

SICKNESS.

The number of members sick during 1912 was 12,168, equal to 17·57 per 100 members at risk. The sickness experienced during 1912 was 104,462 weeks 1 day, equal to 8 weeks 3 days per sick member, and 1 week 3 days for each member at risk.

Owing in great measure to differences in the proportion of members at the several ages, the averages in the several districts differ considerably, also in the several societies or orders. The figures for the five large orders for 1912 are found to be as follows :—

Order.	Percentage Sick.	Sickness per Member.		Ratio (per Cent.) to Total Sickness.		
		Sick.	At Risk.	First 6 Months.	Second 6 Months.	After 12 Months.
M.U.I.O.O.F.	17·95	Weeks. 10·05	Weeks. 1·80	46	7	47
I.O.O.F.	16·26	6·79	1·10	71	8	21
A.O.F.	17·80	9·42	1·68	51	8	41
U.A.O.D.	17·42	6·18	1·08	72	7	21
I.O.R.	16·14	7·97	1·29	64	8	28
All societies	17·57	8·58	1·51	54	8	38

The percentage of members sick for the year 1912 was therefore highest in the M.U.I.O.O.F., while the average sickness per member at risk was also highest in the same order and lowest in the U.A.O.D. In 1911 the percentage of members sick was 17·36, the average sickness per member sick was 8·72 weeks, and the average sickness per member at risk 1·51 weeks.

MORTALITY.

The following statement of average mortality experienced for the year is given herewith, but it takes no account of age incidence :—

Year.	Members.		Wives.	
	Number who died.	Number per 1,000 Members at Risk.	Number who died.	Number per 1,000 Members at Risk.
1908	376	7·08	216	4·07
1909	403	6·65	236	3·90
1910	465	7·33	217	3·42
1911	475	7·10	210	3·14
1912	471	6·80	241	3·48

SICK AND FUNERAL FUNDS.

The contributions and entrance fees paid to Sick and Funeral Funds in 1912 amounted to £109,503. Divided by the mean number of members the average was £1 10s. 3d., as against £1 9s. 8d. for 1911.

The interest and rent received by the lodges and central bodies amounted to £64,901 in 1912, equal to 17s. 11d. per member, as against 16s. 11d. for 1911.

The amount of sickness benefit paid was £72,250 in 1912, equal to £5 18s. 9d. per member sick, and 19s. 11d. per member, as against £6 0s. 8d. and 19s. 10d. respectively for 1911. Viewing the amount paid in relation to the weeks of sickness, the average benefit per week is found to be 13s. 10d. in 1912, which is the same as in 1911.

The funeral benefit paid amounted to £13,927 in 1912, equal to 3s. 10d. per member, as compared with 3s. 11d. for 1911.

The total worth of the Sick and Funeral Funds at the beginning of 1912 of 664 lodges was £1,298,437, and at the end of the year £1,383,954, as compared with 658 lodges, worth £1,204,777 and £1,285,032, at the beginning and end of 1911. The balance of gain for the year was £85,517, or £1 3s. 8d. per member in 1912, as compared with £80,255, or £1 2s. 9d., in 1911.

The averages for the five leading orders and for all societies are given in the following table for the year 1912 :—

Order.	Income per Member from		Outgo per Member for		Sick-benefit per Member sick.	Average Sick-pay per Week.	Gain per Member.
	Contributions.	Interest.	Sickness.	Funerals.			
M.U.I.O.O.F.	£ s. d. 1 13 1	£ s. d. 1 4 8	£ s. d. 1 3 11	£ s. d. 0 4 6	£ s. d. 6 18 4	£ s. d. 0 13 9	£ s. d. 1 7 3
I.O.O.F.	1 10 7	0 14 4	0 15 5	0 2 2	5 2 7	0 15 1	1 6 11
A.O.F.	1 8 8	0 19 10	1 0 7	0 5 4	5 19 11	0 12 9	1 1 11
U.A.O.D.	1 10 0	0 9 7	0 16 2	0 2 4	4 17 5	0 15 9	1 1 2
I.O.R.	1 3 10	0 18 1	0 17 11	0 3 1	5 17 11	0 14 9	1 1 4
All societies	1 10 3	0 17 11	0 19 11	0 3 10	5 18 9	0 13 10	1 3 8