

1907.
NEW ZEALAND.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

(THIRTIETH 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).

By the statute above-mentioned the Registrar is required every year to "lay before the General Assembly a report of his proceedings and of the principal matters transacted by him, and of the valuations returned to or caused to be made by the Registrar during the year preceding."

TRANSACTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1906.

On the 30th April Mr. George Leslie resigned the position of Registrar, and Mr. R. E. Hayes, Accountant to the Departments of Tourist and Health Resorts and Industries and Commerce, was subsequently appointed to the vacant position. An important change in administration was effected at the same time by detaching the office from the Treasury and establishing a Friendly Societies Department directly responsible to the Minister in charge.

REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES AND BRANCHES.

The total number of registrations during the year 1906 was 36, distributed as follows: M.U.I.O.O.F., 7 lodges; I.O.O.F., 2 lodges; A.O.F., 3 courts; U.A.O.D., 14 lodges; I.O.R., 2 tents; H.A.C.B.S., 4 branches; P.A.F.S.A., 2 lodges; I.F.S., 2 societies.

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, 1906.	Statement as on the 31st December, 1906.
M.U.I.O.O.F.	1 society, 17 districts, 169 lodges, 1 juvenile lodge, and 1 widow and orphan society	1 society, 17 districts, 173 lodges, 1 juvenile lodge, and 1 widow and orphan society.
I.O.O.F.	1 grand lodge and 41 lodges	1 grand lodge and 41 lodges.
N.I.O.O.F.	1 district and 2 lodges	1 district and 2 lodges.
B.U.O.O.F.	1 lodge	1 lodge.
A.O.F.	8 districts, 126 courts, and 3 juvenile courts	8 districts, 126 courts, and 3 juvenile courts.
A.O.S.	1 sanctuary	1 sanctuary.
U.A.O.D.	3 grand lodges and 87 lodges	3 grand lodges and 100 lodges.
I.O.R.	2 districts and 43 tents	2 districts and 44 tents.
S.D.T.	1 grand division and 10 divisions	1 grand division and 10 divisions.
H.A.C.B.S.	1 district and 33 branches	1 district and 37 branches.
P.A.F.S.A.	1 grand lodge and 10 lodges	1 grand lodge and 12 lodges.
R.E.B.S.	1 society	1 society.
I.F.S.	16 societies	15 societies.
W.M.C.	16 clubs	16 clubs.
I.O.G.T.	1 grand lodge, 53 subordinate lodges, and 1 temple	1 grand lodge, 53 subordinate lodges, and 1 temple.
S.A.S.	22 societies	21 societies.

A complete list of societies and branches on the register as at the end of 1906 is given in Appendix II.

* 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. I.O.R., Independent Order of Rechabites. 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 Employees' Benefit Society. S.A.S., Specially Authorised 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.