	13	..	..	2	4	1	1	3	2	..	..	..	..
S.A.S. ..	25	13	..	1	3	5	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
Total ..	577	536	14	46	94	261	47	7	18	26	14	1	3	5

* Includes central bodies.