The next 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 Australian States and in the Dominion of New Zealand, according to the latest received statistics, arranged in order of membership:—

State or Dominion.	Date of Return.	Number of Lodges.	Number of Members.	Amount of Funds.	Capital per Member.
				£	£ s. d.
New South Wales	31st December, 1912	1,898	186,577	1,617,616	8 13 5
Victoria	" 1912	1,505	153,921	2,361,464	15 6 10
New Zealand	" 1912	664	73,243	1,553,339	21 4 2
South Australia	" 1909	529	58,292	863,998	14 16 5
Queensland	" 1912	519	47,204	630,090	13 7 0
Tasmania..	" 1912	187	22,480	216,334	9 12 6
Western Australia	" 1912	289	18,901	200,223	10 11 10

Sickness.

The number of members sick during 1913 was 11,839, equal to 16·70 per 100 members at risk. The sickness experienced during 1913 was 107,934 weeks, equal to 9 weeks 1 day 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 1913 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.
		Weeks.	Weeks.			
M.U.I.O.O.F.	16·81	10·67	1·79	46	8	46
I.O.O.F.	14·56	6·96	1·01	69	9	22
A.O.F.	16·91	10·09	1·71	49	9	42
U.A.O.D.	16·86	6·80	1·15	68	9	23
I.O.R.	16·02	8·29	1·33	59	7	34
All societies	16·70	9·12	1·52	53	9	38

The percentage of members sick for the year 1913 was therefore highest in the A.O.F., while the average sickness per member at risk was highest in the M.U.I.O.O.F. and lowest in the I.O.O.F. In 1912 the percentage of members sick was 17·57, the average sickness per member sick was 8·58 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.
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
1913	523	7·38	158	2·23

Sick and Funeral Funds.

The contributions and entrance fees paid to Sick and Funeral Funds in 1913 amounted to £111,475. Divided by the mean number of members the average was £1 10s. 3d., which is the same as in 1912.

The interest and rent received by the lodges and central bodies amounted to £68,723 in 1913, equal to 18s. 8d. per member, as against 17s. 11d. for 1912.

The amount of sickness benefit paid was £74,783 in 1913, equal to £6 6s. 4d. per member sick, and £1 0s. 4d. per member, as against £5 18s. 9d. and 19s. 11d. respectively for 1912. Viewing the amount paid in relation to the weeks of sickness, the average benefit per week is found to be 13s. 10d. in 1913, which is the same as in 1912.

The funeral benefit paid amounted to £15,229 in 1913, equal to 4s. 2d. per member, as compared with 3s. 10d. for 1912.

The total worth of the Sick and Funeral Funds of 681 lodges at the beginning of 1913 was £1,380,750, and at the end of the year £1,465,159, as compared with 664 lodges, worth £1,298,437