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NEW ZEALAND.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES, TRADE UNIONS. AND
UNCLASSIFIED SOCIETIES.

(THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT BY THE REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES, FOR
THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1907.)

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to "The Friendly Societies Act, 1882,"
Section 5, Subsection (8), and "The Trades-union Act, 1878," Section 16.*

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

THE Registrar is required by statute 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."

REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES AND BRANCHES.

The total number of registrations during the year 1907 was 23, distributed as follows: M.U.I.O.O.F., 4 lodges; I.O.O.F., 3 lodges; A.O.F., 2 courts; A.O.S., 1 sanctuary; U.A.O.D., 11 lodges; I.O.R., 2 tents.

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, 1907.	Statement as on the 31st December, 1907.
M.U.I.O.O.F.	1 society, 17 districts, 173 lodges, 1 juvenile lodge, and 1 widow and orphan society	1 society, 17 districts, 176 lodges, 1 juvenile lodge, and 1 widow and orphan society.
I.O.O.F.	1 grand lodge and 41 lodges	1 grand lodge and 44 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, 127 courts, and 3 juvenile courts.
A.O.S.	1 sanctuary	2 sanctuaries.
U.A.O.D.	3 grand lodges and 100 lodges	3 grand lodges and 111 lodges.
I.O.R.	2 districts and 44 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 37 branches	1 district and 37 branches.
P.A.F.S.A.	1 grand lodge and 12 lodges	1 grand lodge and 12 lodges.
R.E.B.S.	1 society	1 society.
I.F.S.	15 societies	14 societies.
W.M.C.	16 clubs	16 clubs.
I.O.G.T.	1 grand lodge, 54 subordinate lodges	1 grand lodge, 54 subordinate lodges.
S.A.S.	21 societies	19 societies.

A complete list of societies and branches on the register as at the end of 1907 is given in Appendix I.

* 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.